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Rush week ends with success

Nine fraternities and sororities recruit new student members

By Boyd Kelly
 Divisions Editor

Rush week came to a close this weekend leaving the Greeks in high spirits.

Rush is an event that occurs at the beginning of the Spring and Fall semesters where the Greek organizations recruit members. The two week-long event involves each organization having a table in the Student Center, putting on events and a new item this year, the IGC party.

The Inter-Greek Council is the governing body over all the fraternities and sororities on campus. It is made up of an executive board and representatives from each organization. Paul Bell from student activities and Becky Robertson, Assistant Dean of Students also oversee the council. During Rush, the council sets down guidelines and monitors parties to make sure that the rules are being followed.

This year, in an effort to curb the decrease in rushers, the IGC organized an all Greek event in the Student Center.

The party started at 8 p.m. and gave people a chance to go around to each table and meet all the Greeks in a single location. There were also door prizes such as radios and food.

The fraternities, Alpha Eta Rho, Lambda Chi Alpha, Delta Chi, Sigma Pi, Sigma Chi, Sigma Phi Delta and both sororities, Theta Phi Alpha and Alpha Xi Delta were present.

The highlight of the evening began at 9 p.m. when each group put on a skit or other presentation for the crowd. This proved to be an excellent time and was enjoyed by all.

Rush was chock-full of activities and there was something to do every night. Saturday the 12th was one of the most important nights. Delta Chi, Sigma Chi, Alpha Eta Rho, Sigma Phi Delta and Sigma Pi all had open parties at their houses within walking distance of each

other. This provided an excellent chance for rushers to go around and see each organization in action.

Both Delta Chi and Sigma Chi had live bands, The Viscous Fishes and State Fishes, respectively. Alpha Eta Rho held their party at the Elk's lodge and had a DJ all night long. Sigma Pi and Sigma Phi Delta had parties at their houses.

BBQ's were another popular event this year. Delta Chi, Lambda Chi Alpha, Sigma Pi, Theta Phi Alpha and Alpha Eta Rho all held BBQ's either at school or at their houses.

The second most popular food was spaghetti, both Delta Chi and Sigma Chi had spaghetti dinners. It was well noted that each fraternity made their sauces from scratch.

Different party themes involved Sigma Phi Delta going to Castle Adventure; Lambda Chi Alpha holding a toga party and their dinner at Hooter's last Wednesday.

Lambda Chi Alpha, Delta Chi and Sigma Pi all held movies nights. These have traditionally been large

crowd pleasers.

The event that gets a "rowdy" crowd is Monday Night Football. Sigma Phi Delta, Delta Chi and Sigma Pi all offered their own version of Monday Night Football involving standard snacks like chicken wings and popcorn.

The newest sorority on campus, Alpha Xi Delta, was rushing under specified rules set forward by Becky Robertson. As a result they did not sponsor any activities. The Alpha Xi Delta's were accepted into the Inter-Greek Council last Tuesday and held a reception this past Monday.

The end of Rush brought about the infamous formal dinners and parties.

Theta Phi Alpha held their White Rose brunch at the President's Residence in Ormond beach.

Sigma Phi Delta and Delta Chi held their formal dinners on Saturday. Sigma Pi held their dinner the night before.

The fortnight was a great success and the future of Greeks looks good.



Alpha Eta Rho shows their enthusiasm at the Inter-Greek Council party held on the first Friday of Rush. Over 100 rushers attended the event and collected stamps from the different fraternities and sororities on campus in order to win prizes.

Put out the drag chute



Air carrier traffic was diverted from runway 7L-25R to runway 16-34 last Monday in order to install centerline lighting and make general repairs to runway 7L-25R. The runway that is now being used is approximately 1400 feet shorter than the normal runway. The shorter runway is causing headaches with the flight crews. The repairs are scheduled to be completed within 90 days.

Embry-Riddle students to attend education convention

By Roland Houle
 Editor in Chief

Eight Embry-Riddle students will be attending the Vision '92: Empowering Florida's Future this weekend in order to help let Florida's leadership know of the importance of education.

The Florida Student Association is sponsoring this first state-wide non-partisan student convention, and it is being held on the campus of the University of Central Florida on September 24 and 25.

Because of the poor financial situation of the state, in the past 18 months, over 165 million dollars has

been cut from the state universities, while tuition was increased over 40 percent. As a result of these dramatic statistics the students of this state are becoming actively involved in election politics this year.

Although the convention is geared more towards public universities, private schools, such as Embry-Riddle, are indirectly affected by the state's changing educational funding.

Some of the many guest speakers for the activity include Governor Lawton Chiles; Lamar Alexander, United States Secretary of Education; Betty Castor, Florida Commissioner of Education; and

Sandy D'Alemberte, former president of the American Bar Association.

Also, the student body presidents of most of the states larger public universities will be speaking as well as several state representatives.

The four main objectives of the convention are to solidify a non-partisan student platform, to publicize important student issues, to educate voters and to get voters out to vote on election day.

The Embry-Riddle representatives are comprised mainly of Student Government Association officials, although one student is from the student body-at-large.

Construction of Aviation Research Park begins behind ASSL complex

By David Gass
 Campus News Reporter

Construction of Embry-Riddle's new Aviation Research Park commenced on September 17th.

