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Dir. of Admissions resigns

Advertising Manager

Rick Clarke, Director of Undergraduate Admissions for the Daytona Beach campus, has resigned to accept a position with Boston Whaler in Edgewater, Fla. Clarke, an alumnus of Embry-Riddle, has served the

Admissions Department for 16 years.
"We were heart broken,"

said Nancee Bailey, Associate Chancellor.

Clarke received an opportunity from Boston Whaler as a regional sales manager. Bailey says Clarke is a natural boater and that she is happy for him, but sad for us. "When the opportunity came up, it's obviously something I really enjoyed," Clarke said about his new position. Clarke, who grew up in Marriot Island, Fla., says he spent his entire life in the

water as a surfer and fisherman.

It was a "hard decision," Clarke recounted. "I really enjoyed my job at Embry-Riddle.'

"Richard will be an asset to our team, bringing a wealth of managerial knowledge as well as a passion for boating," said Dennis Tilden, director of sales at Boston Whaler in a press release. "We look forward working with Richard and welcome him to our

Bailey summed up her feelings adding, "I miss him."

Robert "B.J." Adams has served as the Interim Director since mid-February, when Clarke left the position. Adams "has assumed the mantle of responsibility" stated Bailey. "Rich left [the position] pretty easy to step into," he said about his new job. Adams previously was the Associate Director of Admissions Systems and has

Please see "ADMISSIONS,"

Got health insurance?

University mandating plan for Fall 2008

Andrew Striker

Staff Reporter

Over the past five years the Health Services Department has seen a steady increase in the amount of student patients with serious health conditions. The increased need for off-campus healthcare has spurred the University to mandate all students to have some form of health coverage

beginning next fall.
The University estimates that approximately twenty percent of students have no health insurance coverage, and a good percentage of those who do have plans, do not have coverage in the state of Florida. Many students under their parent's plans can only be treated in their home states or at certain treatment centers.

Many students, who regularly see the staff at Heath Services for continuing illnesses, have dropped treatment plans, discontinued specialist follow-ups, or have not filled essential prescriptions

due to an inability to pay.

The American College Health Association recommends mandatory health insurance for all students at any university. All of Florida's public schools as well as the neighboring schools of UCF and Bethune-Cookman have already mandated health cov-

erage for their students.
First suggested by Maureen Bridger in the Health Services Department, the university has implemented a plan to bring a mandatory health coverage plan to all students. Before registering for classes in the Fall 2008 semester, all students will be required to have purchased the offered plan or to provide proof of equal coverage through another existing plan.

Though the plan will be mandatory, the \$373 plan offers benefits that are competitive to most plans available on the market. The plan includes no plan deductible, prescription drug benefit, existing condition coverage, 100 percent outpatient coverage, emergency room coverage, and a maximum of \$15,000 coverage per year (with no deductible) and can be increased to \$50,000 and \$100,000 worth of coverage at extra cost.

All students will be automatically enrolled in the plan

Please see "INSURANCE,"

Famed explorer to speak for women's month

Press Release

Office of Diversity

This year's women's history month features a woman who was named "One of the Great Explorers of the 20th Century" by National Geographic and National Public Radio. Helen Thayer has racked up a great deal of firsts exploring the world from trekking to the magnetic North Pole to kayaking 1,200 miles of two remote Amazonian rivers.

Thayer has gone on to explore far corners of the world and will speak about her adventures for Women's History Month at Embry-Riddle on March 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the IC Auditorium.

According to her web site, in 1988 New Zealandborn Thayer became the first woman to walk and ski to any of the world's poles when she trekked solo to the Magnetic North Pole without dog sled or snowmobile. She was the first woman and first American to circumnavigate the Magnetic North Pole. Her best-selling book, "Polar Dream," tells the story of her historic adventure with her beloved companion Charlie, her protector from the ever constant threat of polar bear

Maurie Johnson suggested Thayer as a speaker for Women's History Month and has been instrumental in persuading Thayer to come to Embry-Riddle after she met Thayer in Seattle. Johnson was captivated by Thayer's accomplishments and thought that the first woman to travel alone to the magnetic North Pole, walk across 4,000 miles of the Sahara desert, and walk across 1,600 miles of the Gobi Desert certainly could be an inspiration to young women at Embry-Riddle.

The President and Mrs. Johnson are hosting Helen Thayer and her husband at their home and are coordinating

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Track brings home a champion



NOELLE NIBLACK (LEFT) PASSES the baton to Beth McCubbin (right). The two girls joined Alex Salinas and Lori Costello as All-Americans for their performance in the 4x800 meter relay in last weekend's Indoor Track Nationals. McCubbin took home first place honors for her performance in the 1,000m.

Press Release

ERAU Sports Info.

JOHNSON CITY, Tenn. - The Embry-Riddle track and field team will bring a national champion and six All-Americans back to Daytona Beach from Johnson City, Tenn. and the 2008 NAIA Indoor Track and Field Championships.

Beth McCubbin, a junior from Palm Harbor, Fla., raced to a first-place finish in the 1,000m during Saturday's finals. McCubbin finished the race in 2:54.287, over two

seconds faster than her closest competitor. Along with her title as national champion, McCubbin marks her third straight title as All-American as she earned All-American status at indoor nationals in both 2006 and 2007. McCubbin finished first in her semifinal heat with a time of 2:59.01 and entered the finals as the No. 2 seed.

Howard Walls notched his second All-American status with his third-place finish in the 60m hurdles. Walls' time of 8.25 was less than twotenths of a second slower than the winner, Lamar Baskin of

Oklahoma Baptist. Chris Bethel of McKendree finished second. Walls clocked 8.20 in the preliminaries, good for the second fastest time of the event. Walls headed into the semifinals as the sixth seed. He advanced to the semifinals, where he finished in 8.15 seconds. This new ERAU school record was the top time in his heat and earned him the second seed in Saturday's finals.

Nathalie Hildingsson earned All-American honors in her debut at nationals as the ERAU freshman finished third in the 400m with a time of 56.69.

Hildingsson ran the event in 57.43 in Friday's semifinals and entered the finals on Saturday as the No. 5 seed. Hildingsson also competed in the 200m semifinals and recorded a time of 25.32. Hildingsson's times in the 400m and 200m are both ERAU school records.

On Thursday, McCubbin joined Alex Salinas, Noelle Niblack and Lori Costello in the 4x800m relay, which was dubbed All-American after its fifth-place finish. Embry-

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NAUTICAL UNIVE Want to see who your SGA will be next year? Check out page A7 to see the candidates for the SRB, SFB and Executive Board.

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Counseling services aims to keep students safe

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Men's, women's tennis defend top 10 ranks

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Super Smash Brothers: Brawl, gets 5/5

Entertainment, B1



Counseling services offers advice

Must read if your heading south of the border

Cancun is a fairly large city, approaching 500,000 inhabitants, with increasing reports of crime. Crimes against the person, such as rape, commonly but not exclusively occur at night or in the early morning hours, and often involve alcohol and the nightclub environment. Therefore, it is important to travel in pairs or groups, be aware of surroundings, and take general precautions. To protect against property crimes, valuables should be left in a safe place or not brought at all. If you are a victim of a crime, immediately notify the U.S. Consular Agency in Cancun or Cozumel or the U.S. Consulate in Merida at the telephone numbers provided below.

If you rent a moped or other vehicle in Cancun, it is advisable to purchase third-party insurance, as the insurance offered on some credit cards will not cover you in Mexico. Should you have an accident or cause damage to the vehicle, you may be required to pay the full amount of any repairs, in cash, as determined by the rental agency, or face arrest.

In Cancun, there is often a very strong undertow along the beach from the Hyatt Regency all the way south to Club Med. Already this season, several U.S. citizens have drowned when overwhelmed by ocean drownings and near-drownings have been reported on the east coast, particularly in the Playa San Martin-Chen Rio area.

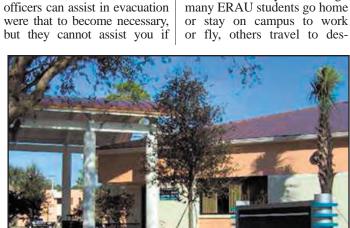
Drug-related violence, including shooting and kidnapping, has increased in Acapulco recently. Although this violence is not targeted at foreign residents or tourists, U.S. citizens in these areas should be vigilant in their personal safety.

Crime in Border Cities: Visitors to the U.S. - Mexico border region, including cities such as Tijuana, Ciudad Juarez, Nuevo Laredo, Nogales, Reynosa, Matamoros, and Monterrey, should remain alert and be aware of their surroundings at all times.

Some border cities have seen an increase in violence over the past year, some of which has been directed against U.S. citizens. Local police forces have been ineffective in maintaining security in some regions along the border. Drug-related violence has increased dramatically in recent months, and shows no sign of abating. While U.S. citizens not involved in criminal activities are generally not targeted, innocent bystanders are at risk from the increase in violence in the streets of border

Registration with the U.S. Embassy or Consulate (in the

conditions. In Cozumel, several country you are visiting) makes your presence and whereabouts known, in case it is necessary for a consular officer to contact you in an emergency. During a disaster overseas, American consular officers can assist in evacuation were that to become necessary,



they do not know where you are. You can register with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate through the State Department's travel registration website.

More valuable information about safety, Mexican law, and the American Consulate is available on the "Spring Break In Mexico: Know Before You Go"

tinations such as Cancun or Panama City. Because Spring Break frequently involves the combination of large crowds and alcohol, it is particularly important for students to be aware of their own safety and the safety of their friends. The following are some safety tips

Spring Break is just around

the corner and many students

will remain here in Daytona

Beach – a popular destination

for college students from all

over the country. Although

If alcohol will be part of your

Spring Break:

• Know the alcohol laws! Some areas will ticket for open intoxicants, while others may have stiff penalties for public inebriation. DO NOT DRINK and DRIVE!

Tips for staying safe over spring break

• If you are of age, plan ahead on a drinking limit. Make a plan with a friend about what to do if things get out of hand. Stay with someone who you know and trust when you are drinking - don't wander off alone or with someone you recently met. Make sure that someone in your group is not drinking and is willing to act as the designated driver so that they can get everyone home

• Don't assume that someone you've just met will look out for your best interests. Keep in mind that more people are sexually assaulted by acquaintances than by strangers.

