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Eagles conclude the best season to date

by **Keith Towers**
Sports Editor

The Embry-Riddle Eagles basketball team made the debut appearance in play-offs for any ERAU varsity sport last Saturday night against Flagler College in St. Augustine.

This was a re-match of the regular season finale in which the Eagles lost to the Saints only five nights earlier 114-79. This night would prove to be much more exciting as both teams made fewer mistakes, and played some very impressive basketball.

The game opened with both teams coming out strong as the score was tied at 8-8 five minutes into the game. Flagler then made a 9-2 run which put them on top 17-10 seven minutes into the half. Despite a good defensive effort by Tom Fagley, which included a powerful blocked shot, Coach Ridder had to call a time-out with 12 minutes to go in the half.

After the time-out, Trent Kowalski came out firing, hitting first a 3-pointer at the top of the key, and the next trip down the floor he hit a 12-foot jumper.

With nine minutes to go in the half, Owen Busch hit a baseline jumper to spark a run and pull the Eagles to within nine, 30-21.

Tyrone Smith, who was silenced in Tuesday night's game, came back strong as he was fouled on the defensive end of the floor while pulling down a rebound. He sank both free throws to pull the Eagles within three, 31-28.

It proved to be a very physical game as both teams had fouled ten times with five

minutes left in the half.

The Eagles had a chance to tie the game as Owen Busch took a 3-point shot, but was fouled. He only sank two of the three free throws, which pulled the Eagles to within one point 39-38.

The next trip down the floor, Al Tyler netted a 3-pointer to tie the game at 41 with 3:10 left in the half.

With 1:30 left, Owen Busch popped a three which pulled the Eagles ahead 47-45. On the defensive end, Busch pulled down a rebound, and was fouled. He sank both free throws which extended the Eagles lead to four 49-45.

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To end the half, the Eagles worked the clock for the last shot, and with one second to go, Trent Kowalski was fouled.

He sank both free throws to take the lead to the locker room 51-47.

The first half proved to be very exciting for the approximately 1300 fans that attended.

The Eagles came out firing to open the second half, as Tyrone Smith had a fast break dunk evident, but was fouled. Two more trips down the floor, and nobody was even close to Tyrone this time. He two-handed a powerful slam dunk, which brought the visiting crowd to their feet.

Afterward, though, the Saints made an 11-4 run which gave them the permanent lead 64-63. At this point, Coach Ridder called a time-out to try to bring the team back into the game.

Flagler's crowd was very loud Tuesday night and even louder Saturday night which prompted Coach Ridder to make signs to



Flying feat...

Tyrone Smith adds some excitement to the game and some points to the board in a losing effort against Flagler.

tell the players which plays to run. This helped the team greatly, but the home court advantage was the definitive advantage which gave Flagler the momentum they needed to win the game. Turnovers abounded as the Eagles became more and more frustrated. Flagler took every opportunity and capitalized.

With 8:30 left in the game the Eagles took a time-out to try to overcome the 11 point deficit, 91-80.

After the time-out, the Eagles scored four quick points, but this would be their

last gasp as the Eagles could never pull within five the rest of the game.

Coach Ridder tried one more time to give the team a lift by calling a time-out with 2:24 left.

They trailed 102-93, which was a huge margin to overcome. With :24 left in the game, Owen Busch fouled out, and Coach Ridder substituted Richie Helton and Jeff Payne to finish the game.

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United 737 goes down in Colorado

Denver (AP) - A 20-year Army veteran who witnessed Sunday's crash of a United jetliner near Colorado Springs said the plane hit the only piece of ground in the area not occupied by homes or apartments.

"If the pilot took it in intentionally (there), he's a hero because he saved countless lives," said Command Sgt. Maj. Leo Martinez, stationed at nearby Fort Carson.

"It is about the only place within a reasonable distance where he could have crashed without injuring a lot of people," Martinez said in a telephone interview.

The Boeing 737, with 20 passengers and five crew members aboard, crashed Sunday morning as it approached Colorado Springs airport. Authorities said all aboard were apparently killed.

Martinez said the plane crashed vertically into the ground in a small park where children play ball and which has running paths.

"It's a long and narrow park. If he (the pilot) did this on purpose, no one in Iraq and Saudi Arabia could have done a better job of flying," Martinez said. "It is the only place he could have taken it in."

Martinez said he was driving to a friend's house where he keeps feed for his two horses when "I saw a big shadow across the back of my pickup. I looked up to see what was above me. I saw a big airliner, banking from southwest to northeast."

"It was a real steep bank. Anybody seeing it would know it was too steep for him to be making the airport. I watched and it went vertically into the ground. There was a huge fireball, black smoke and orange flame."

When Martinez and his friend got to the crash site, he said, "there wasn't a lot of flame on the ground, just a lot of small debris and some grass on fire."

"I didn't see any survivors, bodies or anything. It couldn't have been possible to survive," Martinez said.

Twenty compete in model contest

by **Jon Osterholm**
Campus News Editor

The Screaming Eagles Model Airplane Club sponsored a paper airplane/balsa glider contest last Wednesday, February 27. The contest began at 8:00 p.m. and was in the Riddle Student Center.

There was a launching practice the previous Monday and Tuesday nights.

Paper airplanes were launched by hand (with some technical stipulations), and balsa gliders were launched "from a gravity-powered launcher at a velocity of 11 feet per second," as the written rules stated.

There was a 25-cent entry fee for each paper airplane and a one dollar entry fee per balsa glider entry.

The contest required that the models stay within a certain flight area, and three flights were allowed for each entry. Up to one minute will be allowed between flights for trimming.

Prizes were awarded at 10:30 p.m., and comprised of gift certificates from Wal-Mart for paper airplane entries and Ace Hobbies for balsa entries.

Both first place flyers sailed from the stairs leading to the Flight Deck to the far wall. The longest recorded time for a flight was six seconds.

There were also prizes for the most original designs that flew in the contest, for each category.

Greg Meholic, the president of Screaming Eagles, said that participants "were wanting to (compete) once a month." He hopes to make it a "once a semester thing."

Some of the competitors in the paper airplane contest made their models at the competition and tested them in the halls of the Student Center.

The winners in the flying contest earned the most points combined out of both time and distance considerations. In the paper plane competition, the winners were: Jim Gray, first place; Rocky Stan, second place; and Craig Byrd, third place.

In the balsa glider competition, the winners were: Steve Royer, Gary Landis, and Charles Pollack, in descending order.

For originality in paper airplane design, Ricardo Almeida won with a plane that looked close to the shape of an F-18. Meholic said the wings were similar, and the model had twin vertical stabilizers.

A stealth fighter design won the originality contest in the balsa glider category. The design in-

cluded a body (instead of the usual "stick" fuselage) with ribs and wings with moveable rudders. The builder was Charles Pollack, who won third place in the flight contest.

Meholic mentioned that both design winners didn't fly outstandingly, but were entered in the flying competition.

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Flights varied in time and distance. A few models would fly a great distance but not stay in the air a long time.

In contrast, "some planes would fly real short but have a long time" period in the air, Meholic said.

Each entry was allowed six flights per aircraft. Twenty people showed up and time ran short, so those who paid for more flights were refunded, the club president said.