The Aviation Research Park has been in planning for quite some time now. This land site was originally owned by UCF and was contributed on a lease basis.

The site of this development is actually part of the 20 acre lot where the ASSL building is, east of Clyde Morris.

The \$350,000 contract was given to the lowest bidder, D&W Paving of Holly Hill. The park's construction is scheduled to be completed in six months or less.

The purpose of this site is to install the infrastructure which consists of roadways, utilities as well as other essential materials before

Embry-Riddle can develop buildings.

The overall plan for the development of the property is to eventually construct as many as six new buildings for use by Embry-Riddle.

The purpose of the Aviation Research Park is essentially to prepare the lot for the construction of new buildings. Currently there is no set date to begin construction of the new buildings on the site.

The research park will also include an additional 300 parking spaces for the students.

There are also plans to possibly build a Center for Applied Factors in Aviation (CAHFA) building for joint use of the University of Central Florida and Embry-Riddle.

Dr. Jim Harrison, Director of Facilities Planning, hopes to get funding for the center from the federal government or from the Federal Aviation Administration.

The Aviation Research Park will

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Dr. Harrison

enhance the efforts of aviation research being conducted by Embry-Riddle.

The Research Park will also benefit students as well as graduate students by letting them get involved in the research.

Dr. Harrison said, "The exciting part of the park is that it paves the way in preparing for new and exciting things to happen as the aviation facilities get built, such as the CAHFA."



Heavy equipment from D&W Paving is excavating behind the ASSL in order to put in a new parking lot. The parking lot is designed to facilitate up to six new buildings.

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Endeavour comes home to the Kennedy Space Center.

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News in brief...

AAAE speaker tomorrow

Embry-Riddle's chapter of AAAE will be hosting a guest speaker tomorrow night. The speaker will be Luther Davidson, Jr., Director of Airport Planning and Development at Daytona Beach Regional Airport. He will be speaking in A-109 at 7:30 p.m.

Altitude Adjustment this Friday

Acme Vocals will be performing this Friday at 5:30 p.m. in the Student Center. This activity is sponsored by the SGA's Entertainment Committee.

Lunch-Learn-Lead seminar

The Student Activities Office is offering a three workshop series called Lunch-Learn-Lead. The first seminar is scheduled for tomorrow at 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the Student Center Conference Room. This seminar is entitled "Getting started on the right foot for Fall 1992."

Entertainment Movie of the Week

The Student Government Association's Entertainment Committee will be showing *Lethal Weapon 3* in the Student Center tomorrow at 8:30 p.m.



Offshore power boat races come to New Smyrna Beach.

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I SUPPOSE YOU'VE HEARD ABOUT THAT PERSONAL ATTACK ON MY OPPONENT...

...YOU KNOW, THE ONE ABOUT SLICK WILLIE AND HIS BIMBOS, AND HOW THE SNIVELING HYECRITE CAN'T CONTROL HIS WEIGHT BECAUSE HE'S CONSTANTLY STUFFING HIS FACE WITH BURGERS AND DONUTS !!!!!

WELL, I WON'T CONDONE SUCH THINGS...



Editorials

The debate over the shuttle continues



Roland Houle
Editor in Chief

cure for AIDS or cancer, will that make it all worth while? By monitoring Earth's environment, will the astronauts help save the planet? These questions could all have a positive answer with the shuttle program.

Another argument against the shuttle program is the risk of life. Yes, there is a definite risk to astronauts in the shuttle. The fact that thousands of Americans apply each year for the NASA astronaut program and only about 35 are chosen every two years shows that many people are willing to take this risk. Astronauts that didn't know all the risks before the Challenger accident sure knew them after and many of them still stayed in the program. Throughout history, cultures that have been afraid to take risks have always been surpassed by ones that have.

I agree that expendable rockets should be used to launch as many satellites as possible, but there are some things that they cannot do - research, retrieve and repair satellites and launch certain satellites are a few examples.

Besides these benefits that have been achieved by the shuttle astro-

nauts, there are many economic reasons to keep the shuttle program.

The shuttle program employs hundreds of thousands of people. Without the shuttle program, the money we "save" would probably go directly into the unemployment benefits of the many people that lost their jobs as a result.

The space shuttle program also produces many spin-offs of technology. It is estimated that for every one technology that is developed for the space program, this technology is adapted to five industrial uses or products. Unless you live in a tent in the middle of the desert (and even then, what is the tent made of?), you most likely use several space spin-offs each day without even knowing it. From modern sunglasses to TV remotes to artificial hearts, the space program is indirectly responsible for them and countless others.

If you look at the shuttle program strictly as an investment by the government, the shuttle program is probably making money for the United States (not necessarily the government). Since the shuttle program has not ended yet, I will use the Apollo program as an example. It is estimated that by the time the

Apollo program ended, the project generated seven times as much money (most through spin-offs of technology) than was spent on it. What investor would not want a 700 percent return on his investment over a 15 year period (drawing board to project completion)? Admittedly, I do not think the shuttle program will generate as high of a return, but even if it generates as much money as the shuttle program costs (which it may have already done) it is worth it to the economy of the United States.

It has been said about the shuttle program (and the space station project) that we should not have built it unless we could get full funding to build it perfectly the first time. This is like turning down someone's offer to pay for half of your tuition simply because they won't pay all of your tuition. If you can't get all, some is better than none.