• Only accept drinks from the bartender or drinks that you pour yourself. You put yourself at risk of receiving an altered beverage if you don't know the source of the drink and/or it is not in a sealed container.

• If a friend feels sick, don't leave them alone. If you feel sick, ask someone you trust and know well to look out for you.

• If a member of your group passes out, turn them on their side to prevent choking and

call for medical assistance immediately.

• Don't horseplay or climb on balconies. Never sit on railings and always keep both feet on the floor at all times. Falls from balconies or high level parking garages (even those on lower floors) can be fatal.

• Don't carry all of your credit or bank cards in your wallet or purse. Carry the minimum amount of cash that you will need, including a little backup in a separate "decoy" pocket. Traveler's checks are your best bet when on vacation. If you have extra cash, leave it in your hotel room preferably in a combination safe.

• Make sure your friends and relatives know where you will be vacationing, when you will depart, and when you expect to return. Call friends or family members to let then know that you have arrived and returned

• If you are robbed, don't resist. Give up any money or valuables (Do not travel with valuable jewelry). You can always replace material things. Call authorities as soon as you

•If you travel, travel with a reputable travel agency. Know what kind of transportation, housing, and food and beverages are included in your travel package.

Everyone in the community can help keep the University safe

The ERAU community has recently been saddened by a series of tragedies at universities around our nation. Closer to home, student suicides at Stetson University have forced us to consider that the person we sit next to in class or one who resides in our hall may be suffering silently and pose a very real threat to him- or herself or to our entire university community. These events highlight the importance of community awareness.

As members of a community, you are called upon to pay attention to those around you, particularly those you know Significant changes in an individual's demeanor may suggest that the person is experiencing distress or depression.

Symptoms of depression include:

- loss of pleasure or interest in daily life
- · feelings of hopelessness or worthlessness

• episodes of tearfulness • sleep dysfunction (too much

- or too little) fatigue
- diminished sexual desire

• appetite changes a generally gloomy and

A depressed person may become extremely self-critical and have difficulty with making decisions, performing academically, and functioning effectively. Overt actions, such as threatening to hurt or

kill oneself or others, or perhaps writing about death and dying, may be relatively clear indications that intervention is needed. Other indications may be less obvious. If you observe someone's mood changing dramatically, witness withdrawal by a usually sociable person, hear someone expressing that he or she has "no options.... no way out," these may also be warning signs of suicide. Increased alcohol or drug use, as well as heightened agitation

and reckless behavior should raise a red flag.

If you think someone is having suicidal thoughts, let him or her know you are concerned. Offer to assist in making an appointment to talk with a counselor at Embry-Riddle's Counseling Center on campus. If the person is in crisis, walk him or her over to the Center or call Safety. If there is a threat to harm self or others, do not leave the person alone! Call one of the following as

soon as possible:

• ERAU Counseling Center, 226-6035 (M-F 8 am-5 pm)

• Suicide Prevention Lifeline,

1-800-273-TALK (24 hrs.) • Campus Safety, 226-6480

• 7233 (SAFE) On Campus; 911 off-campus (24 hrs.) Avoiding tragedy here at

ERAU is dependent upon a coordinated effort by all members of the community to be aware and to act in a concerned and mutually supportive way.

"ADMISSIONS" from FRONT

worked for Embry-Riddle for six years. The Chancellor's Office will hold the responsireplacement for the position.

Sonja Taylor, Dean of Students, says the department firmed Taylor.

from FRONT

several dinners and lunches

in Thayer's honor. On March

11th, Thayer will also lunch

with female students. Interested

students should coordinate with Cindy Oakley-Paulik, the new

Women's Center Director, at

oaklece3@erau.edu if they

would like to attend this special

Good Morning America, The

Thayer has appeared on

"THAYER"

is well organized and will function smoothly in his absence. Clarke has ran his organization very well and was here until the last minute working hard, according to Bailey. Both Bailey and Taylor expressed bility of finding a permanent replacement for the position. their confidence in the status of enrollment. "We are in real good shape for the fall," con-

Today Show, and in National

Geographic and Readers Digest.

Listeners describe her speaking

style as electrifying, dynamic, enthusiastic, yet warmly hum-

ble and down to earth. She

is the author of three books

and has made presentations to

major corporations, to universi-

ties, and even to governments

including the Russian Kremlin.

Thayer will be available to sign

her three books, Polar Dream,

Three Among the Wolves, and

Walking the Gobi. Her books

After the public lecture,

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provided by the university. The cost will be included in the mandatory fees every student pays each semester. Students already covered may opt out of the plan by providing proof of adequate coverage prior to the

will be available for purchase through the university's book-

store at the event.

The lecture is part of the Diversity Lecture Series's Women's History Month celebration, sponsored by the University Office of Diversity Initiatives, directed by Dr. Detore-Nakamura. Joanne The Diversity Lecture Series is chaired by Jennifer Carney, who can be reached to provide more information about the Helen Thayer lecture at carne9c7@erau.edu.

mandatory enrollment.

Any student wishing to opt out must complete the waiver by September 2, 2008. The waiver will be available May 1st online.

Though many students are covered under their parents or relative's plans, they may not provide the coverage required. The plan must provide benequal or better to those efits in the University's plan or it will not be accepted.

The administration is pleased with the coverage they will be able to offer their students. They want the students to know that even though they are adding yet another fee to the list, to consider the cost of a serious medical problem or accident without proper coverage. After speaking to Associate Dean Cathy Downes, she stated: "Our objective is to keep our students as healthy as possible so that they can get the best education possible'

The make a difference program



THE GAY-STRAIGHT ALLIANCE and Delta Lambda Phi hosted a candlelight vigil Friday in honor of Ryan Skipper. Skipper was a 25-year-old gay man who was murdered in Florida because of sexual orientation.

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Basketball enters first round of NAIA Nationals

Michael Wilkinson

Guest Reporter

DAYTONA BEACH -Embry Riddle basketball fans might experience a feeling of déjà vu Thursday night as the Eagles take on the Lancers of Grace College in their first round game of the NAIA Division II National Basketball Tournament.

The two teams are virtually identical in nearly every statistical category and both the Eagles (Florida Sun Conference) and the Lancers (Mid-Central College Conference) are coming off conference championship losses.

The Eagles average 16.6 assists and 16.2 turnovers per game and normally shoot 48 percent from the field. The Lancers average 16.2 assists and 15.4 turnovers per game and generally shoot around 47

percent from the field.

'When you look in the mirror, you see a team so similar to us," Eagles coach Steve Ridder said.

"They are just a very organized and a very efficient

The Eagles and Lancers posted a combined 51 wins during the regular son, and both teams will be looking to spark a run at a national title with a win on Thursday night.

"It's really not a typical first round game," Ridder said. "We've had some first round games where if we played solid, we were going to potentially win.

"Those days are over. We look at everybody and say, 'Now everyone has a 0-0 record with a five game season left.'

The NAIA Division II National Tournament officially begins on March 12

and concludes on March 18 with the national championship. The tournament is held at the College of the Ozarks in Point Lookout, Mo.

While the Lancers are making a national tournament appearance for the first time in 15 years, the

They are just a very organized and a very efficient team.

-Steve Ridder

Eagles' 2008 berth marks their sixth national tournament appearance in the last 10

The Eagles are led by senior guard Ryan Ridder, who averages 4.3 assists per game; junior forward Tyler DeBord, who posts a team high 17.4 points-per-game; and junior guard Denver Cobb, who shoots 89 percent from the

The 24-9 Lancers are led by senior guard Marcus Moore, who averages 15.8 points-pergame. "I knew, even before the season started, that this might be my best chance to go out and win a national championship," said Cobb, who is one of four ERAU players who average double digit point totals per game.

"And I still feel like we have a great shot at it.'

If the Eagles win Thursday night, they would then advance to play the winner of the Morningside-Indiana Tech game Friday night.

Morningside (28-3) is ranked third in the nation and are favored to win against Indiana Tech (21-12).

Women's tennis avenge NAIA loss

Men's tennis defeats Concordia

Press Release

ERAU Sports Info.

DAYTONA BEACH . – The eighth-ranked Embry-Riddle (4-1) women's tennis team avenged last season's NAIA National Tournament loss to Brenau (4-2) with a 6-3 win over the Tigers, Tuesday at the Crotty Tennis Complex. The Tigers edged the Eagles in the second round at nationals last May, but Wednesday night belonged to the Blue and Gold, who won two doubles and four singles matches to capture the win.

The first match off the court was at No. 1 doubles where ERAU's Natasa Zoricic and Hana Im, blanked Shkurte Ejupi and Nelli Martirsoyan 8-0. Natalie Anaya and Lindsey Kurtz followed with an 8-4 win over Paula Ghilardotti and Natalia Aranguren, but the Eagles were unable to complete the doubles sweep as the Tiger duo of Diana Cardenas and Jolene Wong topped Sara Abraul and Marga Rico Jimenez 8-4.

Zoricic remained undefeated in singles dual match play on the year as she easily downed Luba Orlova 6-1, 6-1 at the top spot. Im dropped her first set 6-2 but went up 3-1 in the second before her opponent, Ghilardotti, defaulted due to

Abraul picked up the Eagles at the No. 6 spot as she bested Martirsoyan 6-4, 6-2 to score the clincher.

The remaining two matches were both three-set contests. At No. 4, Kurtz dropped the first set 7-6 to Aranguren but rebounded to take the next set 6-4. In the deciding set Kurtz, battled to a 10-7 win to take the match.

The last match off the court was at the No. 3 spot. Wong

Anaya in the second set by the same score before winning the

third 10-7.

DAYTONA BEACH-. The third-ranked Embry-Riddle men's tennis teams battled back from at 2-1 deficit to defeat NCAA II No. 14 Concordia (N.Y.) 5-2, Thursday at the Crotty Tennis Complex. Thursday's match experienced an hour and a half delay due to inclement weather, but the Eagles were able to maintain their focus and improved their overall record to 6-0, while the Clippers fell to 3-2.

The Clippers won two out of three doubles points to take a 2-1 lead. Nik Boerger and Kirill Azovtsev held off Carlos Bes Comeras and Jan Hoekzema 8-6 at the No. 2 position, while Josep Molet and Henning Runz downed Istvan Bolgar and Tomoaki Yasuda 8-4 at the No. 3 spot.