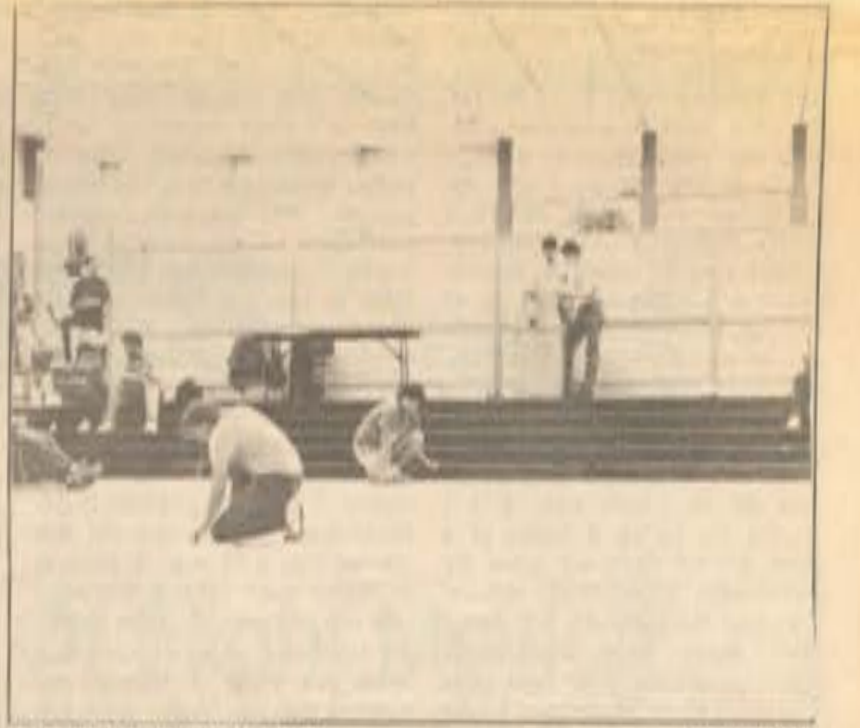
Meholic mentioned some future plans of the Screaming Eagles. The club may sponsor, along with Morrison's, the hanging of aircraft models made of various materials in the Landing Strip.

This may happen soon, Meholic said. The models could be donated by a hobby store, or Morrison's will purchase them, and the club's members would assemble them.

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Six second screamers...

The Screaming Eagles sponsored a paper airplane/balsa glider contest last Wednesday night. Winners received small prizes and the participants were looking forward to doing it again soon. The club hopes to by next Fall.

Housing facility AC-1 to close at end of spring term

by **Jon Osterholm**
Campus News Editor

Student housing complex AC-1 will be closed down at the end of this term. Reportedly, it is riddled with problems and requires numerous much-needed improvements.

With the cost of keeping AC-1 open, it would not be a "wise economical decision" to keep it open, according to Sonja Taylor, Director of Housing.

The decision to close the facility was Embry Riddle administration's. Ms. Taylor said that the University is (informally at this point) planning to build a facility closer to the

campus in the near future.

It would cost over \$200,000 to keep AC-1 open, Taylor said. The administration's choice was to either pump cash into the "smallest and most costly" housing facility Embry Riddle has or to put the money to better uses.

"Simply based on the fact that the building is in poor condition" it was closed, Taylor explained.

Housing is independent from Embry Riddle. For the department, it was not worth the effort and money to retain the building. If the University wanted to provide funds, housing would have retained the building. But it was not seen as worthwhile, Taylor said.

Among the problems cited by Taylor was the swimming pool, which would require \$50,000 in repairs. In addition, the roof is highly deteriorated and would cost over \$100,000 to replace. Furnishings and carpets needed to be replaced as well.

Though the building has been discontinued as a residence facility, the University is not going to sell it or the property it is on. Taylor suggested as an example of possible uses that the building may be used for storage.

As for the students now in AC-1, they will remain there until the end of the term. However, the loss of the building means the loss of 159 spots for student housing. This reduces the number of campus residences from 1,140 to 981.

For this reason, the ratio of new-to-return-

ing students for the Fall term will move from today's 75/25 ratio to 85/15. This change allows the number of new students in housing to remain roughly the same.

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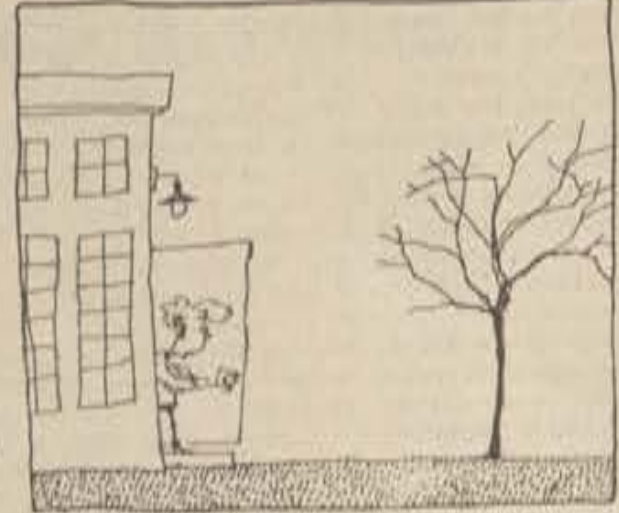
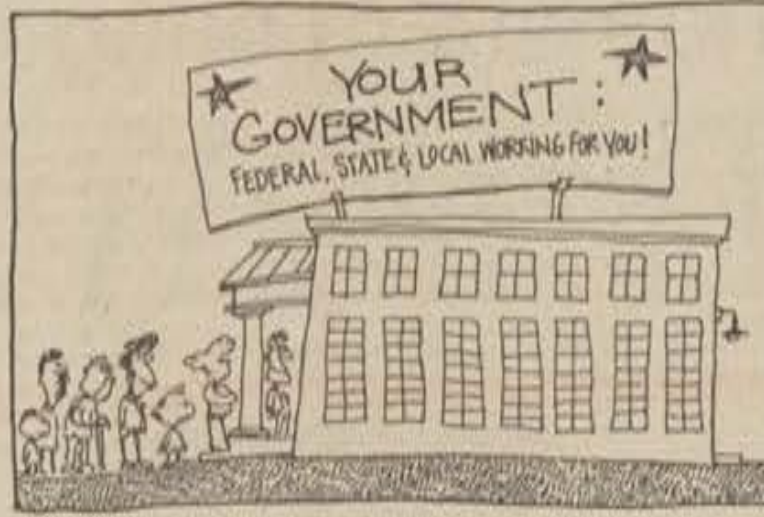
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Editorial

A Question for ERAU: Where, oh where does my money go?

Wow! 3100 big ones per semester next year (this, of course, is before I add in an extra fee here and a fee there and one or two more that I'll find out about at the last minute).

Where does all my money go anyway? Is it to keep our gymnasium in perfect condition? Or to maintain our fleet of brand new aircraft? Maybe it goes into building even more ten sided classrooms.

Last week, I received a copy of Embry-Riddle's Financial Information 1991-1992 pamphlet in my mailbox. In this lovely brochure, I became very aware that I may not be able to afford this Ivy League University next year.

Several days later, I received what I am sure was a personal letter from Jeffrey H. Ledewitz, Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer of Embry-Riddle. This letter ~~did~~ explain the almost nine % increase in the tuition for next year.

Although I'm sure the administration will plainly say that it was written in blue and white in last year's pamphlet that the Surgeon General has determined that tuition will increase within a range of nine to twelve percent, but this still does nothing to curb my curiosity (I hope I don't end up like the cat).

Where exactly does our hard-earned money go? Last year's inflation rate was 6.1 percent, well below our tuition increase, so obviously there is more here than just that. Maybe the excuse will be the lack of incoming freshman for the next year. The tuition increase will undoubtedly entice more students than ever to come here.

After speaking to some students, I was told that our current Student Government Association President, Maxine Kilgore, voted in favor of the tuition hike. Thank you, Miss Kilgore!

However, after speaking with Miss Kilgore, it seems that the students didn't have much of a voice in the issue. As a member of the Board of Trustees, she "wrestles annually with the issue of tuition" as Dr. Ledewitz' letter stated. A vote was not taken on whether or not to raise tuition, but whether the proposed increase was acceptable, which our SGA President did feel was acceptable.