This "funding to perfection" attitude is also unrealistic. First, we still don't know what "perfect" is. Second, if we did know, the extra cost and time to make it perfect would far outweigh the extra bene-

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Letters to the Editor

High impact flight training successful

We are pleased to report that due to outstanding student and IP effort, the HIT program is progressing on schedule. As of 9-16, we conducted 19 of the 41 HIT participant progs (44 students enrolled for fall are still active). Two students had completed the prog last week. Of the total we had four unsuccessful attempts, resulting in a 90% pass rate. 75% is the traditional pass rate for the pre-solo prog.

Preliminary evaluation of the Summer b 110-2 Dual hours to Pre-solo prog reveals 16.4 hours. Hits participants flew an average 12.3 hours dual compared to the "Old" 110-0 with an average of 23.3 hours of dual prior to pre-solo prog.

There were definitely some wrinkles in the system but thanks to staff, IP and student effort and cooperation the program is progressing with very promising results. The student are being challenged

to a level of performance higher than they probably ever have attained before. Some have not been able to maintain this rigorous schedule and are being allowed to continue at a slower pace. The students are keeping motivated and the IP's are minimizing the peaks and valleys students go through after they solo. Learning curves will always plateau to a degree. The IP's are watching out for stress and talking the students through it. We are seeing a level of IP/Student mentoring that is refreshing and proving itself through empirical data.

We would like to thank the entire flight department staff, the IP's, and particularly the students for the effort they are putting forth. We sincerely feel the students that have begun their flight training with such enthusiasm and success will find this to be a trend that follows them throughout their college and professional career.

C. Kevin Morris
Assistant Flight Training Manager

In last week's Avion, there was an editorial written by Jason Simon about the shuttle program that I feel was wrong. Overall, the editorial stated that the space shuttle program should be canned because it is and always has been a waste of money. If you are narrow minded or do not even know the benefits of the space shuttle program, then you might believe this.

However, if you know the benefits of the shuttle program then you also know that the shuttle program should continue.

The shuttle program is America's only manned space program. In the not so distant future, the human race will shed the confines of this small planet and live elsewhere. Why not begin now?

Who knows where the research that the shuttle astronauts do will lead us? If the astronauts develop a



Roger Harnack
Community Editor

This week, former cocaine addict Marion Barry won the Democratic Primary for a Washington, D.C. City Council seat. How could people be so gullible as to vote for someone who was filmed buying and smoking cocaine in the presence of a prostitute? I thought that even inner-city residents, the ones who voted, would have high enough moral standards to vote against a drug addict. Even though Barry claims he is reformed,

is anyone ever really cured from cocaine? I don't think Barry is reformed anymore than I approve of selling cocaine to children.

Speaking of children, Barry is not exactly the type of role model children should have. He could unfortunately influence many impressionable children and teens. His election and reemergence into the political arena of Washington, D.C. would tell children that it's okay to smoke cocaine and hang out with prostitutes.

Perhaps the biggest problem facing children in his district is the "inner-city" atmosphere that destroys a child's values before they have a chance to develop any. His election to the office would push children into embracing drugs and prostitution more vehemently. That

push might just be enough to ignite more racial violence when sparked by Barry's accusations that white leadership set him up.

Racially speaking, his obvious support must also believe he was set up. The fact of the matter is that whether or not he was set up, what he did was wrong and to go on record accusing that a white conspiracy was his downfall is hypocritical. Facts are facts. The addict was caught. He should not have been doing coke in the first place. To make matters worse, he was doing drugs while he was Mayor of Washington, D.C.

It is intuitively obvious that Barry must have put enough away and bought enough political friends to be able to mount a comeback into politics. He must have bought out some

powerful people because they got him out of jail quickly and back into politics almost as fast.

Maybe the problem is found in racial segregation. Barry recently appeared in many photos wearing his native african attire. The image portrayed by the clothing is one of prejudice in itself, he is pawning himself off as the "black" candidate for office. I believe this is also part of the reason why he has regained political prominence.

Even though he does not come out and say he is anti-white, he is. Barry is as much prejudiced against whites as skinheads are towards blacks. Barry abuses his political prowess to overshadow the real issues with his black versus white attitude.



Student Forum

The Avion Asks: Do you think Marion Barry, being a convicted felon, should be allowed to run for office?



Jen Boone
CCE
"No, I don't think he should. Washington's already so messed up that he would just worsen the situation."



Niloshan Peiris
Aviation Technology
"No, because people who run for office should be an example for everyone."



Derek Dillingham
Aviation Business
"Anyone who has been convicted of a felony should not be able to hold public office. It's poor representation of the people."



Todd Engelman
Aerospace Engineering
"No, there are enough criminals in politics already."



Richard Greenwood
Air Science
"No, if he is already a felon he'll be easier on other drug offenders."



Matt Pettit
Aviation Business
"Yes, but I don't think he'll get elected because of what he did."

Photos by Shawn Mc Elroy

Time to make the doughnuts



The Dunkin' Donuts kiosk, located in the Flight Deck, makes the 12 most popular of 36 varieties of doughnuts available to students. These doughnuts are delivered fresh, twice daily for 40 cents apiece or one side item. Morrisons will periodically upgrade the doughnut selection according to student preference.