The contest at No. 1 doubles was between a pair of top-10 doubles teams. In the end it was the second-ranked duo of Mislav Hizak and Konstantin Lazarov who bested No. 4 Alex Grubin and Rodrigo Teixerra

Hoekzema sparked the comeback at the No. 4 spot as he downed Azovtsev 6-4, 6-4. Bolgar was next off the court after a 6-4, 6-3 win over Vladimir Makin at No. 6 and Yasuda gave the Eagles a 4-2 cushion with a 6-3, 6-2 victory over Runz at the fifth position.

The match-up at No. 1 singles promised to be an exciting one with the top-ranked player in the NAIA, Hizak, squaring off against the top-ranked player in NCAA II, Grubin. The pair faced each other once during the 2006-07 season and again in the championship match of the ITA Super Bowl last fall. In both of the previous meetings, Hizak came out on top and Thursday proved to be no different as the Embry-Riddle senior dispatched his opponent 6-2, 6-3 to clinch the Eagle win.

Upcoming Sporting Events

Baseball

Mar. 11 vs. Univ. of St. Francis at Daytona Beach, Fla. 6 p.m.

Mar. 13 vs Missouri Baptist at Daytona Beach, Fla. 6 p.m.

Mar. 15 vs. St. Xavier (DH) at Daytona Beach, Fla. 1 p.m. Mar. 16 vs. Grand View (Iowa) at

Daytona Beach, Fla. 2 p.m. Mar. 17 vs. Ohio Dominican at Daytona Beach, Fla. 2 p.m.

Men's and Women's Golf

Mar. 15-16 Eagle Invitational at Daytona Beach, Fla. (Pelican Bay North CC) Time TBA

Men's and Women's Tennis

Mar. 11 vs. Northern Illinois at Daytona Beach, Fla. 3:30 p.m. (Women Only)

Mar. 12 vs. Eastern Kentucky at Daytona Beach, Fla. 3:30 p.m. Mar. 15 vs. Armstrong Atlantic at Daytona Beach, Fla. 1 p.m.

Mar. 17 vs. Oklahoma Baptist at Daytona Beach, Fla. 10 a.m.

Track and Field

Mar. 15 Spike's Classic at Daytona Beach, Fla. All Day

Baseball stung by the Bees

Press Release

ERAU Sports Info.

DAYTONA BEACH. - The No. 22 St. Ambrose Fighting Bees were too much to handle for the Embry-Riddle baseball team as the visiting team topped the Eagles 11-1 in seven innings at Sliwa Stadium on Wednesday

The Eagles record moves to 13-7 overall, while the Bees are set to play Walsh tomorrow with a 3-1 record.

Hurler Jordan Roberts suffered his first loss of the season after giving up eight runs, four of which were earned, in his 4.2 innings pitched. He had six strikeouts in the game, striking out the side in the second. Tucker Jensen and Corey Bevis both came in as relief in the game, pitching 2.0 and 0.1 innings respectively.

The Bees charted 12 hits in the game to the Eagle's 6. ERAU again stuggled with men on base, leaving 10 runners stranded throughout the game.

St. Ambrose was led by Brett Newsome who went three for three in the game, with one walk. He picked up six RBI in the contest, and was a single hit away from hitting for the cycle. Two other Bees had multi-hit games.

Billy Hootman picked up two

hits for the Eagles, scoring the up ain on Saturday, traveling to sole run for his team. Colin Gray Miami Gardens, Fla. to face off had the RBI.

against NCAA DII Barry. The The Blue and Gold will suit game will begin at 6 p.m.



TUCKER JENSEN (ABOVE) AND Corey Bevis came in as relief pitchers after Jordan Roberts gave up eight runs to the Bees. The two relief players pitched 2.1 total innings. The final score of the game was 11-1, bringing our record to 13-7 overall.

Eagles soar in track meet

□ "TRACK" from FRONT

Riddle finished the event in 9:24.14 while the event was won by Wayland Baptist in 9:15.53. ERĂU's ladies were able to complete the semifinals in 9:21.94, the second lowest time of the Thursday and entered Friday's finals as the No. 3 seed.

Additionally on the first day of competition, Salinas, McCubbin and Costello teamed up with Hildingsson for the women's distance medley relay and were unable to advance with a time of 12:55.24. Hildingsson and McCubbin competed in a third event on Thursday - the women's 4x400m - and despite the efforts Haydt and Jennifer Schaus, they did not advance after recording a time of 4:10.61.

Embry-Riddle also saw two men's relay squads race with entries in the 4x400m and DMR. Aaron Jett, Kevin Bray, Aaron Fuquay and Bryan Harper ran the 4x400m in 3:23.40 while Bray, Chris Chidgey, Horacio Maysonet and Russell Snyder finished the DMR in 10:29.19. Neither team was able to

advance. On Friday, Niblack, Alexis Williams, Nick Gehlsen and Stuart Patterson displayed their abilities on the national stage. Niblack participated in the 1,000m and finished in 3:04.38 while Williams competed in the 60m on behalf of ERAU and

of the two ladies along with Jen advanced to the semifinals. After running a school-record 7.74 in the preliminaries, Williams finished the semifinal heat in 7.76. Williams also competed in the long jump and leaped to 17-7(5.36m). Patterson and Gehlsen represented Embry-Riddle in the 5k and crossed the finish line in 15:53.53 and 16:17.86, respectively.

Andrea Freeze also competed on Saturday and recorded a distance of 34-8.25 in the triple

Overall, the ERAU women finished 13th as the men finished 25th.

Embry-Riddle will open its outdoor track season next weekend, March 15, at home as the Eagles host the Spike's Classic beginning at 8 a.m.



Kenyans face land reform troubles

Stephanie McCrummen

The Washington Post

After reaching a powersharing deal last week, Kenya's rival political leaders are now confronting one of the most explosive issues underlying the post-election crisis, and one that every Kenyan government since independence has avoided: land reform.

The country's political class, monied families and their associates have all acquired vast tracts of land under dubious circumstances over the years, which they stand to lose if serious reforms are undertaken. Today, about half of Kenya's arable land is in the hands of an elite 20 percent, while most Kenyans scrape a living off one acre or less, according to government and independent studies.

In the absence of real reform, politicians, especially here in the fertile Rift Valley region of western Kenya, have routinely exploited the sense of injustice surrounding the historic imbalance in land allocation.

Since the disputed Dec. 27 presidential election, opposition politicians have once again cast people from President Mwai

Kibaki's Kikuyu tribe as privileged, land-grabbing outsiders and urged local militias to reclaim so-called ancestral lands.

Hundreds of thousands of Kikuyus have fled the Rift Valley, while Kikuyu militias have retaliated by chasing Luos, Luyahs and Kalenjins from areas considered Kikuyu territory. The pattern of displacement has essentially revived the colonial fiction of homelands that first served the British and now benefits the Kenyan elite that replaced them.

The competing land claims have also survived the tenuous political settlement designed to end post-election violence that left more than 1,000 Kenyans dead and displaced more than 600,000 others. On Monday, 13 people were burned and hacked to death in a land dispute in the Rift Valley, and others displaced since last week's peace deal continued to flee the area.

"People have continued to identify with these colonial boundaries," said Odenda Lumumba, national coordinator for the Kenya Land Alliance, which advocates land reform. "But we need to sober up and address the reality that we have a legacy of illegal land acquisition and

dispossession in this country, and until we take stock of that, we will not move forward."

A 2004 independent report commissioned by the government listed prominent political families, ministers, judges and other former and current officials involved in shady land deals.

Opposition leader Raila Odinga, who campaigned on promises to more equitably distribute resources and tackle corruption, has been implicated in a questionable land deal in the Rift Valley. Kibaki, who has yet to approve a series of recommendations on land reform, is estimated to own hundreds of thousands of

The family of Kenya's first president, Jomo Kenyatta, collectively owns about 500,000 acres.

The family of former president Daniel arap Moi is similarly flush with fertile land, including a vast swath near this Rift Valley town, where pre-election local radio broadcasts urged "the people of the milk," a reference to the Kalenjin, to "clear the weed," the Kikuyu, according to a recent report by the International Crisis Group.

The road to Maina Machiria's farm is a path through Kenya's troubled legacy with respect to land. It runs for miles along yellowy grazing fields belonging to the great-grandson of one of Kenya's first British settlers, a man infamous for shooting locals who cross onto his property.

It passes the immense, illgotten tract held by Moi's son and finally reaches Oljorai, semiarid landscape of thorn bushes and little-leafed trees, where Machiria and about 10,000 other people evicted from better land over the past three decades had been resettled by the government — "dumped like garbage," as Machiria put it.

About three weeks ago, local Kalenjin and other tribal militias heeded the populist rallying cry sweeping the Rift Valley and attacked Machiria's meager farm and 26 others also belonging to Kikuyus who had always considered themselves as luckless as their neighbors.

"I don't know why these people are chasing us," Machiria said. "The common enemy is not the poor man, it's the government and the rich people who took the land illegally. But we Kenyans do not know who the enemy is. "

At a row of low-slung shops at Oljorai last week, men who were gathered there happily admitted to expelling their Kikuyu neighbors, including Machiria.

"The Rift Valley is Kalenjin land — this is where I belong," said William Kaitany, 55, a cattle keeper who had been Machiria's neighbor. "The Kikuyus, I don't know why they're here. Even the young ones must go."

But historians say that the prevailing sense of belonging to a homeland is rooted more in Kenya's colonial past than in any legitimate ancestral claim.

Before the British colonized Kenya, ethnic identity was a fluid concept. A Kikuyu living among the Masai could assimilate and become Masai over time. But when the British began taking over land for tea and coffee plantations — the most fertile swaths of central and western Kenya they created a rigid system of "ethnic reserves" to control the

population they displaced. Mutable boundaries became firm, with ethnicities suddenly fixed and stamped on identity cards. The system was never fully dismantled after independence in 1963, and even today, Kenyans living in cosmopolitan Nairobi, for instance, carry a national identity card showing their so-

Rama Lakshmi

The Washington Post

Seven neighborhood activ-

ists sat across from a bureau-

crat last week with a long list

of complaints about damaged

streetlights, uncollected trash

and what is known here as the

monkey menace - hordes of

monkeys straying into homes

through windows and balconies.