When I asked what reasons she felt warranted a tuition hike, Miss Kilgore replied that in order to remain competitive in the aviation industry, we had to maintain or better our University. While this is a sound reason, will it happen in the real world? I mean, will the extra money we pay actually go to providing better services or will it get side-tracked into other things such as the beautiful landscaping that abounds on this campus.

Miss Kilgore also felt it was better to raise the tuition over a number of years than freeze it and raise it all at once by thousands of dollars in a few years.

I agree with this position, but I do not feel the



Roland Houle
Space Technology Writer

high amount of the increase is justified. I do not feel I was accurately represented by Miss Kilgore, do you? Either way, Miss Kilgore states that she is willing to speak to any interested student. I would also like to note that the SGA president from Prescott campus voted soundly against the issue. He stated that Embry-Riddle is pricing itself out of existence.

In other words, we are charging too much, so not as many students are coming here, so we have to charge more, so even less people come here. Eventually, one of two things will happen. Either Donald Trump will be the only student (although he doesn't even seem to be in a position to pay), or the private investors from Japan that bought Rockefeller Plaza will buy us out.

The letter from Dr. Ledewitz also stated that "the College Board report indicates that 77 percent of students attending private colleges are charged more than Embry-Riddle students." I have a few questions that I hope this report can answer (but I doubt it).

Does this imply that Embry-Riddle serves its students better than these colleges? Do Riddle graduates make more money than these other college graduates? Are these colleges we are being compared to Harvard, Princeton, or maybe just ones like the Massachusetts Institute of Technology?

The fact that they may pay more tuition is actually irrelevant. It's the quality of the education that counts and tuition is NOT an accurate measurement of this. One important thing I have learned in statistics class is that they can always be abused.

In fact, an article in the Saturday's *News Journal* stated that colleges are posting the lowest hikes in tuition for next fall (ironically, this information was taken from the College Board). Because of the economic times, some schools are even having tuition freezes! While I doubt Embry-Riddle can handle a tuition freeze, we shouldn't have an increase above the national average of 8 percent.

I told the Student Government President that I felt that there were several areas in which the University was extremely inefficient. I then asked her if there was a method a student could use to help decrease this problem, to which she sadly replied that she did not know of one.

She also stated that students, especially ones in the Student Government Association, serve on several committees throughout the University. This is great because then the students have a little more control over their schooling, but it may not be enough.

Again in Dr. Ledewitz's letter, he states that Embry-Riddle is trying to increase productivity, while trying to keep costs down. It seems that the University does realize that it has a problem with efficiency and is trying to take steps to halt it. This is a great start.

However, I believe the student is in the best position to point out the problem areas. Granted, our administration collectively has a great deal more life experience and schooling than the individuals of the student body, but we have to deal with the problems that they don't even see are there.

If the University is trying to increase efficiency and is serious about it (hopefully they are), the students need to be involved in this process. Otherwise, new policies or procedures may actually force even more of a burden on the students. The "Riddle-run-around," as it is referred to, is very much alive and well and doesn't need any help.

After you do pay your tuition bill in the Fall (if you can afford to), don't wipe your brow and think it's over, because it isn't. Our University has a schedule of proposed increases for the next several years. If you're interested, Dr. Ledewitz might be able to shed some light on the subject.

Maybe, just maybe, this tuition increase is justified. If so, I would like Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University to prove it to its students by offering better services, shorter lines, no "Riddle-run-around," and generally more efficient use of OUR money because it is obviously wasted in several areas (personally, I would rather get a better education than have new shrubs or palm trees planted on campus every other week).

Until the students see these improvements, I doubt the sensible ones will stop wondering where our tuition goes?

Letters to the Editor

To the editor:
This is a letter to the editor in response to the article "New Grading Scale Proposed By Faculty." It was printed in the February 20th issue of the Avion.

I am extremely concerned with the proposal of a new grading system. The manner in which this material was presented makes it seem the system would benefit students. As printed in the article, M. Lee Britton, Principal of Deland High School "... the potential this system has for giving the students every point that they earn." However, the fine print must be examined. Assume that you have an 89 average in one of your courses. Under the old system you would receive a 3.0(B). According to the proposed method your 89 would be equivalent to a 3.2. Not bad, you say to yourself. However, what if you do well on your remaining tests and final? Your final average is now a 92. Under our present system a 92 is an A or 4.0. (Not all depts.) Under this "wonderful" new system your 92 is... wait! only a 3.7! Thanks for taking 3 tenths of a point AWAY from me when my performance IMPROVED because I worked HARDER. It gets better from here. More realistically speaking, assume your final pulls you down to an 82 average. Under our present system you would not give it a second thought. You still have a 3.0 or B. But once again, the new system makes things worse for you. Your 82 is now a 2.80! Wonderful! Another .3 penalty. It appears that the system's greatest ability is to take points away from us that we earned before. Talk about adding insult to injury!

In summary, DON'T try to go for a XO-X4 avg.. (X being 6,7,8,9) because you will have a lower GPA than before. DO try for a X6-X9 avg. because you will have a higher GPA than before. To make it plain

and simple if your avg. is 89, DONT TRY HARDER! Raise your avg. by 6 pts. or more, or you lose. The key to the proposal is shifting the scale up 5 pts., and that requires little thought by any of us. There is still a number being turned into a letter, but now 5 pts. higher than before, (95=4.0, versus 90=4.0) making it more difficult to attain your old GPA.

Consider the supposed "statistical" value of this system. Significant digits are a rather gray area to begin with. The mere fact that a number is being turned into a letter is a huge uncertainty itself, which makes the whole issue of greater accuracy a joke. The reason you ask? Why stop with 2 significant digits? Let's go for 4, no better yet how about 8! Yeah, that would make us look real impressive, and damn accurate too. Wrong. It would make us look damn foolish. Recruiters on campus see those "few" people with a 4.35 GPA. "How do you get more than a 4.0?" the recruiter asks. The student replies, "Our grading system is different here." The recruiter will then convert your 4.35 to an A, because in his/her mind 4.0 is a maximum (ask one of them). Or try to picture the expression on a recruiter's face when you waste 20 minutes explaining that you "really" have a B cum, but your transcript shows a 2.5! They will either think you're nuts, lying, or both. I now understand why Britton was fascinated with this idea. An idea of this nature belongs in one place - a high school, not an institution on the collegiate level. This dilemma is like the value of Pi. It has an infinite number of digits, but only a few go into a calculator. It is a partially INACCURATE decision/result, yet we Live With It.

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Student Forum

The Avion asks: Do you think that we should have a longer Spring Break and get out later or keep it the way it is?



Renee LaRue
ABA

"I don't care."



Dean Poplo
AMT

"Yes, I'd like a longer Spring Break."



Brian Farrell
Air Sci.

"Keep it the way it is."



Christophe Canale
ABA

"Keep it like it is now."



Tristan Lemaire
Air Sci.

"They should give us at least a week to get to know the people who come down here. What's an extra week of summer when all the action is at Spring Break?"



Jessica Zielke
Air Sci.

"Keep it the way it is so we can have a longer summer."

Florida's wetlands are in danger of being destroyed

Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (AP) - Botanist Ted Hendrickson grabbed a fistful of thick, black muck and tossed it towards the construction cranes busily building foundations for hundreds of homes.

"I'm not saying this isn't a nice place to live. It just never should have been built," said Hendrickson, pointing to landscaped parkways reaching into the soggy Broward County field where he was standing.

Here on the western fringes of Weston, a huge subdivision pushing green lawns and two-car garages deeper into the Everglades than any other development in South Florida, the nation's "no net loss of wetlands" goal is filtering down to reality.

"They have to destroy these soils to build on them, and nothing man creates can bring them back. No mitigation can replace up to 4,000 years of soil formation," said Hendrickson, one of a growing chorus of scientists who say Florida's wetlands policies have failed.

State officials on Tuesday will ask lawmakers to put teeth in their permitting process, which has allowed developers in Florida to destroy sensitive ecological areas as long as they promise to "mitigate" the damage by building or preserving other wetlands.