Alpha Xi Delta chapter accepted into the Inter-Greek Council

By Bill De Brauwier
Campus News Editor

The University's Inter-Greek Council (IGC) has accepted the Alpha Xi Delta sorority into its ranks.

The vote, which took place last Tuesday, is a significant step for the sorority in its attempt at getting accepted by the Student Government Association (SGA) and student activities as a chartered student organization on campus.

The sorority now needs to set up its constitution and bylaws, find a faculty advisor and have the signatures of 25 members interested in joining in order to be a chartered organization in the University.

Student activities, who accept or deny such request is currently waiting for the sorority's bylaws and constitution.

If they approved, the request is then passed on to the Student Representative Board of the SGA, who must vote on their constitution.

According to Jacqueline Gauger, who helped set up the chapter, this decision should be made by the end

of October.

Currently, there are no active members in the sorority on this campus, because all the girls are considered pledges. They will also be recognized as colony member, since they are setting up this campus' chapter.

All rush activities have been handled by the sorority's national chapter. The girls have also received help from six sorority alumni who live in the Daytona Beach area.

Last year, the IGC, previously known as the Inter-Fraternity Council, decided that the University could use another sorority.

Gauger, who had transferred from the University of Florida and was a Alpha Xi Delta pledge, was approached to help set up a sorority chapter. She was also informed that they could not charter until this semester.

In October of 1991, she was permitted to create one banner and do one mailing to the female students to ask if they were interested in joining a sorority. Ten girls met at Gauger's house for the first meeting.

In March of this year, representa-

tives from Alpha Xi Delta come to the school for an informational session. According to Gauger, 27 girls attended that meeting.

In April, Alpha Xi Delta decided that interest was high enough to form a chapter on campus. The Prescott campus already has a chapter set up.

The sorority has also found an advisor, Barbara Blair from Health Services has expressed great interest in being an advisor for the campus chapter.

Gauger expects to have around 25 girls join the sorority, not 35 to 40 as previously reported.

Pledges pay an initial pledge fee of \$100, which includes a pledge book and a pin, and then pay \$110 when they are initiated, followed by a \$32 monthly charge. Gauger says she hopes to raise some of the money by doing some fund raising with her fellow sorority sisters.

Last year, the IGC... decided that the University could use another sorority.

GSA holds benefit golf tournament

By Wayne Newby
Campus News Reporter

The Graduate Student Association (GSA) is sponsoring its second annual golf tournament, which will take place on Saturday September 26 at 8:30 a.m. The tournament will be held at the Daytona Beach Golf Club on Wilder Avenue.

This event is a four person scramble/select shot, meaning that all four members of the foursome shoot, select the best shot and then shoot from there. This will enable some of the less qualified golfers to have a good time also. Entrants not part of a foursome will be matched with other single participants.

Numerous prizes have been donated by local businesses.

To enter, contact Steve Newburg at 238-0792 (home) or 226-6136 (work). All entries must be made before September 25, at

see Benefit, page A7

The first 18 jobs

By Ken Wax
Special to the Avion

Firefighter. Astronaut. Scientist. President. Every six-year old knows what job they want when they grow-up.

Fifteen years later, few are so certain. Most students and grads know they want to be successful, but are not positive about the precise path their lives will take. And that is okay.

One of the biggest lies of the world is that the incredibly successful people always knew precisely what they wanted to do with their lives.

You see it in autobiographies, "even at age seven, I knew I would be a world leader." It seems every achiever had a master plan, a visionary calling, since the time they got out of diapers.

Which makes it very depressing for everyone else, who are not really all that sure what they want to do. If the truly great clearly saw their destiny early on, what is in store for me?

The fact is that no one knows what they want to do when they grow up. And that includes 30 year olds, 40 year olds, 50 year olds, etc. That's why so many people change careers.

Top executives quit to become teachers. Professors become novelists. Insurance salesman become comics. Police officers open flower shops. Stock brokers leave high paid pressure to become low paid artists. And love it.

Very often, people spend years, decades in the business world discovering what they hate, and what they love. Only then do they focus their energies in that area and excel.

A study of people who became millionaires by age 40 found that they held an average of 18 jobs before launching the ideas which made their fortune. They were learning at each one.

Those destiny claims in magazine articles and biographies tend

to be the product of poor memories. Few people will admit that they stumbled, derriere-backwards into the field in which they later excelled.

When being interviewed decades later, they seem so much wiser explaining their life as a well choreographed vision.

One candid fellow who doesn't sing that song is James Morton, Chief Executive Officer of John Hancock Insurance.

That's a position which he oversees thousands of people, and earned a salary of many thousands of dollars.

When he was asked how he got to such heights, he did not shovel any of the "master plan" bull.

"I know how I got here. It was mostly happenstance. When I first came to Boston looking for a job, this was the only company that would hire me."

Morton's story is the norm, although his truthfulness is exceptional.

Another such person is Alan Rosenspan. He is a creative director in the advertising field. By the time he was in his early thirties, he had won more "Echo" awards for direct marketing results than anyone else in the world.

His creative work had him living on three continents. Did he envision this success when he was in college?

"I didn't even know I'd get into advertising back then. If it wasn't for an ad I saw, I wouldn't be in this field."

So in a world where pressures abound, do not feel bad if you are not positive about how you want to spend the rest of your life. You are not alone.

You are in great company.