The bureaucrat offered tea and

biscuits, took copious notes and

ordered immediate action to

against your accounts officer," thundered Satya Paul Gupta, 78,

who heads his neighborhood association. "He sleeps on our

files and keeps telling us, 'Next

The bureaucrat called the

accounts officer. "There are

complaints against you. Come to my office fast," he said. "You

Gupta leaned back in his chair

and smiled. Eight years ago, this

would have been unimaginable;

highhanded and inaccessible

city officials would have shooed

residents away. But under a

popular government initiative

called Bhagidari, which is Hindi

for partnership, citizens' groups

across New Delhi have been

empowered to walk into any

Since 2000, neighborhood

groups participating in the pro-

gram have collaborated with the

government to solve everyday

problems with sewage, trash

collection, roads and commu-

nity parks. And that is no small

feat in a country infamous for its

revolution that fixes the problem

of corrupt officials and indiffer-

ent politicians," said Gupta, who

represents about 35,000 people

as the head of what is known

here as a Residents' Welfare

Before Bhagidari, there were

only about 20 RWAs across the

city. Now, there are more than

2,000 such groups, and they

are enjoying expanded political

"Bhagidari is a silent citizen

bureaucracy and red tape.

Association, or RWA.

office and demand answers.

"We also have a complaint

resolve the problems.

week, next week.'

are answerable.'

called ancestral home, to which they would have been confined during British rule.

Although the Kalenjin claim Oljorai as ancestral land, it was originally occupied by Masai cattle herders. Later, it was a ranch belonging to a wealthy white Kenyan hotelier named Block.

In the 1970s, the government acquired the ranch, as it did many other colonial-era farms that have since been used for various resettlement programs and for political patronage.

Far from being privileged land-grabbers, the Kenyans who settled at Oljorai are mostly an ethnically mixed collection of people with long family histories of being booted from one piece of land to the next by people with more power.

Machiria and his neighbor James Karanja were for most of their lives landless, their families having lost their farms in central Kenya to the British in the 1920s and '30s.

Both men lived for years in a slum in the central Kenyan town of Limuru, where Karanja, who is 58, worked as a driver and Machiria worked odd jobs. In the 1980s, they joined a cooperative and bought a few acres in the lush and cool central highlands. But the land soon became the object of a dispute between the cooperative and a wealthy adjacent landowner, who claimed the property as his own.

Instead of siding with the small farmers, the Moi government told Machiria, Karanja and the others that they could settle on several dry acres at Oljorai. Instead of titles, they received so-called allotment letters, which have expired.

"If you have nothing, you accept anything," Machiria said.
Oljorai had by then become

government land intended for use in resettlement programs to help poor farmers.

But when Machiria and Karanja arrived in 1988, just about the only person with land there was Moi's son and a handful of people who had worked for the Block family.

Piece by piece, the two men transported their lives to Oljorai. They trucked in the timbers and metal sheets for their homes, and Machiria built a water tank to irrigate the dry fields.

Karanja planted a small grove of orange and lemon trees. He sank his life's savings into

The Silent revolution'

a generator and an old truck engine he modified to run a mill. He built a gazebo where he and his neighbors, including some who eventually attacked him, often sipped tea on hot afternoons.

"I am feeling very bad in my brain when I remember it," Karanja said. "Even the birds, they were building houses in my trees. That was my happiness."

Over two decades, the government settled thousands of people at Oljorai. Some were former employees of Moi's; others came for reasons similar to Karanja's and Machiria's. Few have any sort of legal title, meaning they could be swept away again at any time.

Kaitany, the Kalenjin cattle keeper, said he arrived Moi's government evicted him and his neighbors from better land elsewhere in the Rift Valley. They were given five acres each at Oljorai.

Then last year, Kaitany said, it began to look as if they might all be evicted again.

Officials from Kibaki's government came to Oljorai and began dividing their five-acre plots in half, he said. Those who resisted were beaten and jailed.

They came and said, 'Whether you like it or not, we're going to subdivide the land," said Veronica Kimitei, who was landless before Moi settled her at Oljorai in 1995. "But this is where we belong."

As happened elsewhere in the Rift Valley, that sense of injustice, compounded by accusations that Kibaki had stolen the election, was cast in ethnic terms. For Kimitei, Kaitany and

others, the enemy became not Kibaki's Kikuyu-led government, but the Kikuyus in their midst. As violence spread across

the Rift Valley, so did fears that Kikuyu militias were poised to attack Oljorai. The people there called a meet-

ing and decided, Kimitei said, that "Kikuyus must go.' It was early morning when

the mob came to the farms of Machiria and Karanja with bows and arrows and molotov cocktails.

Machiria was away. But Karanja and his other neighbors ran across the twiggy fields to the closest safe place — the farm of Moi's son, which always has plenty of

RIA and Russian publication

Peter Finn

The Washington Post

In early 2004, when Svetlana Mironyuk became director general of the Russian news and information agency RIA Novosti, she discovered that the descendant of the Soviet Union's global propaganda machine was dying on its feet.

Some of its writers were still using typewriters from communist days. The agency was publishing just one Englishlanguage newspaper, Sputnik, which was supposedly sold in Britain, although Mironyuk said she could find no evidence of that. Travel agents and dentists had moved into RIA's stolid Moscow headquarters building.

"It was a desperate situa-

tion," she said.

No more. The agency's newly refurbished offices include a high-tech newsroom, complete with flat screens and a circular news desk, where 300 journalists disseminate a multimedia package of news to an international audience every day.

RIA Novosti is part of a massive effort by Russia to build and project to the world an image of a country where the economy is booming and democracy is developing. The campaign is designed to counter what the government and many people here see as unrelenting and unfair Western criticism of declining political freedoms under President Vladimir Putin, who is preparing to hand over his post, but perhaps little of his power, after the election last Sunday of his handpicked successor, Dmitry Medvedev.

Flush with foreign reserves from oil and natural gas sales, the Kremlin is pumping tens of millions of dollars into various forms of public diplomacy. They include new media ventures to target international audiences; foundations to promote Russian language and culture around the world; conferences to charm Western opinion-makers; and nongovernmental organizations that are setting up shop in Western capitals to scrutinize the fail-

ings of Western democracy. The Kremlin has hired the giant U.S. public relations firm Ketchum Inc. "to help the government tell its story of economic growth and opportunity for its citizens," said Randy DeCleene, an executive at the firm. He declined to further discuss the relationship, which began with the Group of Eight summit that Russia hosted in St. Petersburg in 2006.

The campaign is part of a resurgent self-confidence in Russian government and society and a conviction that the country is a global player with diplomatic, military and economic heft.

"It's all about influence," said Vyacheslav Nikonov, a longtime Kremlin adviser and the head of Russki Mir, a new grant-dispensing organization that gets \$20 million a year from the Russian government to champion the Russian language. Russians are studying how U.S. nongovernmental

organizations operate globally many "soft" subjects, such to project points of view, he said, but added: "We are far, far from what the Americans are doing. ... We are students, freshmen.

The effort has its skeptics, who argue that no amount of image-buffing can reverse, or even temper, deep-rooted concerns about the centralization of power under Putin and the withering of political competition here.

'If you had the PR account to improve Russia's image in the West, then your first recommendation would be: not to arrest Garry Kasparov, and allow Mikhail Kasyanov to participate in the presidential vote," said Michael McFaul, a Russia scholar at Stanford University and the Hoover



Institution and the principal adviser on Russia in the presidential campaign of Sen. Barack Obama, D-III.

Kasparov, a former world chess champion, is a fierce opponent of Putin. Kasyanov, a former prime minister, was barred from running in the March 2 presidential election.

"That's just bad, bad PR, and I'd add bad politics ... for which no Ketchum contract, television network or foundation money can compensate,' McFaul said.

Russia Today, a news channel set up in April 2005, is broadcasting in English and Arabic and planning to expand into Spanish. At first glance it looks a lot like CNN, but it can be a breathless cheerleader for the Kremlin.

Nikonov, of the new grantmaking group, called the channel "too amateurish" and spoke dismissively of many of the other efforts: "Sometimes people spend a lot of money on nonsense."

The editor in chief of Russia Today would not agree to an interview without the right to approve all of her quotes, the channel's press office said. The Washington Post declined to accept those

But other programs are gaining in nuance and sophistication. The official government newspaper Rossiyskaya Gazeta is using its healthy profits to fund monthly supplements in newspapers in India, Britain, Bulgaria and the United States. "Russia: Beyond the Headlines," as the publication is called, is a paid advertising supplement in The

The publication covers

as Christmas in Russia and Russian tennis stars. Eugene Abov, who oversees the project, said it might be expanded to Asia and other countries of Western Europe, including France and Germany.

Reviewing the first Rossiyskaya Gazeta supplement in The Post last August, Jack Shafer, the media critic for Slate, which is owned by The Post, wrote that "beneath the shattered syntax of these laughable pieces beats the bloody red heart of the tonedeaf Šoviet propagandist.'

But Sarah Mendelson, a senior fellow at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, said she found herself reading an article in the latest edition. She calls the overall push "remarkable," aimed at general audiences as well as elites.

Many of the Russian ventures aimed at foreigners showcase a diversity of voices often denied to Russia's own residents, notably by state television.

Russiaprofile.org, a news and analysis site funded by RIA Novosti, has been singled out by a number of Western commentators as a smart, engaging operation featuring a range of opinions, including some quite hostile to the Kremlin.

"I think you can learn a lot reading that," said Stephen Sestanovich, a senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations and co-chair of an advisory group on Europe and Asia for Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y. "It is by far the best."

Andrei Zolotov, Russia Profile's editor in chief, said: "I think we are in a very lucky position. We are small, we are in English, so we are probably below the radar screen of some particularly zealous people" who might try to shut it down.

Each year, RIA Novosti hosts 30 to 40 Russia experts and prominent journalists, mostly from the United States and Western Europe, who are wined and dined in the company of Russian policymakers and political analysts.

The club's gathering culminates each year with a marathon question-and-answer session with Putin. That has become the subject of debate among Russia experts in Washington, with some suggesting that a few participants become too smitten with their hosts.