The Department of Environmental Regulation is armed with a study that indicates fewer than one-fifth of the state's manmade wetlands function as well as the natural systems they replace.

A third of the time, developers don't even follow through on their promises, the study said. The agency has 82 people issuing permits and only nine enforcing them, the study found.

"There will be changes in the way we do business," said Ann Redmond, who coordinates mitigation permitting for DER.

The agency is asking lawmakers to triple their enforcement staff and make developers pay for monitoring.

Florida officials aren't alone in pushing for better wetlands regulation. EPA administrator William Reilly said he was shocked by the degradation he saw during a tour of the Everglades this week, and vowed to fight for stiffer legislation in Congress.

However, some scientists and bureaucrats say minor reforms aren't enough to fix a permitting system they say is based on faulty science and cor-

rupted by political influence. Under mitigation, the nation's remaining marshes, swamps and other wetland areas can be destroyed only if developers agree to recreate artificial wetlands on the property, or preserve an equal amount of wetlands elsewhere.

Such promises have swayed politicians considering new landfills outside Miami and Sarasota, a highway extension near Orlando and even a golf course in one of the few remain-

ing mangrove stands along Biscayne Bay. Done correctly, the projects can provide a home to native plants and animals, although the range and species that once lived in Florida's marshes and streams probably

won't return, environmentalists say. Neglected or improperly built, man-made wetlands become choked with weeds, stagnant and polluted.

Ideal places for people to dump trash, said Jean Evoy, a Dade County planner who says bureaucrats who deal with mitigation daily know it's a disaster waiting to happen.

"We should be moving from mitigation to restoration... We should

try to creatively restore what has already been developed."

A good example is the 60 acres of farmland in the middle of Everglades National Park that had become overrun with exotic pest plants such as brazilian pepper, said George Molnar, head of biological resources for Dade County's Department of Environmental Resources Management.

Developer Leonel Martinez was required to post a \$400,000 performance bond to make good on his promise to mitigate wetlands destroyed for a residential development near Sweetwater. Martinez later was convicted of marijuana trafficking and his fortune disappeared. But with the bond money, scientists were able to remove the pepper trees and return the park area to wetland grasses.

But by the time the Environmental Protection Agency, the Army Corps of Engineers and state and local officials approve the permits, wildlife experts say the ecological values of wetlands habitats are often degraded or disregarded.

That's what happened at Weston,

according to the National Wildlife Federation, which plans a lawsuit challenging the federal process that allowed Arvida/JMB Partners to drain and fill another 1,652 acres of what as late as the 1970s was prime

Everglades feeding ground for herons and egrets, fish and alligators.

In exchange, the Boca Raton-based developer has promised to build 348 acres of wetlands alongside manicured lakes and ponds, and turn 265 acres of soggy farmland and melaleuca trees into "deep water areas of habitat."

The EPA shouldn't have allowed the Corps to let Arvida avoid mitigation for 600 to 1,200 additional acres of protected wetlands, said David White, a Federation attorney in Atlanta.

"The Corps of Engineers, by cutting a deal with the developer, has essentially picked the pocket of the public," White said.

Chuck Schnepl, the Corps' supervisor in Miami, originally determined that virtually all of the Weston property qualified as wetlands, but his study was overruled by Corps' officials in

Jacksonville after lobbying by Ar-

vida. Arvida officials say it's a fair trade, even though they're required to replace only a third of the acreage they destroy.

Looking only at the current, degraded status of wetlands provides a tremendous loophole for developers, according to some scientists, who say even pasturized lands can revert to sawgrass marshes given time and good rainfall.

"God creates, man constructs, and man constructs poorly. There isn't any way that man can construct an organic muck layer" that will provide as valuable a habitat as the original Everglades wetlands, Schnepl said.

Joe Podgor, a volunteer for the Friends of the Everglades, says bureaucrats should ditch mitigation and return to the original intent of the 1972 federal water protection act, which said wetlands can be destroyed only if doing so is "vital to the public interest."

"They're substituting bureaucratic rule-making for political guts," Podgor said. "Sugar-coating the destruction and giveaway of these wetlands, that's what all this mitigation comes down to."

"Sugar-coating the destruction and giveaway of these wetlands..."
Joe Podgor

...Improperly built, man-made wetlands become choked with weeds...

Quick News....

Dean admits hiding campus paper from prospective students (CPS) - Hoping to keep some high school seniors visiting campus from getting a bad impression, Coe College dean of Admissions Michael White admitted that he confiscated as many copies of an early January edition of the Cosmos, the campus paper, as he could.

"I now know it was a bad move," White subsequently told Cosmos editors at a meeting. "At the time, I believed that the actions were warranted."

White had picked up and hidden copies of the Cosmos' January 11 edition, which included two letters that White thought had "unfair" views that might influence a group of prospective students touring the campus at the time.

Out of 265,000 only 215 football players make it to Pros (CPS) - About 265,000 senior boys play high school football each year, but only about 8,000 of them get college football scholarships each year, said Mike Koehler of the College Board, a nonprofit education group.

In introducing a new College Board video about college sports February 19, Koehler added only 215 of the players ultimately play any professional football.

In boys basketball, only one in every 60 high school seniors make college teams. Of the 2,500 college seniors who play intercollegiate basketball, only 64 make the pros.

Soldier talks of battle in the desert

Southeastern Iraq (AP) - The 1st Cavalry Division knifed into central Iraq after spending more than a week as a decoy, a red herring meant to fool Saddam into thinking it would lead the land assault from a different location.

It had been just south of Iraq's southeast corner, along a dry desert gulch called the Wadi al-Batin that runs along the Iraq-Kuwait border.

For days, troops poured artillery into the area and sent scout patrols to give the impression the allies were clearing an invasion path.

Senior military officials said Iraq began reinforcing its troops there, apparently moving units in from farther west - where in fact the real invasion was planned.

"I think it was a total success," said Capt. David Francavilla, 32, of Colorado Springs, Colo. "If the enemy thought anything was coming at all, they thought it was coming up the Wadi al-Batin."

By Wednesday, the day before Bush called the cease-fire, the 1st Cavalry was within about 45 miles of the Soviet-built T-72 tanks of the Hun-

marabi, an armored division of the Republican Guard.

Officers told soldiers the guard units were cornered, desperate, deadly, maybe willing to make a last stand and probably equipped with chemical weapons.

The two bridges leading northeast to Basra were gone, Kuwait was lost and an array of allied armor was coming to fight them.

Francavilla, commander of a company in the 1st Cavalry's 1st Battalion-5th Cavalry Regiment, took part in a reconnaissance mission and feints behind Iraqi lines that were meant to deceive the enemy.

One patrol, on Feb. 20, frightened and demoralized many 1st Cavalry troops. Two companies came under heavy artillery and mortar fire. Three men were killed and seven wounded behind Iraqi lines.

In the following days, soldiers talked about the encounter. It was the first time they had lost friends in combat.

When the land war began Sunday, the 1st Cavalry made one more

Press feint up the Wadi al-Batin, its deepest yet into what were thought to be heavy concentrations of Iraqi forces. Several companies of M1-A1 tanks and Bradley fighting vehicles plunged about 12 miles into Iraq, but encountered only sporadic machine-gun and distant artillery fire.

Some Iraqi soldiers ran up and ignited trenches filled with oil to create obstacles and smoke screens, but scores of others surrendered.

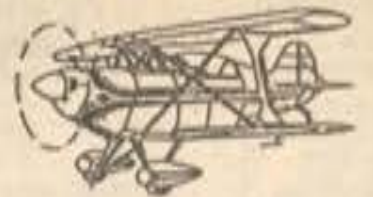
The 1st Cavalry then regrouped, moved west and punched into central Iraq.