Ken Wax is a former Fortune 500 hiring manager whose consulting firm advises employers in the area of recruiting. You can send questions or comments to him at 170 Worcester Road, Wellesley, MA. 02181

TWA offers internship for flight students

By Wayne Newby
Campus News Reporter

Trans World Airlines, in an agreement with the University is offering an internship to selected flight students.

This agreement, signed in late August by Sam Fallucco, TWA's Vice President of Flight Operations and Training, will be taking effect in spring of 1993 and offers flight officer internships to qualified undergraduates.

United Airlines already has a similar program in place with the university's flight department.

United's existing agreement consists of a program in which students meeting the requirements outlined in the application packet gain experience by working in various positions with United.

Some of the advantages of internship include the opportunity to ride as an observing member of the crew, tours of various plants, and the use of United's simulators.

The length of the internship matches the length of a semester, and typically extends the graduation date by that length of time.

Members of the internship pro-

gram may be assigned to one of United's pilot domiciles, the executive offices in Chicago, or the flight center in Denver.

According to Dr. Rick Merlin, Director of the career center, 70% of the students that have been accepted into this program in the past are now employees of United.

Merlin goes on to say that a successful internship feasibly cuts ten years off of the typical ladder climbing in the airline industry.

Another career enhancing program is the Embry Riddle/United Airlines Flight Officer Candidate program

Interested students must have a B.S. in Aeronautical Science, a minimum grade point average of 3.0 or better, and vision must be at least 20/100, correctable to 20/20.

Applicants must also possess an FAA flight instructor certificate with single engine and instrument ratings, and have successfully completed their flight engineer written. They

United Airlines already has a similar program in place...

must also have 350 hours of Pilot In Command (PIC) time.

Students meeting these requirements must turn in their applications before the October 2 deadline in order to participate in this program.

After submission, student applications are then reviewed by a committee specially created to screen candidates.

The chosen applications are then sent to United Airlines. People accepted into this program must return to ERAU where they are employed as flight instructors for a period of one year.

During this year, according to Dr. John Phipps, Chief Flight Instructor, Daytona Beach Campus, the candidates accumulate approximately 1500 hours PIC.

Upon completion of this phase of the program the candidates are interviewed once again by United and if no problems have arisen are hired.

Rob Spies, one of the two people that have been accepted in this program thus far, is finishing up the instructor portion of the agreement and hopes to obtain a position with United as a flight engineer aboard a 727, DC10, or a 747.

According to Spies the possibility



TWA has joined United Airlines by offering flight students an internship in their organization.

exists that he may be hired as a co-pilot of a 737.

For information concerning the graduate program with United contact Melissa Strickland in D-218. Information concerning undergraduate internships may be obtained by contacting Dr. Rick Merlin in the career center.

Flight student survey reveals surprises

By Bill De Brauwier
Campus News Editor

In a survey of flight students, 88 percent of those that responded have said that they would have done better in a flight course if they had less stress placed upon them.

The survey was conducted by Avion Diversions Editor Boyd Kelly for a special topics class. The study also revealed that 68 percent of those surveyed had been pressured into a flight they did not want to do.

A questionnaire consisting of 16 questions was sent to every flight student, to which 50 students responded.

The purpose of the study was to determine how the effects of stress affect pilots engaged in training in a college environment.

Boyd noted that the Flight Information File (FIF) contained several cases of students making mistakes due to poor judgment caused by stress. He conducted the study to determine how serious this problem may be at the University.

This may be made worse with the

fact that many students also have jobs. Sixty Percent of those that responded claim they work, with half of those working at least 20 hours.

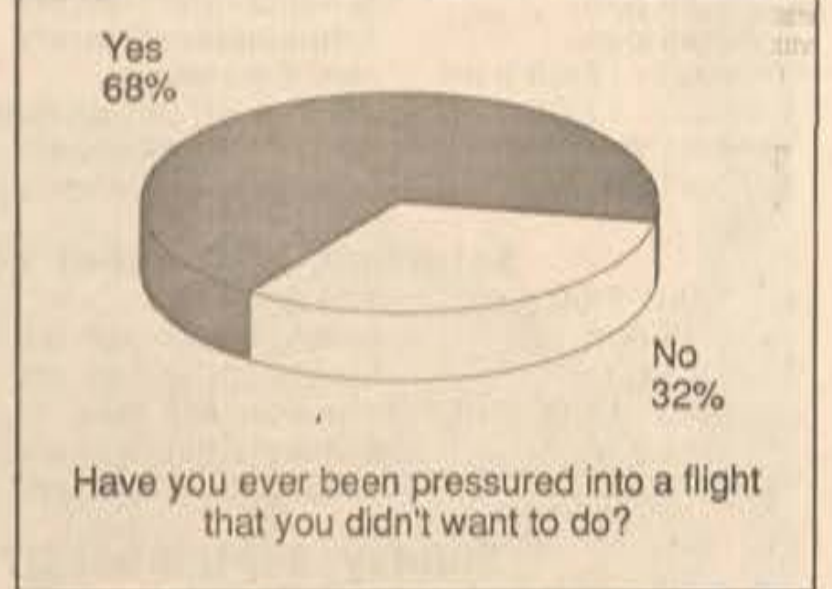
Exercise

According to the study, a great alleviator of stress is physical exercise. In the survey the majority, 32 percent, said that they exercised three times a week, while 12 percent exercised twice a week.