"I have been invited to every Valdai meeting but did not come," Leon Aron, a Russia scholar at the American Enterprise Institute, wrote in an e-mail. "As over the years there were fewer and fewer opportunities for Russians to learn the truth about their own state and government and to voice (and act on) dissent, being a privileged foreigner admitted to the court of the new tsar and surrounded by 'official Russians'... was more of an effort for me than I was willing to undertake.'

"Official Russians" is a Soviet-era moniker for people allowed to talk to foreigners without fear of reprisal.

clout. Many are run by retirees like Gupta.

"My RWA business card has the most powerful logo in the city, the Bhagidari logo," he said. "It opens doors, makes officials sit up and listen.'

With its economy booming, India is grappling with how to manage growing cities, many of them populated by an increasingly assertive middle class. Analysts say Bhagidari might be part of the answer. At least six



Indian states besides Delhi are studying the idea for possible implementation in their capitals.

These neighborhood groups have now become a very potent platform of people's power," said Arvind Kejriwal, head of a group called Parivartan, which campaigns for participatory and transparent government across India. "They now have a say in how the money is spent in their areas and how to hold the officials accountable. The middle class in the city has moved from complete cynicism toward their rulers to active participation in governance."

Bhagidari is the brainchild of Shiela Dixit, chief minister of the Delhi regional government, whose Congress party was returned to power in 1998. Back then, Dixit was worried that citizens' complaints weren't reaching elected politicians.

We needed a different model of governance in a mega-city of more than 14 million," said Keshav Chandra, an aide to Dixit who oversees the Bhagidari program. "Bhagidari gives us a direct understanding of the pulse of the people.'

Dixit opened her doors to the numerous RWAs, ordered local officials to meet with them every month and created a separate fund for their needs. Two years ago, she strengthened them by ordering that contractors be paid only after the residents' groups had expressed satisfaction with the quality of work done. Last month, the Delhi government decided that no developmental work would be undertaken in the city without RWA input.

In the campaign for state elections in November, Bhagidari is being showcased as Dixit's biggest achievement.

Despite the best of intentions, however, Bhagidari's power-tothe-people mantra has not been easy to implement in a system rife with corruption. The notion of being accountable to residents met with bitter resistance in the first few years, and members of Dixit's own party opposed the program on the grounds that she was circumventing them to listen to the people directly.

As the elections draw closer, residents' associations worry about their future. The Bhagidari program lacks statutory authority and could be eliminated by the next government.

"The officers do not like the daily nagging and ordering by the residents," said Mool Chand Chawla, 66, a local politician from the opposition Bharatiya Janata Party. "Bhagidari is not good for democracy because it bypasses elected representatives like me. I am here to serve the people. We do not need a parallel power structure."

Gupta, the head of his neighborhood RWA, said Bhagidari has done a lot of good. His group, for instance, recently procured money to renovate a community park that had been full of trash and stray animals. A new gate, a wall and a walking track have been built, and the park is being cleaned up and replanted.

Still, Gupta said, he understands why some politicians don't like the program.

"Their under-the-table earnings have gone down," he said. Their power has eroded because they are now answerable to ordinary citizens like me."

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Discourse is essential

mistic views about the status of modern America in our world, Mr. Bob Wilson's opinions articles come quite close to hitting the mark. An article in the March 4 edition of the Avion, written by Mr. Jan Rodriguez, disputed some of these facts and I am writing with a hope that I can clear up some misconceptions on both sides.

The first idea I have argument with is this notion that the United States is either the most loved nation or the most hated. While according to almost every recent poll taken the U.S. is not the most loved (or admired) country in the world, the U.S. also ranks as the most hated only in some radically Islamic leaning nations. Most of the world tends to view the U.S. as separate from its rather internationally disliked government and holds the two entities in separate esteem.

The next statement I have issue with is the claim from Mr. Rodriguez that the European Union, Russia and China are going towards United Statesesque governments for the reason that "...America's democracy is working..." In actual fact all three states are changing their governments for completely different reasons and two of the three bear little resemblance to the United States.

In 1980s China, the Chinese people were tired of their lack of modern luxuries, thus, the Chinese government now continues its non-democracy but attempts to keep its people happy with modern technology and a carefully controlled international influence. China's delicate balance will not last action this region in the next 20

Russia is moving away from its ten year failed democracy and basically into a form of "elected" dictatorship. Comrade Putin and his cronies have quite a grasp on Russia and have given no indication that they are letting go soon. The main way that Russia does emulate the U.S. in their government is through corporate control...but more on that later.

While it is true that the European Union is centralizing more and more, I would not credit it to the United States. Our government was founded on European ideas and philosophy, how can we take credit for anything involving them? The Greek states, the Roman Empire, the Holy Roman Empire and the United Kingdom were among many of the precursors to the United States that had centralized governments and strong "state" like governments as well. The move towards centralization started after the Second World War with efforts to increase communication in Europe and continues today based on its initial

The third idea I have issue with from Mr. Rodriguez's opinion article is on the current state of our government. While we have had a two party system for most of our history, I would not credit that to America's success. There are many more important factors to America's current ability to globally bully anyone we chose but the two party system ranks rather low on that list. More realistic factors include vast

lace, large industrial growth and natural oceanic defenses protecting our borders from other global powers historically.

President George Washington himself wrote about the dangers of political parties. He saw how they affected the United Kingdom of his time and wished no such thing for his United States. Unfortunately for President Washington, political parties are a necessary evil of any real nation-wide political system, but that in no way gives them a free ride to do willy-nilly.

In the last part of your article there seems to be a rant about how much pandering it takes to run for office today, and how that is not a bad thing. The mere fact that you are fine with the reality that people have to leave some of their beliefs at the door just to conform to party lines and have a real chance of being elected in most places proves to me that you do not really understand the purpose of the government which you claim is still part of the people. A representative for the people is supposed to have his/her own beliefs, and we elect them based on who we believes best exemplify our beliefs. But for example if I do support gay marriage, yet disagree with funding a national healthcare system I do not fit into your pretty political two party box system and have to surrender some of my beliefs or not be involved.

It is my belief that one of the main reasons people are turned off from politics today is because they are forced to fit into a pre-determined belief patterns or not get involved.

Many of the people who do vote now don't even bother learning much about the issues other than catchy phrases for each and just vote straight along the party lines they have had to surrender less to.

While I agree that most people in the government are not detached from the people, the national government figures do have large gaps between them and the people. These gaps are called corporations and their lobbyists. There is very little non-sketchy activity happening in Congress today, and even if most politicians are good people, they have to surrender to "the way things are" just to get stuff done. The power of money and corporate contracts cuts through the voice of the people and limits the ability of politicians to hear what we, the

people, want. While the U.S. government is overall a good thing, the party system works OK for now and U.S. foreign relations usually have good intentions...that does not mean that concerned citizens cannot voice issues they have. Mr. Rodriguez claims that because we are overall happy, well dressed, cooled and well seated we have no room to complain. But what he fails to realize is that the reason we are bringing up our concerns is because we too love this country and want it to continue improving, succeeding and being free. A free populace is one that can complain and I along with other people will continue to do this to the best of our abilities as long as we see fit, its my right as an American and I intend to use it for the good of America.

~Jacob Grimm

Not all govt. is problematic

I'm glad to finally see someone replying and saying something to the articles I've been writing, it shows that some people are listening. I still have to make a few corrections in some of his assumptions about my statements. He may have made a couple good points, but a lot of it was just criticizing what I said with some generalizations and not using a lot of fact in some of his comments. What I was writing wasn't just opinion like he assumed right off, that I had no sources for what I was saying. When writing a response to someone's article, it's best not to go straight to trash talking or rhetoric, it's not very mature. If someone is going to comment on an article or something like that then they shouldn't go straight to attacking them personally, calling them narrow minded, or calling them a hypocrite or other names when they really aren't. We should just leave that to politicians and children.

I don't go by the mainstream media view on most things very much as he thought I did. A lot of the time they are just preaching fear of terrorism and all that garbage, etc. Personally I think the true terrorists are those in the Bush regime, because all they do is preach fear to promote their personal agendas. That's pretty much the definition of what it is if you look it up. For them to generalize that a "terrorist" is almost always some Middle Eastern person like they always do is actually pretty racist and I would hope that people are better than that. Most of the people are pretty innocent, even if some of them may have bad governments making some bad rules to follow.

Sure many countries may be trying to imitate the U.S., and it's good that they do if it's better than what they already have, and most of the time it might be, but I'm sure they don't try to imitate all the corruption in the high end of the government or all the corporate/government scandals. Our system isn't all nice and pretty, nothing really is, it has its bad sides too. It had a great base and setup, which is mainly what others might try to implement, but that system is getting increasingly compromised by greed and lies and it's not ad clean is it once was. I like the basis of our system and how

it's supposed to work, but it needs to get cleaned up some. As for the article about the two party system, that one was actually written by a friend of mine and he requested that I could put it in the paper for him. I probably should have cited that it was his article so that people didn't get the wrong idea about who wrote it. That was my fault there. He was perfectly OK with me sending it in without citing it so it's not like he had a problem with that or anything. He wrote it like more of a rant rather than an article, but he still had some good points in it that hopefully people can see. A lot of people don't fit exactly as republican or democrat; usually you can only fit on most issues, but there will still be some that will differ. That's what I meant in my Jan. 29 article. Like I might

fit more as a democrat, but I know that big government isn't good and we don't need anymore of it, so that's a big issue I wouldn't agree on with that party. The bad part is that if someone wants to run for some of the highest offices those two parties are your only choice. A country isn't going to do good just because they have two parties as compared to those that have more than two and do bad, there's no solid correlation there. There are a lot of other factors at play that are the main reason.

As for the first paragraph in the article that I had in the paper on Jan. 29, I did notice an error in it that was in the paper but it's not in the copy I sent to them. A couple of the words were changed probably trying to get rid of abbreviations, but they left an error in it that kind of changes the meaning of the sentence. It's probably just an honest mistake but I don't know for sure if that was what I was criticized for by Jan in his response article. If there is a problem with how something is worded or if someone thinks that something should be said in a different method it would be nice if they would just point that out rather than jumping straight to attacking them for it. I'll probably reword that part of the article to make it better in case I submit the article to any other places in the future. I like input so if anyone has any ideas on how I could make any of my articles better feel free to let me know.