As various elements came together for the drive north, at one point the entire 2nd Brigade was speeding across the flat desert, a vast arena filled with hundreds of tanks, trucks, mobile missile launchers and other rolling weaponry.

On Wednesday evening, as the convoy prepared to cross the Iraq-Kuwait border, word spread that Saddam had ordered a withdrawal from Kuwait.



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Scholarship search help increased

by Melissa Wolfe
Campus News Reporter

To some students, scholarships are an important part of their tuition assistance. Yet, many students also say that they don't have the time to hunt for them.

The Financial Aid office has a solution to this problem. A new position has been created which will help students find scholarships that they are eligible for. It is Connie Allman's new job.

Allman updates the catalog that the financial aid office publishes containing available scholarships. This year, each of the 17 students that applied for

these scholarships from the catalog were awarded them.

The application process for another type of scholarship, the internal scholarship, is a simple one. During the Spring semester, students having a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher may fill out applications for these.

As the scholarships become available, Connie sends out the applications and most results will be in by the end of June.

The deadline for students to turn in applications was February 28 for the current Spring semester, however. Sixty-three internal scholarships were

given out last semester, Allman said. Not all scholarships require a high GPA. Those students whose cumulative grade point average doesn't meet the 3.0 level could still be eligible for various scholarships.

Many students don't know that this service is here for them. If students take the time to fill out a simple application, a scholarship unknown to them could become available.

Some scholarships that are available now are the Florida Student of the Year and the SAMPE Scholarship.



Beach? What beach?...

The annual Miss Hawaiian Tropic International Pageant, happening on March 14 at 1:30 p.m. at the bandshell (near the Marriott Hotel), is one of the many wild and crazy events that will rev up Daytona during Spring Break '91. Thirty-one countries will be represented by fifty contestants in the beauty pageant. Among the celebrity judges will be the roguish English comedian Benny Hill.

Interviews not just chance meetings

Career Center

Interviews are hard to come by these days, so it is more important than ever that you make the most of any available opportunities. In the final analysis, the entire success of your job search hinges on how well you come across in the interview. Although this face-to-face meeting is the most important deciding factor in your personal sales campaign, it is also often the most neglected. Many candidates limit their interview preparation to just getting a haircut and a shoeshine.

Laying groundwork is the key to launching a successful job search. Don't trust your interview to chance. It just doesn't make sense to pour all that time, effort and money into resume preparation, newspapers and phone calls only to be caught off balance in the interview. Many can-

didates have heard suggestions such as "be yourself" and "go with the flow." This advice, though well-meaning, is counterproductive if it is taken to mean that solid preparation is unnecessary as long as you are self-

confident and relaxed. This is not the case. It is simply not enough to rely on your native spontaneity and ability to improvise to get you through. The few preceding ideas can be helpful.

Don't shrink from the word "research." Research should ideally begin days or weeks before an interview. It is not necessary that you memorize a lot of trivia about the company, but it is vital that you have a basic understanding of their goals, needs and priorities so that you can

position your approach accordingly. Find a statement of the corporate goal or mission and identify their current and planned products or services. If you are stumped as to where to begin, ask your local librarian and the Career

Center for assistance.

Just as important as researching a company is researching yourself. Be clear about who you are and what you want. Don't use the "I'll take anything" approach. If you expect to impress an employer, you must be able to communicate what you can do for them based on what you have done in the past and your demonstrated strengths in that area. The whole idea is to sell the employer on how your assets match their needs. Prepare a list of

benefits the employer will gain by hiring you.

You can begin this process by making a list in one column of previous responsibilities and accomplishments (on or off the job) which have given you the greatest satisfaction. In a second column, analyze the skills and personal attributes required in those activities. When claiming any strength, always back it up with proof. Tell a story that demonstrates your skills in action.

Finally, don't get caught off guard during an interview by blunt, pointed questions. Study a list of commonly asked interview questions, and practice answering them with a friend. There actually are books on handling tough questions.

If you prepare well, it is likely you will perform well, turning an interview into a job offer.

Laying groundwork is key to launching a successful job search. Don't trust interviews to chance...

Self-Study report Set syllabus format proposed by Steering Committee

by Phyllis A. Salmans
Self-Study Director

Typically on the first day of class, students receive a copy of an instructor's course syllabus. Though it is required that a syllabus be given to each student, currently there is no specific format or content required University-wide.

A proposal has been made by the Institutional Effectiveness Steering Committee which, if adopted, will require each faculty member to provide students with a course syllabus outlining specific detailed information. Such a course syllabus will allow students a better foundation for evaluating the goals of the academic department and instructor for providing a quality course.

Should the academic procedure for course syllabi be approved, students will be given a handout for each class which will include the course description (exactly as listed

in the current catalog), the course goals (broad general statements to quickly inform students about the nature of the course and its requirements), and the course performance objectives (statements that describe what students should be able to do when they complete the course, indicating observable behavior on the part of the student).

Faculty throughout the University have updated course descriptions, goals and performance objectives in the past six months. The performance objectives will, in fact, form the foundation of the Institutional Effectiveness Assessment Plan to be written by all academic departments within the next year. The course description, goals and performance objectives will

be identical for a course regardless of who teaches the course or where it is taught.

Additional required entries on the proposed course syllabus will be up to each individual instructor according to departmental and/or personal course designs. Such information will include the topics to be covered, the course text, supplemental materials, grading policies and class policies

(regarding attendance, academic dishonesty, makeup of classes/examinations, class participation, penalties for late assignments, etc.). Though optional, some instructors may choose to list weekly or daily class assignments for the semester on their course syllabus.

This recommended content for course syllabi has been

presented to the Faculty Senates at Daytona Beach and Prescott. Specific information regarding this proposal has been included in the Senate minutes which are distributed to each faculty member. Faculty have been asked to return comments and suggestions to the Institutional Effectiveness Steering Committee as soon as possible. If modifications are required, the updated proposal will become a policy for implementation in Fall 1991. Though alterations to these recommendations may be adopted, it is certain that students soon can expect to see more detailed course syllabi.

In addition to giving all students and faculty the same list of goals and objectives for a given course providing a better basis for evaluation, such documentation will bode well for the upcoming reaccreditation visit in April 1992, showing SACS that Embry-Riddle is intent upon program quality and improvement.

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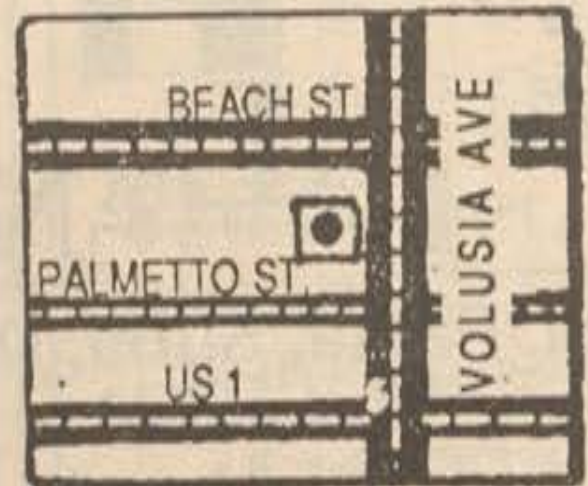
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ODK

by Greg Naccarato
Public Relations Director

Greetings to all Icarus Circle members and students at large. This semester has been full of many activities so far, and many more are planned for the future.

The upcoming endeavors include a New Officers Election which will take place on Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at Mr. Gatti's. Soft drinks will be picked up by the Circle and dinner may be purchased on an individual basis.

New inductee reviews will occur at this time also, so plan to attend and help determine your Circle's leadership for the 1991-1992 school year, as well as, the new members who have applied for membership.

The Spring 1991 Inductions Banquet will take place on Friday night March 15. This is the time to congratulate all the new members and the installation of the new officers will commence at this ceremony too. Plan to attend this doubly outrageous and exciting event of the semester.