Boyd believes that this figure may not be totally accurate. Fifty-two percent said that they were involved in extracurricular activities, many which involved physical activities, but were probably not considered as exercise.

Sleep

More than half the students, 64 percent, get between six to eight hours of sleep on the average. However, many students do not maintain a constant sleep cycle, which can disrupt body rhythms which has been shown to lead to performance deprivation.



Many students feel that they have been pressured into a flight that they did not want to do.

This could result in the high number of students, 70 percent, who claim to have had trouble on a flight because they went without enough sleep.

Diet

Sixty-two percent of those surveyed only eat two meals a day. Lack of food has been known to have been a factor of several incidents involving students on cross country flights, who must wake early and do not get a proper meal.

Of those surveyed, 56 percent replied that they have had trouble on flights because they did not have very much to eat. Many students rely on candy bars and a soda as a substitute for a meal, believing that this will suffice.

Health

Half of the students also claimed that they have flown while sick and had trouble during the flight. Boyd believes that many students feel pressured by the school to fly, even when they are physiologically and psychologically not ready.

"I think stress, eating, and sleep-

ing are very important factors in flight...it's a big problem that needs to be addressed more than it is," one student wrote. Another even claimed that the stress at this school had given him an ulcer.

Pass/Fail vs. Grades

A little more than half of the students, 52.1 percent, believe that the University should adopt a pass/fail system for flight courses. The University currently uses both the pass/fail system for progressive checks and the grading system for the flight course. One student wrote: "There are a lot of pressures to deal with. I'm not sure there is a solution, but I think a pass/fail system may take some of the pressure off."

Another student wrote: "I believe the flight courses are already on a pass/fail structure with prog checks. As for grades, I like them because they separate me from the average and below average pilot."

The fifty flight students that responded consisted of four freshmen, 13 sophomores, nine juniors and 24 seniors.

FAA awards grant to study PC simulators

Embry Riddle News Release

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) recently awarded a \$181,000 research grant to the University. The funding is targeted for a year-long study of personal computer (PC) pilot trainers.

Called "Transfer Effectiveness of PC-Based Training Devices," the project is studying how well PC trainers prepare pilots for instrument flying. "PC-based simulation has undergone a dramatic evolution in capability during the past several years," said Dr. Steve Hampton, a flight technology professor at Embry-Riddle.

Dr. Hampton, who proposed the research, also is the university's principal investigator.

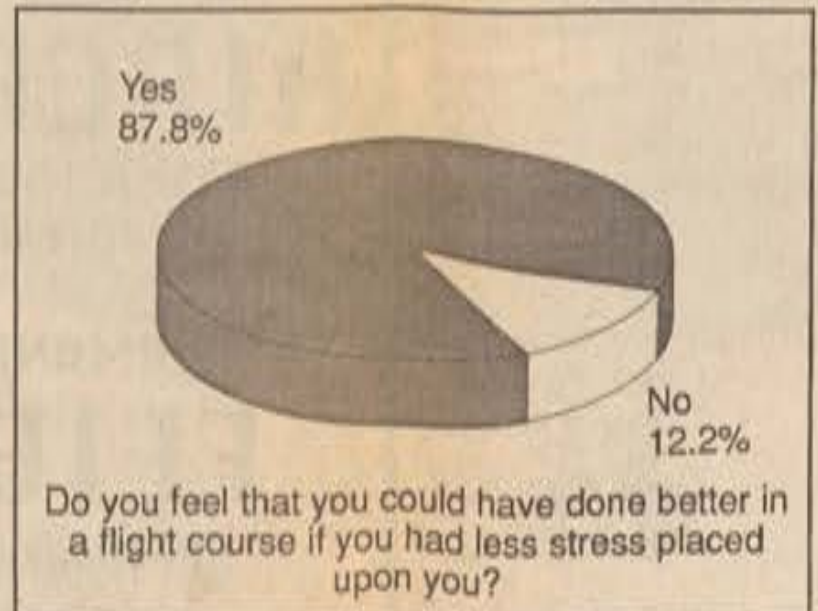
"Significant progress has been made toward simulating more realistic aircraft handling characteristics,

as represented in aircraft instrumentation," Dr. Hampton said. He argues that this level of technology may be used effectively in training. However, the supporting data doesn't exist yet.

"This study seeks to resolve whether PC-based simulation is a cost-effective tool within the structured curriculum of a pilot training school," Dr. Hampton said.

His research efforts are being supported by co-principal investigator, professor T. Kirton, director of Flight Standards at Embry-Riddle; investigator, Dr. Thomas Connolly, chairman of the University's Aeronautical Science department; and investigator, Dr. Bill Moroney, associate professor of psychology at the University of Dayton, Ohio.

The FAA project award currently is being used for the research, and funding officially ends Aug. 9, 1993.



Almost all flight students feel that stress and pressure has affected their performance.

Baseball gets fired up

By Grant Bever
Sports Reporter

The 1992 season was a great first season for Coach Guilliams and the Eagle Baseball Program. The team established over 30 team and individual records. The Eagles ranked first in the District with 248 stolen bases. Although the final stats have not been officially announced, the Eagles are in the running for first in the nation in stolen bases.