I was also accused of being a hypocrite to which didn't make a lot of sense to me because the statement didn't really follow the definition of a hypocrite. A hypocrite is someone who pretends to oppose a certain belief and then does it anyway or actually holds those same beliefs. As far as I can tell I don't do anything like that. If I wrote something in a way that could lead someone to think that then that's my mistake, but as far as what was said in Jan's article I haven't even done anything like that.

The generalization in the response article where I was criticized for thinking all government is bad isn't true. In almost all cases when anyone is criticizing the government they are talking about the high ends of the federal government, so it's generally understood that that's the case. Not all government is bad and there are plenty in it that aren't bad, but it's those at the top that are causing the problems, where most of the corruption and scandals are located. If someone is talking about the problems in our government they probably aren't talking about something like city councils or mayors.

I hope this clears some things up for anyone who might have read my articles and the one that was posted about mine. If Jan would like to discuss this then he's more than welcome to email me at helpsaveamerica@gmail.com since it would be a lot easier than waiting a week or so between messages. Then we could maybe post the email conversation in the paper in case anyone else might want to read it.

~Bob Wilson

Kosovo's new independence

The Kosovo declaration of independence on Feb. 17, 2008 was a long time coming. The mission of the now disbanded KLA (Kosova Liberation Army) had finally been completed. It was the most successful guerilla organization in modern history, as Tim Judah (author of "the Serbs: History, Myth & the Destruction of Yugoslavia") put it so eloquently. The Albanians of Kosovo are forever free from oppression. The declaration of independence was swiftly recognized by the great democratic powers of our time: the United States of America, the UK, France, Germany, etc. And where does the main opposition to independence lie? The radical ultra-nationalist Serbian entities, afraid to let go of a province of which most have never even stepped foot on, whose fate was known from the day Slobodan Milosevic stripped the region of its autonomy, in a move to reestablish authoritative Serb rule, corresponding to the 600th anniversary of the battle of Kosovo on June 28, 1389; and Russia, a regime where the election of president Medvedev has shown us a move further away from democracy, and closer to a time when the Kremlin residency had its fiercest stranglehold on its population.

The problem we face today is that most Serbs view Slobodan (or rather Serbia's Radical Ultra-Nationalist Party) and his posse as heroes in Serbia's David versus Goliath battle with the greatest military power in the history of the World. Upon gaining control

Milosevic polarized Yugoslavia by making ethnicity a political entity which could not be ignored, injecting xenophobic philosophy throughout a multiethnic nation.

Upon the declaration of independence, Serbs in Northern Kosovo destroyed two border crossings, while a mass of protestors rallying in Belgrade torched the U.S. embassy, a full 45 minutes before any riot police or fire engines showed up. Russia also protested the move as illegal under international law, and that this is violating Serbia's sovereignty, although neglecting to mention that ethnic cleansing is also considered illegal under international law, and reason enough to lose your sovereignty.
The U.S. and NATO inter-

vention in 1999 came as a great relief to all Albanians living in Yugoslavia. The western powers helped stop ethnic cleansing which to this day has been denied to ever occur by a great majority of Serbs (although one must also consider that the media was heavily censored in Yugoslavia throughout Milosevic's tyranny).

The Serb argument goes something like this: "If Albanians want their rights, they should go to Albania. Here, Serbs will rule!" The problem with this statement is that it is fundamentally racist and inhumane. The Serbs argue that Kosovo is the soul of Serbia, as it is the place of the infamous battle of 1389, where the Serbs lost a battle to fend the expansion of the Ottoman Empire. Twenty years after Milosevic gave his infamous speech, Serbia is a smaller and more isolated state than it has ever been in history. But why did the U.S. decide

to intervene in Kosovo? To stop ethnic cleansing is a good argument, but what about stopping ethnic cleansing in Darfur, or the massacre of the Palestinian civilians? The argument goes that the EU and NATO intervened because it was in Europe's backyard, and they could not let what happened in Bosnia happen again. So why not intervene in Darfur? Is it only a racist reason? Perhaps if the two million-plus refugees that have fled Darfur flooded Europe, there would be humanitarian intervention.

The Russians claim Serbia to be an important ally and a firm believer of international law, which is their motivation for helping in their struggle. The favor was generously returned recently to the Russians when awarded the control of entire oil industry with a 60 percent discounted price of its actual value, giving Russia more power and leverage in Serbian politics.

The Serbs and the Russians argue that Kosovo's declaration is illegal under international law, because U.N. resolution 1244/99 ensures Serbian sovereignty and that Kosovo will remain a part of Serbia. The resolution also states the requirement of turning in war criminals such as Slobodan Milosevic and Ratko Mladić to The Hague; the latter is still free protected by the Red-Star hooligans in Belgrade. Unless Mladić is turned in to the

Hague, Serbia will have not fulfilled it's duties, rendering it void in their legal arguments against Kosovo's declaration of independence and ensuring a continued collective guilt for all Serbs for the war crimes conducted and committed by Slobodan Milosevic had a

vision, to turn Yugoslavia into a purely Serbian state, establish Serbian leadership, Serbian politicians, Serbian Army, etc. The root of the anomaly of the human error lies in two fundamental problems with the ultra-nationalist Serbian, which is racism and greed, a problem still faced by over 49 percent of Serbs today. It is not that the Serbs are the only ultra-greedy, ultra-racist ethnic group in the Balkans; it's just that a Serbian Ultra-Nationalist was in charge of Yugoslavia all throughout the 90's. The genocides and ethnic cleansing could have just as easily happened had Yugoslavia have had its headquarters in Ljubljana, Skopje, Sarajevo, Zagreb, or even Prishtina. I'm sure there are Albanians who would love to have exterminated all the Serbs, and Croats who could have done the same to the Serbs, and Greeks to the Albanians, and Turks to the Greeks, and Armenians to the Turks. See, it's not that everyone is racist, but that in every country and ethnicity there will always be bad apples. If the world really wishes to progress a step closer to peace, we must do our individual part to abandon all racism and greed in the

~Azdren Coma

Student Forum

The Avion asks: "If you were a TV character, who would you be?"

-Compiled by Matt Goldberg and Marcus Nealley



Chris Catello Senior Aeronautical Science

"Cartman, so people would stop calling me skinny.



Josiah Weaver Senior Air Traffic Management

"Jim from 'The Office' because he's quick and witty."



Rebecca Simonds Freshman Human Factors/Psych.

"MacGyver."



Mark Repanshek Freshman Aerospace Engineering

"Radar from 'M*A*S*H.""



Jill Rockholt Senior Air Traffic Management

"The girl from 'Grey's Anatomy' who dates Dr. McDreamy."



Andrew Leech Senior Aerospace Engineering "Judge Judy."

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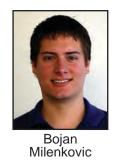
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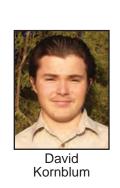


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Taekwondo Club shines at competition

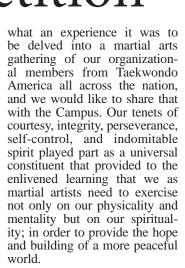
Adrian Levitsky

Taekwondo Club

The Taekwondo Club at Embry-Riddle is proud to announce to fellow students, faculty, and employees at Daytona Beach Campus of its participation in the January 11th and 12th, 2008 Taekwondo America National Tournament in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Six of our members traveled on an adventurous ten-hour car ride to the north and west from campus, arriving in time at Baton Rouge on the 10th to experience the

Black Belt competition on Friday the 11th; and staying over for the 12th, when the Color Belts would begin their competition. Those of us in the picture, respectively, from left to right, are: ERAU graduate, faculty member, and head club instructor Keith Bonnette, student Savannah Kirby, ERAU graduate and club instructor Jennifer Bonnette, student Katt Cassidy, student and club secretary!

Adrian Levitsky, and student Matt Maffessanti. The six of us who traveled and competed explained in great detail to our other fellow club members of







ΠKA welcomes critique

Grant Robarts

ПКА

The Lambda Mu Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha is proud to welcome one of its own, Michael Brown, a chapter consultant from Memorial Headquarters. He is on campus with the intent to critique what the Embry-Riddle Pikes

have done over the past year and what lies ahead. Michael graduated from Western Kentucky magna cum laude with a degree in occupational safety and health. The Pikes on campus are very enthused to have the support that they receive on the national level.

In other Pike News, Pike and Tri Sigma had their first and very successful social that involved a challenging game of bowling while bound to a partner with handcuffs. The Pikes are looking forward to future interfraternal events that will further strengthen the bonds between all Greek organizations on campus. The remainder of the semester is packed with a variety of scholastic, philanthropic and social



New Life Sciences minor to be offered

John French

Human Factors

This article is meant to amaze you with some interesting responses of the human body to the extremes of space. It's meant to show you some of the stuff you would know if you enrolled in the new Aerospace Life Sciences minor on campus. I'm sure you've heard the comment that if people are exposed to the vacuum of space or the very low atmospheric pressure of some planets, their blood will boil and they will immediately suffer a painful death. Well, we're pretty resilient creatures and we have a few seconds to escape our plight before we blow up like three-day-old roadkill.

Maybe you'd like to be someone who designs ways to protect astronauts. You've probably seen movies that graphically present the imagined consequences of exposure to space. In the classic movie 2001, Dave Bowman had to get back in to his space ship to stop the homicidal computer

HAL. But those of you interested in life science probably wondered, "Why didn't Dave blow up?" Most college stu-dent knows that blood will boil in space but did you ever wonder why something would boil in the coldness of space? First, we need to quickly explain why anything boils in the first place. Molecules move at incredible speeds, normally. At room temperature, water molecules vibrate in place at about 1500 miles per hour but because they're surrounded by ecules, they don't go very far. This means there are trillions of collisions every second in an ordinary water glass due to the thermal motion of molecules. Are you staring at your glass of water on the table with renewed respect? Stay with this description of boiling a few more seconds and you'll have something interesting to tell your friends at lunch.