Lori Metych has planned for the Circle to visit Halifax Hospital's

Pediatric Ward on Saturday, March 30 to help bring some Easter cheer to the children staying during that time. Plan to attend and warm the hearts of many little kids.

The weekend of Feb. 22 through 24 found the Embry-Riddle Circle hosting the Province IV convention. Many thanks to Darrell Hawkes, Curtis Harris, Tony DeLauro, Charles Foster, Amit Gupta, Lisa Combs, and everyone else who helped plan and participated in the affairs. About 8 other schools from around Florida were present including the University of Miami, where Amit fell in love with one of the members; Florida Southern; University of Florida at Gainesville, Charles thought the dancing was great; Stetson University; and Rollins College; plus many others.

The whole weekend was spent networking with the other schools and discussing common concerns we all have in running the ODK Circles. One important item discussed was the National Convention for 1992 which will be in Atlanta, Georgia next March.

Sigma Pi

By Lee Yates
Chapter writer

Boom! Look out Saddam! The commandos of Sigma Pi are coming for you. Needless to say, the commando party was a complete success. In the spirit of patriotism, the brothers wore camouflage to show our support of the troops in the Persian Gulf.

Good job social, the decorations set the mood of the party. Our only casualty was Elvis, who took one too many shots. But, we did take nine prisoners of war, who are currently still being held, unconditionally. Later in the evening, reinforcements showed up from the chapters in Canada and Michigan.

One last note: Article 4, section 2 of the Geneva Convention clearly states that POW cages must stay intact at all times. The President called and told us to keep Opus and Bruiser under control next time. Hopefully there won't be any need for a '92 convention.

Everybody dance now! To start the weekend on a high note, we had a dance party. There were special guest appearances made by M.C. Hammer, Vanilla Ice, and Paula Abdul. Aren't you sorry you



Rest and relaxation...
Sigma Pi members have been active in their support of Desert Storm.

missed it? Seriously though, we'd like to thank the Riddle Broadcasting Club for providing the sounds that rocked the house. If there is another, we hope that Nixon will do his job, or he might be faced with impeachment a second time!

This week's Brother of the Week was again, no other than, that wacky VP, Maanasaark Hunt! What a brother! He had the answer to every ques-

tion that Bruiser could come up with. Wow! Amazing, isn't it?

I know it's hard to believe, but I can't seem to remember who DB was, so I'll go with Lonebrow. Since he usually gets it anyway.

This week's question of the week: Does Flatch remember anything about Sunday night?

Naval Aviation Club

by Brian M. Ferguson
Club Writer

The Naval Aviation Club Spring Chapter 1991 has started the semester in full afterburner again, with two military static displays to date, and brand new club shirts for 1991.

Our intramural softball team (the "Tailhookers") is also off to a humble but promising start, but with some effort from the club members, we can have a great season! Please... if you were originally signed up on the team roster, try to make it to the games and practices! Game and practice times are posted on the club board in the U.C. weekly.

Our second static display of the semester came on 26 February when Lt. George Zininger and his ASW crew brought their P-3C Orion down from VP-49 at NAS JAX. The aircraft was on static display for several hours, and Lt. Zininger came and spoke to the club that evening about the P-3's mission. Lt. Zininger is a graduate of the ERAU flight program, and was a member of the ERAU Naval Aviation Club for four years.

He graduated from ERAU in 1986,

attended AOCS in early 1987, and was awarded his "wings of gold" in mid 1988. Stressed by Lt. Zininger was the value of patience and persistence for aspiring Naval Aviators, as well as GPA and extra-curricular involvement.

The Naval Aviation Club is planning a number of other static displays throughout the semester, hopefully including an SH-60B, a Key West Adversary Squadron P-16N, and possibly more.

All events should be previously announced in this section of the *Avion*, on the club board in the U.C., at club meetings, and with fliers throughout campus.

The mission of the ERAU Naval Aviation Club is to promote US Naval Aviation and provide information about careers as a US Navy Officer through instructional meetings, guest speakers, and field trips.

Dues for the semester are \$7.00, and anyone interested should see the club board for information, or attend the next meeting. Thank you for your support, and let's pray for our troops in the Gulf. FLY NAVY!

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Aerospace Society

by Roland Houle
ERAS President

Last week, Dr. Ken Jang gave a fantastic presentation on future propulsion systems. The Program Manager for Pratt & Whitney's Government Engines Business spoke to about 50 students last Wednesday for over an hour.

Sunday, our softball team met with unfortunate circumstances, and we were forced to forfeit our game (and the remaining season) because we only had five members show.

Technically, I guess we didn't lose because the other team forfeited also! The few surviving players on the team should be welcomed home as heroes.

Tonight we will be going over several upcoming activities and also

some information that we need to get out to you. For example, we have a car wash this weekend (don't worry, we will be feeding you again). Come to the meeting or check the bulletin board for details.

I have received news that the Rocke-dyne Program Manager for the Space Station *Freedom* will be speaking here next month, so we still have more activities for you in the future.

Well, the semester is half over and we have already accomplished a great deal. I would like to thank everyone that has helped out with committees, fund raisers, and our special activities. The more active you are, the more you will get out of the club.

Remember, our meeting is tonight at 7 p.m. in our regular room, W-306.

Delta Chi

by Mike Senn
Chapter Writer

Our Canadian brothers from the Windsor Delta Chi have left us with some rather fine memories. More so, however, did the Canadian women that visited our Chapter, right D.P.! Hey, what's on the Delta Chi radio station? Unfortunately, nothing worth taping!

Friday's Manatee burger barbecue went very well, with our Canadian brothers supplying a nice quantity of baby harp seals for the grill. During the following Hawaiian party, our foreign public relations chairman, Lee, secured a relationship that brings a whole new meaning to cross breeding.

A special thanks goes out to brother Roger James, for his artistic abilities with the coconuts, impressing the girls from Flagler beach. Social

Chairman Don Wrist is arranging for another fine party with them.

On a more serious note, we would like to extend our congratulations and best hopes to our brothers in the Desert.

Our support is with them. Brother Zoch, a founding brother of our Embry-Riddle chapter has been there since Desert Shield began. Currently, Jessica Zoch, his daughter, is attending classes here and keeps us current on his well being.

Greg Nelli is now recovering in the hospital, and we all wish him the best, and promise not to eat all of his food out of his refrigerator while he is out. By the way Greg, we'll try and fix that leak in your boat ASAP!

We would like to thank Chris Moersch and Buck from Buck's Gun Rack for their continued support for brother Greg.

SCAT

by Americo G. Mafra
Club Secretary

The Society for Commercial Aviation Technicians recently visited Delta airlines maintenance facility in Orlando. We had the opportunity to see how Delta's mechanics performed their layover checks on an E-1011 and a brand new Boeing 767.

A trip is planned for Delta's main facility in Atlanta, Georgia on the 27th and 28th of this month.

Our membership is growing and new members are welcome. Our next meeting is set March 11th. Joe Budick of Tri-State International Maintenance Company (TIMCO) in Greensboro N.C. will be our speaker.

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Baseball team now 7-13

by Keith Towers
Sports Editor
This past week was only partially successful for the Embry-Riddle Eagles baseball team as they went 1-3 on the week. Their record dropped to 7-13 overall. They are now 2-9 in the conference.

Bethune-Cookman
This would be the Eagles second match-up for the two teams this season. John Morningstar brought home the win as he pitched seven innings and allowed only two runs which both came in the first inning. Mark Young finished up the fine pitching effort by going two innings and not allowing a run.

The Eagles had two big hitters for the night. Chris Herring hit big along with freshman Gray who hit a triple off the wall. The Eagles had no trouble bringing home the win 9-2.