Coach Guilliams released a few of the highlights in the individual records column. Chris Herring was instrumental in putting the Eagles in that position with a .897 stolen base percentage. Paul Cugno finished fifth in the district with a .386 batting average. Paul also scored 44 runs, had 59 hits, 43 of which were singles, and four home runs.

Mark Blair placed second in total triples with eight, and stole 55 bases. Claude Archambault had an ERAU record of 32 base on balls.

The pitching program saw a record setting season as well. Jim Colletti tied for fourth in wins with ten. John Morningstar had the best

E.R.A. with 3.32 with a team high of 26 appearances. Rob Shoemaker lead the team with the five complete games and one no-hitter.

The beginning of the 1992-93 season brought back only four players: John Robertson (Sr.), Mark Blair (Jr.), Jim Colletti (So.), Travis Owens (So.) and Matt Palisin (Sr.). So, needless to say, Coach Guilliams was doing some heavy duty recruiting this summer, and came back with 18 new players.

Chuck Antczak (Jr.): Pitcher, 1B, OF from Sarasota, Florida.

Bo Bailey (Fr): Catcher from Charlotte, North Carolina.

A.J. Bertotti (Fr): Pitcher from Anchorage, Alaska.

Jamie Blanchard (Fr.): Pitcher from Charlotte, North Carolina.

Joseph Clark (Fr): Second base from Hapeville, Georgia.

Greg Cook (Jr.): Third base from Clewiston, Florida.

Michael Griffith (Fr): OF, Catcher from Winder, Georgia.

Benjamin Hawley (Fr): Outfielder from Charlotte, North Carolina.

Steve Hodge (Fr): Catcher from Charlotte, North Carolina.

Aaron McCall (Fr): Pitcher, 1B from Charlotte, North Carolina.

Lee McFarland (Jr): Pitcher from Port Orange, Florida.

Steven Moore (Fr): Shortstop, OF from Poplar Branch, North Carolina.

Johnathan Patterson (Fr): Second base, SS from Mansfield, Tx.

Jason Pletcher (Fr): Pitcher from Phillo, Ohio.

Nelson Quintona (Fr): Second base from Miami, Florida.

Mark Rimmel (So): Catcher, OF from St. Petersburg, Florida.

Bob Tahler (Fr): Outfielder from Parma, Ohio.

Although the official season doesn't start until the spring semester, Coach Guilliams believes that the fall is a very important part of the season. He wants to provide a fair try-out for all candidates. It is a time to evaluate the new players, and the improvement of returning players. It is also a time for experiments with players at various positions. Hopefully, this team can better the ERAU totals from 1991-1992 season.

Soccer team drops two

By Jaye Howell
Sports Editor

With last week loss on their minds, the Eagles soccer team left town to play Rollins College at their home site in Winter Park. The team took the field ready to let out some energy that had been stored up on the long bus ride. However Rollins were ready to play also, and they didn't wait long to score. By the end of the first half, the Eagles were looking at a four point deficit.

After a pep talk by Coach Fisher, the team came out and played well, until a goal was put in by Rollins forward, Dan Girse. With the score now five to zero, the Eagles decided that they must score to stay in the game. David Goduti answered with a shot from the outside. After losing the possible shutout, Rollins punished the Eagles with two more goals. However, the Eagles were not dead yet as Jim Garozzo scored the last goal of the game, but it still left the Eagles with a 7-2 loss.

After suffering this loss, the Eagles decided to put it all behind them as traveled again to play Eckerd College. The team worked hard to score first with many shots on goal, and the score finally happened as Matt Catalanotto put the shot in the goal after a penalty on Eckerd. Content with their one point lead, the Eagles ran the rest of the first half clock out and headed for the locker room.

Now with the lead, the Eagles tried to hold off attacks by Eckerd. Rui Pereira did a great job defending the goal until ten minutes into the second half when Jim Edwards ripped a goal in from about two yards out. It did not take long for David Morse to break the tie with another goal from the corner of the keeper's box. After the narrow loss, the team will start preparing for their next game. As Barry Brown said, "We will improve over the next couple of weeks, and hopefully do better in the future."

Sports at a glance

Intramural scores from Monday, September 21

Co-ed Soft Ball	What? Team #2	0
Nasty Crew	7	2
We ones	0	2
Hogan's Heros	4	3
69ers	8	0
Team #7	0	2
1st East Runners	10	1
Six/Six Volleyball	Tough Guys	0
Side Out	0	0
Team #2	2	0
Team #3	0	0
Bloody Facials	2	0
Sand Fleas	2	0
Stackers	1	2
Won by One	2	1
Red Sand	1	2

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Monday Night

— L.A. Raiders at Kansas City ✓ —

The winner last week was John Quinn who picked 10 of 14, and won the tie breaker by predicting the closest Monday night's score. The Avion went 9 of 14.

All entries must be submitted at the Avion office by 5:00 p.m. Friday. Entry with the highest number of correctly identified winning teams will win. In the event of a tie, the winner will be chosen by the closest score predicted for the Monday night game. If there is still a tie, a winner will be drawn at random. The winner will receive a free submarine sandwich and a medium soft drink from Sorrento's Deli. The winner will be contacted through his/her mailbox. This contest is open to ERAU students only. All members of the Avion are ineligible for this contest.