Some water molecules bang into the surface of the water in our glass so hard that they escape into the surrounding air, where they now begin colliding with air molecules. The

escape of water from its surface in a container is called evaporation. Turning up the heat on your stove and boiling the water will increase the rate of evaporation, in large part because it increases the number of water molecule collisions, its thermal energy. In fact, boiling occurs, as we all know, at 212 F at standard atmospheric pressure. OK, you're losing interest, so I better mention outer space again.

Outer space, where you can get your astronaut wings, is generally accepted to be 60 miles out. As you go higher in altitude from sea level, the temperature at which blood, water, chicken soup and so on boils is greatly reduced because atmospheric pressure is greatly reduced. There are fewer air molecules pushing down on us as the air gets thinner with altitude. This is because air has weight and exerts pressure and is a mass constantly pressing down on us. Less air molecules at altitude means less weight pressing down. This affects boiling temperature, that is, the molecules trying to escape a

container. For example, water tongue and the eyeballs, any boils at 150 F and 100 F at 20,000 and 30,000 feet, respectively. You've seen the high altitude directions for cooking on packages that account for this. If you go up higher still, you reach a point where blood boils at body temperature (about 98.6 F). Wow! Blood would boil in a beaker exposed to the rarefied air at that altitude, but your skin protects you for a dozen seconds or so.

The reduction in boiling ingly bizarre consequence; go up high enough and water will boil at the same temperature that it could freeze. This ends the relationship between boiling and altitude, as water won't boil anymore and will, instead, freeze. Boiling is really a way to cool things off, to get rid of some of that excessive thermal molecular motion. Just because water boils at a lower temperature with altitude by the way, doesn't mean you need less time to cook food. In fact, you need more time to properly cook food at altitude because the boiling water is cooler and food won't cook

through. Maybe its time to return to boiling blood. People accidentally exposed to near vacuums like outer space or hypobaric chambers on earth report "frizzing" on their tongues as the moisture boils off the exposed and wet surface. The skin is so remarkably flexible that we're protected for a few seconds if there is a sudden loss of atmospheric pressure, say a rapid, explosive decompression of the space shuttle or space suit. After three to four seconds, you would notice the "frizzing" on your eyes and tongue, if your mouth was hanging open with surprise. Then after about 10 seconds, the fluid under the skin would start to expand and separate means that an experienced astronaut, like Dave Bowman, could have performed a wellpracticed maneuver in an airlock within a few seconds to save himself and not explode. However, if he went much longer (after about 15 seconds), his goose would be cooked, or boiled in this case.

There are elevations on Mars and other planets where the air pressure can reach that blood boiling range. Colonists to Mars will need space suits and space habitats designed so that the atmospheric pressure is earthlike and the astronaut's blood won't boil.

I hope your brain doesn't hurt. There are more physiological effects of hypobaric exposure that should be mentioned. The pressure difference between the air you have in your lungs with the thin air that surrounds you could

quickly become so great that your lungs will become a ruptured, bloody mess, spilling out everywhere they can. To increase the time you have before this happens, don't hold your breath in such an emergency. Instead, try whistling 'America" slowly and you'll at least die patriotically. Your heart muscle will stretch to absurd dimensions, particularly as the blood begins to boil and bubbles form in the arteries and veins. The resulting loss of blood oxygen will quickly compromise your brain, which is a good thing if you're this far into the exposure because you don't want to be conscious for the horrible things that are happening to you. No brain, no pain. On the other hand, you should have 10 to 15 seconds to find a solution and you might recover. Might.

If you've gotten this far, you must be interested in knowing something about the biomechanics of the human. If you are, you need to know about the new Aerospace Life Sciences minor. Think how much more impressive your degree will look if you have a minor in life sciences, particularly one that deals with aerospace tagged on. See the information on the Aerospace Life Science minor in the student catalog for the required classes and talk to your advisor about signing up, or

ERAU to reform Dance Team

If you are a dancer and miss performing, great news is in store. On Wednesday, March 12th on the Flight Deck an informational meeting will be held at 7:00p.m. Because this will strictly be for informational purposes, dance attire and shoes will not be necessary. The new squad's advisor is an ERAU staff member, Lucy Schneider. Lucy is a former International Competitive Dance Judge as well as International Award winning choreographer. Leah Marie Werner has assumed the role of President for the new Student Activities Organization. For additional information you may contact Lucy in the office of Alumni Relations at 226-6919.



Hubble reveals dying star

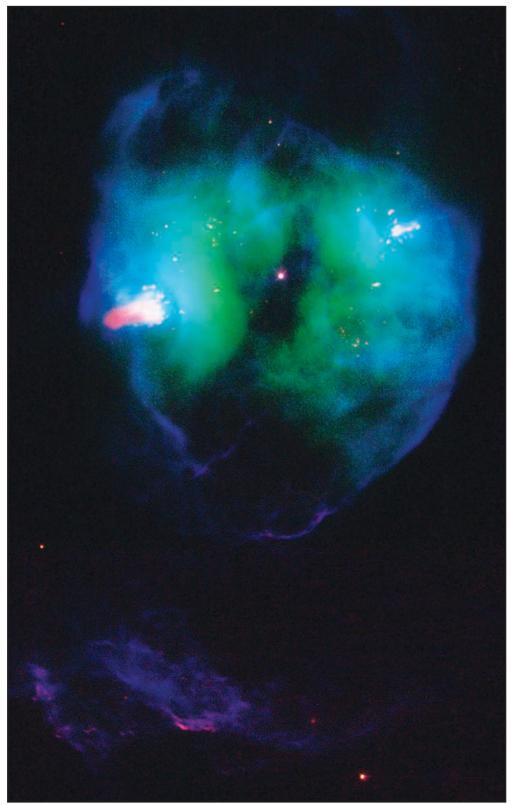


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THE HUBBLE SPACE TELESCOPE recently spied planetary nebula NGC 2371, the shed and glowing-hot remains of a dying star, seen at center. The nebula lies 4,300 light-years away in the constellation Gemini. This false color image, taken with several filters, reveals its makeup: sulfur and nitrogen as red, hydrogen as green and oxygen as blue.

First Ares launch will monitor vibrations

Andrew Zaback

Sports Editor

As the Space Shuttle Program comes to a close, NASA engineers are piecing together its replacement, The Ares I rocket and the Orion Crew Exploration Vehicle (CEV).

Recently, the instrumentation has been added to the flight test version of the Ares I-X Crew Launch Vehicle. The instruments have been designed to gather data about vibrations of the rocket and its payload during liftoff. Since the Ares is very similar to the Solid Rocket Boosters used by the Space Shuttle program, vibration data has been gathered based on previous shuttle missions.

Engineers at NASA, however, predict that the same data will not apply to the new rocket. This could result in costly modifications to the design and structure. Many hope that the new instrumentation will provide better readings specifically for the Ares.

When the vibration data first started to cause problems for the mission, several approaches were taken to gather more accurate data and fix the problem.

Ares I-X Mission Manager, Robert Ess described the main problem with gathering data based solely on ground testing. "You get the forcing function. You don't get the response." This means, that as the rocket is launched, the burning of the SRB creates a force that causes harmonic motion that cannot be accounted for on the ground. This motion, called thrust oscillation, has the possibility of damaging the rocket itself, CEV or injure the crew.

Steve Cook, Ares projects office manager at the Marshall Space Flight Center, explained a possible solution to the oscillation problem. "What we'd like to do is put some instrumenta-

tion on the motor and on the shuttle itself to, one, understand the forcing function in flight, and two, understand what kind of response is it transmitting to the shuttle," Cook said.

Since the Ares is so similar to the Shuttle's solid rocket boosters, managers are working with shuttle mission personnel to equip sensors to the SRBs during a launch. These sensors will effectively measure the harmonic motion that needs to be accounted for in the structural design of the rocket.

This full scale test vehicle has been in production since August 2006 and is scheduled to have its maiden flight on April 15, 2009 from Launch Pad 39B at NASA's Kennedy Space Center. Current plans call for the Ares team to begin construction of the new vehicle on the mobile launch vehicle as soon as the shuttle program relinquishes control of the platform. This is slated to occur later this year.

Delta 2 to launch GPS satellite

Saturday, March 15 at 2:09 a.m. EDT

With the Shuttle Endeavour expected to be in space Tuesday, a Delta 2 rocket stands poised to deliver the next Global Positioning System satellite to orbit in the early morning hours this coming Saturday. GPS 2R-19M is the sixth modernized GPS satellite and the third to last that will be sent up before a new-generation fleet begins launching aboard Delta 4 and Atlas 5 rockets next year. As of presstime Sunday, the 13-story Delta 2 remained set to launch this latest GPS satellite on Saturday morning at 2:09 a.m. EDT. The launch window stretches 14 minutes to 2:23 a.m. and the launch time gets earlier by four to five minutes each day. Because the *Avion* is published on Sundays, you should look for up-to-the-minute updates on the launch at SpaceflightNow.com's "mission status center" and check here before leaving to ensure the launch is still on time.

Launch Viewing Information

Viewing of Delta 2 launches is best conducted from the Jetty Park pier, which at just 2.9 miles from Pad 17A is the closest public rocket viewing location for any launch. The 1,200-foot pier can hold a couple thousand people. You should leave Daytona no later than 11:30 to midnight to secure a good spot at the end of the pier; the drive takes about 70 minutes.

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Directions: Take I-95 south 55 miles to Exit 205 (The Beachline, Rt. 528) EAST towards

"Canaveral: Cape-Port-AFS." Stay on for about 15 miles. There are two exits for Port Canaveral; the first is a big blue sign marked terminal A and the second is a big green sign marked terminal B. Take the second exit, the GREEN sign for B/South terminals. Go left at the light on the exit ramp. You are now on George King Boulevard. Take this road to the end, which is the entrance to Jetty Park. There is a \$5 cash parking fee. Park and walk to the very end of the pier for the best view, where trees no longer block the rocket and pad.

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Peter Richardson

Entertainment Editor

In the recent history of Hollywood heist films, one

man stands out from the pack as the go-to guy when you need something done right. Jason Statham is that man. Having starred in such films as "The Transporter," "The Italian Job," "Snatch," and "War," Statham has the unique skills required to bring a movie robbery to fruition. While this film uses less of Statham's martial arts skills and more of his rough and tough abilities, "The Bank Job" is a film worthy of being placed near his other exciting

"The Bank Job" stars Statham and Saffron Burrows as 1970's small time crooks trying to make the big hit and get out of the game. To accomplish this rather daunting goal, Statham and Burrows have to assemble a diverse team of regular London hoodlums to try and complete the job successfully. Based on a true story, "The Bank Job" is fast paced, fun, exciting and gripping throughout.