Palm Beach Atlantic
This would prove to be a disappointing loss for the Eagles as the ten-run rule took effect. The game ended in the seventh inning with Palm Beach taking home the win 17-7.

The pitching effort included John Laricos and Jim

Weisheit who each pitched three innings. Finishing up the game was Mark Young.

Nova
This second game of the weekend road trip was another loss for the Eagles. The eight run first inning by Nova did not help the morale of our young team. Nova went on to win easily 18-1.

"They were hitting every pitch we threw out there," stated Coach John Filor in explaining the loss.

On a brighter note, Claude Archambault, Eagles centerfielder, had two hits in the game and is leading the

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Eagles batters with a .373 average after 20 games.

Wabash
The game against Wabash was rained out on Sunday night, but the game on Monday was played.

The Eagles failed to convert on two separate bases loaded situations. Wabash pulled out the win 8-6. Archambault was the big hitter for the Eagles going 3 for 5 and scoring two runs. Two injured infielders caused problems as players had to be shuffled to accommodate the shortage. These problems continue to plague the team as they try to improve upon the program.



Nice curves... An Embry-Riddle Baseball team pitcher throws his best at the plate.

Tennis team gets mixed results

by Eric Atkins
Sports Writer
The Eagles Tennis Team competed on Friday of last week, but the match on Saturday against Savannah College of Art and Design was postponed due to rain.

The match against Webber which had been previously delayed which was cut short when the weather changed, was finally completed on Friday. Unfortunately, Sonny Davis was unable to hold his lead against his opponent, and the Eagles lost 5-4.

However, the rest of the team took revenge on Webber during the match which immediately followed. In singles Jeff Wood, Chad Winings, Miles Morgan, and Jason Oberhausen all defeated their opponents in only two sets. Diego Carbonetti and Pres-

ton Davis were the only two Eagle losses in singles competition.

In doubles competition, the Eagles took all three matches. Jeff Wood and Miles Morgan combined for the victory 6:2 and 6:2. The remaining two doubles matches were shortened in the interest of time to one eight game set. Diego Carbonetti and Chet Winings combined for the 8:1 win, and the team of Oberhausen and Bergenholtz won a close match 8:7.

The Eagles next home game is today at 2 p.m. against the University of South Dakota and Monday at 3 p.m. against Tennessee State University. Both matches will be held at the Pelican Bay Country Club. Spectators are welcome, so come out and watch some good tennis and root on your Eagles.

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Smash... An Embry-Riddle Tennis Team member serves up a shot.

Ski team competes

by Eric Atkins
Sports Writer

The Embry-Riddle Waterski Team competed this past weekend for the first time this semester. The tournament, hosted by Rollins College in Orlando, was attended by the University of Central Florida, Eckerd, Southern Florida, and Florida State.

The Embry-Riddle team suffered a bit of bad luck throughout the weekend. On Saturday, Erik Fredrickson over-shot the gates on the slalom course, thereby disqualifying himself. Then Mike Blastic and Bill Scott both

and Bill Scott scored 4 1/2. In tricks, Bryan DuBois did quite well, scoring 430 points, and Erik Fredrickson scored 60.

Special mention goes to Mandy Kushko who was the one and only competing female. Mandy outperformed some of the veteran competitors who have worked so diligently to train her, and scored 160 points

in women's tricks, an outstanding score for her debut.

In men's jump Bryan DuBois landed 67 feet, Mike Blastic 60, and Bill Scott 49. It seems the practice on our new

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decided to try more advanced tricks than they were prepared for, and fell at the beginning of their respective trick runs, scoring no points.

In men's slalom, Steve Downard scored 33 points, placing him 11th overall, Bryan DuBois placed 16th with 26 1/2 points, Mike Blastic scored 23 points placing himself 18th,

jump is paying off. The overall outcome of the tournament was less than desirable with Embry-Riddle placing last in all events. But it was not a total loss, to quote the words of a female competitor from Eckerd, "You've got to have some bad tournaments to appreciate the good ones."

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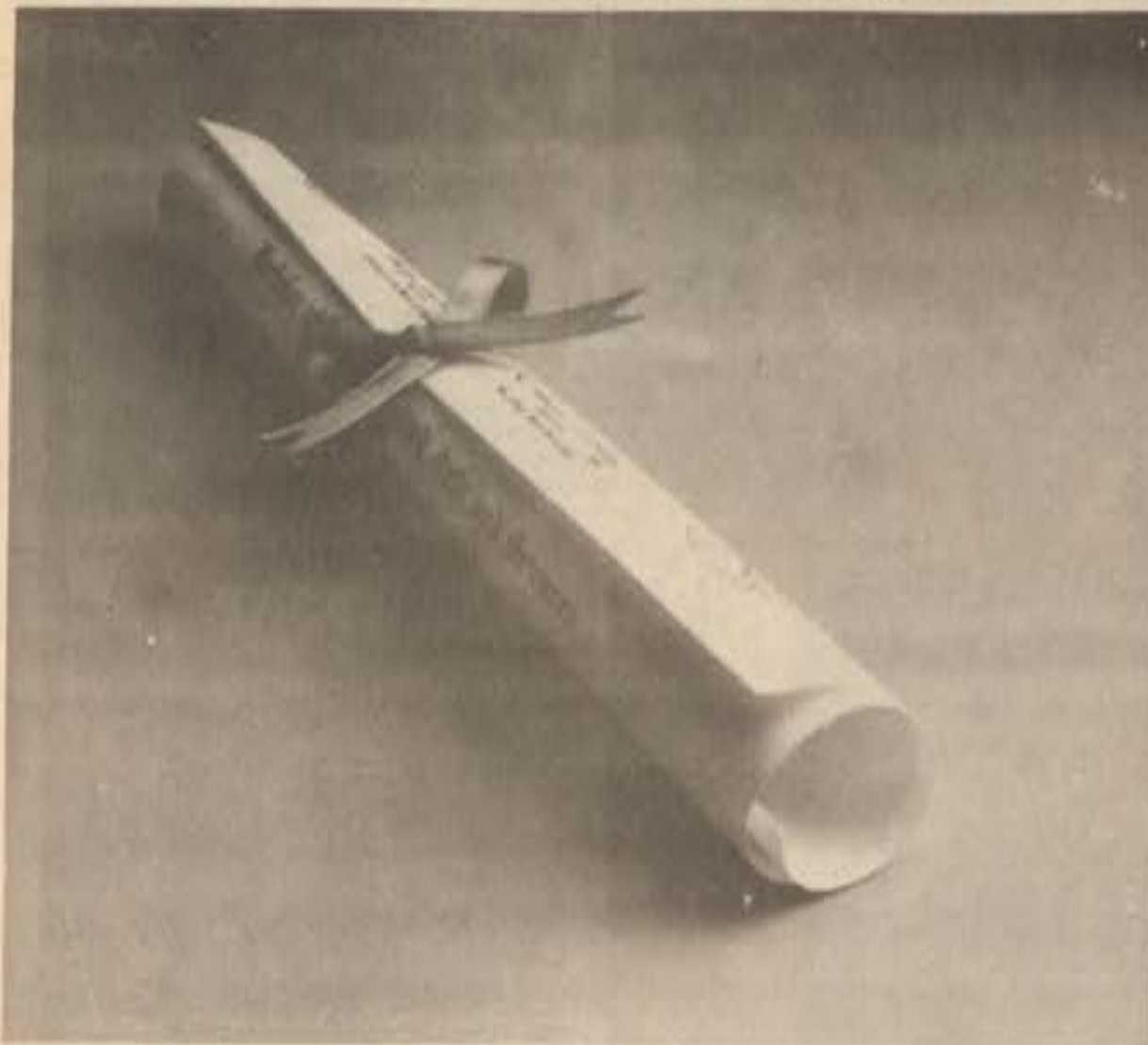
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The Fixx is lost in the 90's

by Ron Roberts
Staff Photographer

The five member band began its career in the early eighties. In 1983, The Fixx made a name for themselves with the release of *Reach The Beach*, which contained the international hit, "One Thing Leads To Another."

The Fixx continued throughout the eighties with a string of albums and occasional hits. This included a song used on the *Streets Of Fire* soundtrack, "Deeper and Deeper." Also, a semi-live album, *React*, chronicled The Fixx's achievements up to 1987. Their last album, *Calm Animals*, produced their number one AOR hit, "Driven Out."

Ink is filled with synthesizers and early eighties techno-rock sounds. *Ink* is also filled with meaning. Many of the songs are not meaningless love



Fixx it...

The latest album from The Fixx is stuck in the 80's.

songs that typified the eighties rock scene. Rather, the songs are dealing more with the human condition and personal issues. Although the album is not without its share of meaningless love songs. Songs like, "Crucified," and, "Still Around," abound with meaninglessness.

Most of the lyrics are well written, though. This is facilitated through the use of outside assistance. There are several contributing writers to *Ink*, and the lyrics of the songs they contributed are noticeably different. "One Jungle," and, "Falling In Love," are not typical Fixx songs. They carry more meaning but with the same Fixx music.

The Fixx is composed of singer Cy Curin, Jamie West-Oram on guitar,

Adam Woods on drums, Rupert Greenwall on keyboards and Dan Brown on bass guitar. All are very good musicians technically, but they lack the originality and style to make them great musicians. The album was produced in part by Rupert Hine who some may know from his work with Rush or his solo albums. Hine is an accomplished musician and producer with many years of experience in the studio.

Overall, *Ink* is not the best album by The Fixx, nor is it's music in style anymore. But, for those who are still stuck on the early eighties music, *Ink* is a good album. Thus, *Ink* falls short of the norm for today's musical standards.

Bands shred Orlando for fans

by Joseph Perrino
Diversions Writer

On Friday, February 22, Orlando gave witness to one of the most devastating heavy metal events in concert history. Two of speed metal's greatest bands, Slayer and Testament, were playing at the Orlando Sports Club.

Testament opened, musically assailing the black-clad audience, and thus causing mass hysteria in the pit. Lead guitarist Alex Skolnic was cranking out bends high enough to make his amps scream for mercy. Mercy that Testament could not apparently find in their hearts to give.

That night they played mostly off their *Souls of Black* and *Practice What You Preach* albums. The title track of *Souls of Black* was dedicated to Saddam Hussein and all dictators like him. Testament, of course played two of their hits from *The New Order*, "Into the Pit" and "Trial by Fire." If they did not, it is doubtful that the crowd would have allowed them to leave alive.

Just before Slayer came on, this reporter managed to make his way to the three-layer thick wall of haggard bodies that stood in front of the stage. Then Slayer opened with "Raining Blood." The crowd responded with such a wild craze that this 6 ft. 3 in., 230 lb. reporter was virtually thrown to the middle of the pit.

The Sports Club echoed the lyrics of each song as the audience began to sing along with vocalist/bassist Tom Araya. People were moshing like frantic lunatics, throw-

ing and swinging each other into groups of bystanders (more so than usual for these concerts). There were two pits that were side by side and then linked to form a figure eight pattern.

Slayer played a fair amount of songs from each of their albums. Even "Die by the Sword" and "Chemical Warfare" were played to underscore the Gulf War. They also dedicated "Mandatory Suicide" to the soldiers fighting in the Persian Gulf.

The concert continued for almost two hours at full speed until they finally quit. However, the audience had not had enough. They demanded that Slayer come back out and play "Angle of Death." Slayer returned but gave them "Spill the Blood" instead. So the audience did not relent. They called Slayer back out a second time and they finally got what they wanted.

This story ranks four stars. Security was able to maintain control while always being polite and never brutal with concert goers. The bands played flawlessly and with out any technical problems with stage props. However, the sound man did play the show a little too loud and created a great deal of feedback and amps crackling. In addition, both bands were hustled away immediately after the show. Therefore, no one got the chance to meet them afterwards. Yet, all things considered, the Slayer and Testament concert was awesome.

Gloria Estefan is back in the light

by Jason Simon
Diversions Editor

Just when you think she left you in the dark; the heavenly Hispanic Gloria Estefan is back with her latest album titled *Into The Light*. This totally digital album contains 13 songs, including her latest hit "Coming Out of the Dark."

The lyrics of the first song "Coming Out of the Dark" are rather simple. Gloria sings about how the love of her man has been her foundation. It is the actual music that makes this song; it is very light with some emphasis in the chorus.

When I put "Seal Our Fate," into the compact disk player, Ethan Serlin, one of the *Avion's* copy editors said "What is this crap?" I had a tendency to agree with him. The song was upbeat, in fact a little too up-beat for my liking. The song deals with how a person's actions seals their fate for future actions. A very appropriate title for this song.

After "Seal Our Fate," Gloria sings "What Goes Around" which is a song about how lying gets you in trouble in the end. After listening to this song I thought Gloria had listened to one to many Mormon commercials where it

is "hard to live with a lie," while the song is redeeming, the lyrics are very old hat.

Next in the series is "Nayib's Song (I am here for you)." This song is a very soothing tale of how a mother and her son need each other to make it through the rough times. It has a nice beat and is more enjoyable than the previous two songs.

The remaining songs are "Remember Me With Love," "Heart with Your Name On It," "Sex In the 90's," "Close my Eyes," "Light Of Love," "Can't Forget You," "Live For Loving You" and "Mama Yo Can't go." The final song on this album is "Desde La Oscuridad," "Coming Out



Sex with the lights on...

Gloria Estefan's latest album, titled *Into The Light* contains some good songs and some mediocre tracks. One of the better selections on this album is titled "Sex in the 90's."

The remaining songs are "Remember Me With Love," "Heart with Your Name On It," "Sex In the 90's," "Close my Eyes," "Light Of Love," "Can't Forget You," "Live For Loving You" and "Mama Yo Can't go." The final song on this album is "Desde La Oscuridad," "Coming Out

of the Dark" in Spanish. This is by far the best track on the album. The words fit much better in Spanish. Overall, *Into The Light* left me with mixed feelings. Some songs were good while others were mediocre. However, this album is still worth a look.

Cusco's latest album is sultry

by Bill Watson
Diversions Writer

Need a good mind altering CD? Studying for exams and need something to make the work flow? Fear no more new-age fans! From the depths of reunification ravaged Germany go schteppes in das haunting new album by the group Cusco called *Water Stories*. It is a Collection of melodies that are dedicated to various bodies of water around the globe.

Cusco has been described as a progressive group by some, however Kitaro and Vangelis fans alike will instantly adopt the *Water Stories* as music made especially for them. The music is a mix of Peruvian, African, Native American and European influenced melodies which allows the listener to "shut himself down" for a period of time and be swept away by rich sound.

A tapestry of ocean, lakeshore, river and island images dance inside the mind of the listener and he is soon caught up in a watery dreamland far away from the dull and mung-

dane reality of day to day. Although the transition from song to song is somewhat awkward in places, the group's leaders composer/performer Michael Holm and keyboard player Kristian Schultze can still be credited with a gem of artistic composition.

Also to be given credit are Billy Lang on guitar, Tod Casedy on drums, and Gunther Gebauer on bass. Michael Holm is a longtime veteran of the music world of Germany where he had a line of Top 10 vocal records in the 1960's and 1970's. His concern for the planet and fragility of nature are quite evident in this latest work.

Kristian Schultze, who has been described as one of Europe's busiest studio musicians has also worked with Europe's leading Jazz Fusion group Klaus Doldingers Passport.

To sum it all up, I highly recommend the album. Pop it in and make yourself some coffee. Then sit back and let dream begin!

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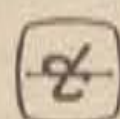
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