The movie starts out with throughout the film and results

Statham, staring as Terry Leather, obviously having a difficult time with his slightly illegal car chop-shop. Leather's fortunes take a turn for the worse, and he is desperate for a way out of this life of his. Saffron Burrows, as Martine Love, comes to his potential rescue with some inside information that a local bank's alarm system will be disabled for one week due to construction. Love convinces Leather that this is their way out of the underworld and the bank job

Throughout the film there is a side-plot involving the British national intelligence agency, MI5, and their attempt to take down a violent Malcolm X-esque radical. Unfortunately this man has incriminating photos of a royal family member and threatens to release them if anything should happen to him. MI5's little scheme manages to wind its way into the main plot



in a rather strong story altogether. The real kicker for most of this film is that this movie is based on actual events, and that the story is told using detailed information from heisters and government officials.

"The Bank Job's" cast, besides Statham, is relatively unknown in the States, but manages to bring a good performance to the screen. All of the heist team is amusing yet convincing and in no way feels to contrived and "too diverse" like other heist teams in "Ocean's Eleven" or "The Italian Job." Each character has an interesting back-story that is only described through small conversation bits but is detailed enough to give a clear image of that character and his or her situation. Excellent chemistry and amusing banter keeps the moviegoer glued to the screen and you end up

cheering for and caring about these small time bad-guys.

The filming of this movie is very moody and gritty, and will undoubtedly be compared to other Statham classics such as 'Snatch" and "Lock Stock and Two Smoking Barrels." The feel really immerses the viewer into the rather sketchy environment of illegal London and just enhances the rest of the movie

throughout. Direction comes from a somewhat unlikely source of Roger Donaldson, who is best known for his work on the 1997 hit "Dante's Peak." While this may seem like rather strange credentials for a British crime flick director, more recent minor-hits such as "The Recruit" and "The World's Fastest Indian" have obviously prepared Donaldson for this movie and its fast paced thrills. Despite Donaldson's lack of Statham experience, this film comes of as a classic caper movie and is well shot from start to finish.

Throughout this film the cast keeps you entertained and interested. The plot moves at a fairly fast speed and is certainly interesting enough to keep your attention. Even though the side-plot seems a little random at the start of the film, it all ties together rather well in the middle of the movie and is concluded satisfactorily by the end. Statham brings his usual quick verbal and physical assaults to this film and while he will unlikely win an Oscar for his performance, it was easily good enough for this movie. "The Bank Job" ends up being one of the most entertaining

heist films of the last few years and certainly is worth a view for any fan of crime, Statham

All in all, the Super Smash

GCH to play TNG big show



John W. Smith III

News Editor

It is always a big announcement when Touch-N-Go productions announces the big spring show, and although it can be disappointing at times, this year's show should satisfy college students musical taste.

Gym Class Heroes (GCH) will be here April 4 performing in the ICI Center. The indie/ hip-hop quartet from up-state New York will be bringing their unique style of hip-hop

and rock to Embry-Riddle's stage.

GCH was one of the biggest breakout bands in 2007, bringing home a few MTV awards and selling out headlining shows across America. Gassed up by the powerhouse label Fueled by Ramen, GCH have found themselves a firm base in Tampa based label that also houses bands like, The Academy Is..., Fall Out Boy, Paramore, and Cute is What

Being categorized with artists such as Amy Winehouse

We Aim For.

and Jay-Z, GCH create much more noise than old sneakers. With hits like "Shoot Down the Stars," "Queen and I," and "Clothes Off" they have a way with crowds and according to MC and front man Travis McCoy, they also have a way

with "single moms."
The ICI center should be packed with fans as GCH hits Daytona Beach for the first time in their career. The only question is if Patrick Stump of Fall Out Boy will show up to cameo on "Cupid's Chokehold?"

'Smash Bros. Brawl' arrives



Jason Preston

Staff Reporter

I took a week off from writing a review mainly because "Devil May Cry 4" was the nail that sealed the coffin and I'm going to steer clear of anything with a linear story line for a very long time. But don't think I spent this whole past week pouting in disappointment of the gaming industry; I took the time to look at many upcoming games and see what was of interest. Lucky me the third installment of Super Smash Brothers series, "Brawl," was released this past Sunday and I was one of 10 people in line at Wal-Mart to get

it at midnight. The game is for the Nintendo Wii, and right now is the only game for that console that I'm really enjoying. You start out with a very large assortment of characters to choose from, many of which are completely new. To add to this, the storyline game play is long enough so that

even the most twitchy, foaming at the mouth, ADHD gamer would stay entertained. Right after getting it, my friends played it for over 16 hours straight. With 35 total characters to choose from, multiplayer becomes entertaining just to see what each one does. Not to mention the graphics. Yes, Nintendo actually

a decent graphics engine! The video clips are probably the best CGI cinematic scenes I've seen in a long time. Even the maps themselves are stunning, but don't look at your setting too much or else your friends are sure to take notice of this and send you

made a game with

Bros. franchise is one of the few that's getting better with each sequel. In your face, Capcom! I really have nothing to complain about this game. I sat down that night and started playing, and realized exactly what my other video games had been failing to give me; a good time. I was actually having fun rather than going back to those darn MMORPGs that feel like a chore to play. For now, Nintendo has regained some of its lost honor because of "Super Mario Galaxy," so I'm look-

ing at the company in a slightly better light now, and I have the satisfaction that no matter what anyone says, they can't ruin my experience and sheer delight with "Super Smash Bros. Brawl.'









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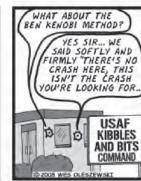
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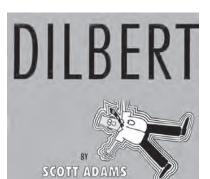
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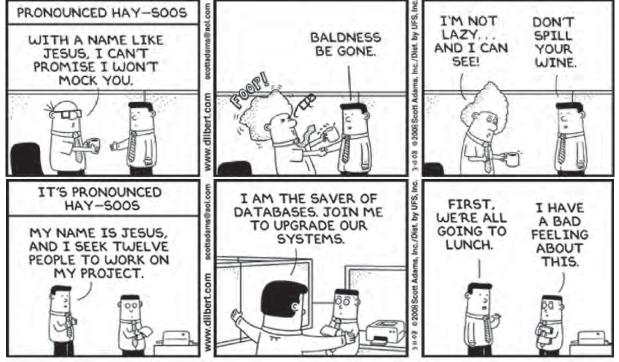










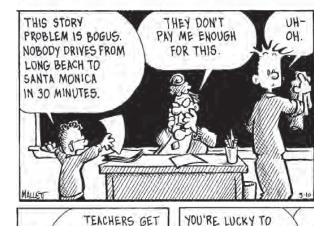


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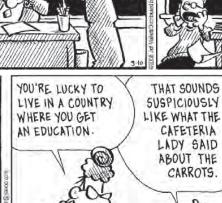




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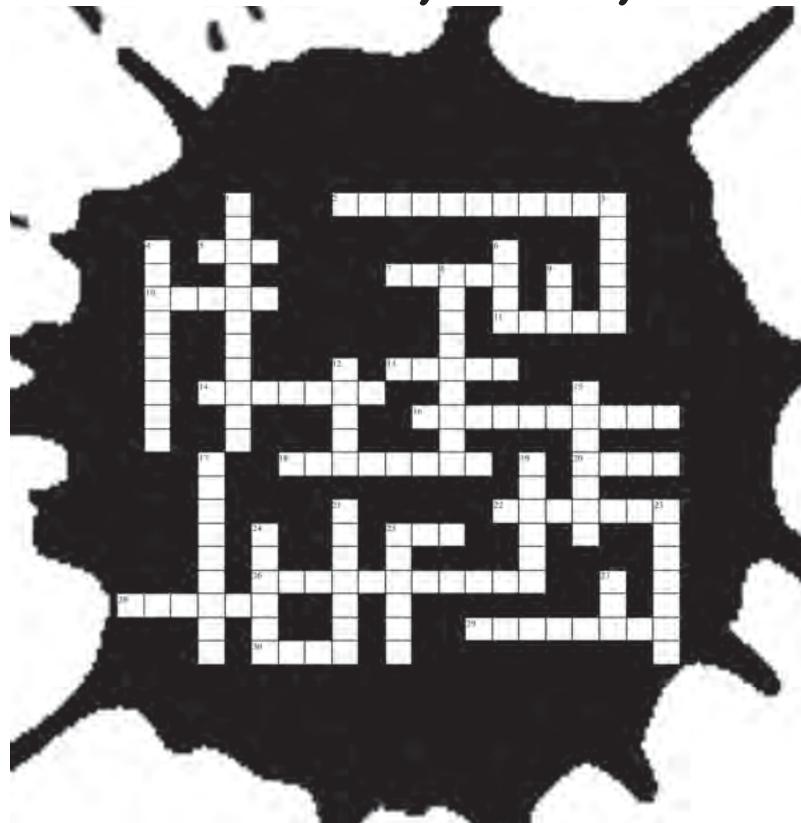
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Last Issue "Tickle Me Pink"

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24. Brothers that just happen

to share the same body

25. Collection of animated cartoon shorts

27. An "asthma-hound" chihuahua

Official Contest Rules:

All complete and correct submissions are entered into a weekly drawing. All entries to be qualified to win must be submitted by 5 p.m. Friday. Entries are to be submitted to The Avion Newspaper office located in the student center room 110. Crossword contest is only open to students of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University's Daytona Beach campus. Employees of the university are ineligible to win weekly prize. Winner will be chosen at random and will be contacted after the drawing. Winners will be announced in the following issue of The Avion. One (1) prize per student in a single semester. Prizes must be claimed no later then Friday at 5 p.m. two (2) weeks after the winner is announced. Rules and conditions are at the discression of The Avion Newspaper and may be changed without notice

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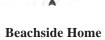
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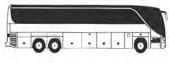


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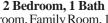
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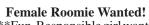
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