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Sailing team prepares for season

By Ed Kohinke
Sports Reporter

The weekend of September 26th will see the Embry-Riddle Sailing team sail into their fifth intercollegiate season at Eckerd College in St. Petersburg. Despite recent setbacks to the sailing program, the team will be able to race with five to six members. Sacha Fecchio and James Imriger, two top sailors who were ineligible to compete in the Spring, have returned to spearhead the team's efforts to dominate the other nine schools in the Southeast Atlantic Intercollegiate Sailing Association (SAISA).

This season is ripe for Eagles success due to the maturity and experience of the team after being in SAISA for two and a half years. The team also has gained two new mem-

bers with a wealth of dinghy sailing experience. In addition, schools like University of Florida and Eckerd College that have headed up the division in the past have graduated some of their most competitive sailors.

Eagles team captain Fecchio, along with his longtime crew Ed Kohinke, is "more than ready to fill the gap" left in the 'A' fleet. James Imriger and Mike Breton may back them up in 'B' fleet, or it may be decided to use the team's new "secret weapons".

Everyone will be sailing with minimal practice due to recent difficulties with the sailing program. The sailing team as well as the club has suffered a lack of interest from the student body, which has made it difficult to raise money with which to maintain the club-owned boats. Also, the club has experienced con-

tinued and, in many cases, unjustified harassment from the Halifax Sailing Association (HSA), who operate the center that the club and team operate from and store their boats. Since many of the club's boats were going unused and were costing more to maintain, the decision was made to sell all but two of the Coronado 15s which the team had used for practices.

It is indeed possible that this will be the team's last season unless it receives more support both from the student body and the school, not to mention from the Halifax Sailing Association. With many team members nearing graduation and without new members interested in the sport, the quality and diversity of Embry-Riddle's student activities may be reduced.



Oceanfront Oktoberfest Musical Entertainment

Friday, September 25th

- 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. Mark Bouchard & the All Star Polka Band
- 6:45 p.m. Schuhplattler Dancers
- 7:45 p.m. Schuhplattler Dancers
- 8:00 - 12:00 p.m. Nostalgia Music
- 8:00 - 12:00 p.m. Jammin Jeff (Inside Festhaus)
- 8:45 p.m. Schuhplattler Dancers
- 9:45 p.m. Schuhplattler Dancers



Saturday, September 26th

- 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. The Polka Pals
- 6:45 p.m. Schuhplattler Dancers
- 7:45 p.m. Schuhplattler Dancers
- 8:00 - 12:00 p.m. The Oom Pah Pahs
- 8:45 p.m. Schuhplattler Dancers
- 9:45 p.m. Schuhplattler Dancers



Sunday, September 27th

- 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. Nostalgia Music
- 6:00 - 10:00 p.m. Mark Bouchard & the All Star Polka Band

Friday, October 2nd

- 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. Mark Bouchard & the All Star Polka Band
- 6:45 p.m. Schuhplattler Dancers
- 7:45 p.m. Schuhplattler Dancers
- 8:00 - 12:00 p.m. The Oom Pah Pahs
- 8:00 - 12:00 p.m. Richard Smith (Inside Festhaus)
- 8:45 p.m. Schuhplattler Dancers
- 9:45 p.m. Schuhplattler Dancers

Saturday, October 3rd

- 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. Mark Bouchard & the All Star Polka Band
- 6:45 p.m. German Folk Dancing
- 7:45 p.m. German Folk Dancing
- 8:00 - 12:00 p.m. The Polka Pals
- 8:00 - 12:00 p.m. Richard Smith (Inside Festhaus)
- 8:45 p.m. German Folk Dancing
- 9:45 p.m. German Folk Dancing



Sunday, October 4th

- 4:00 - 9:00 p.m. The Oom Pah Pahs



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SGA's Voter Registration Week helps register 160 voters

By Kimberly Heidt
SGA Public Relations

Although many people who are disgusted with the state of this country's political system are content with merely grumbling about it, there are still people who are willing to put in an effort to try to change it. Between September 10 and September 15, the Student Government Association's Voter Registration Awareness Committee (VORAC) registered approximately 160 students, faculty, and staff to vote in this year's general election. An estimated 100 more students were given information about absentee ballots and registration by mail.

Although this group of 160 voters is just a small portion in the sea of the nation's voters, even a group this small can make the difference between winning and losing in local and state elections. One such election is the October 1st election in which local politicians who were tied in the primaries will be elected in Volusia County. All Volusia residents should vote in this election because one of the big issues that will be voted on is the county's proposed one percent increase in sales tax. Obviously, if this tax increase passes, it will affect us all.

VORAC also raised student's awareness of the nation's political process by inviting two guest speakers to come to campus. On Monday,

September 14, Chris Moseley from the League of Women Voters spoke in the Spruance Hall Atrium on the importance of the student vote. She stressed that the percentage of students who vote is relatively low compared to the percentage of eligible voters in other categories. When legislators decide on issues that may affect students, such as cutting federal financial aid, they often discount the student vote because not many students register to vote, and even fewer actually vote.

Moseley also distributed ballots containing the 10 proposed amendments to the Florida Constitution which voters will be asked to vote on. The amendments include provisions for emergency suspension of

delay of general elections, access to public records and meetings, historic preservation and valorem tax exemption, improving accountability and public review in spending taxpayers' money and maintaining a balanced budget, taxpayers' bill of rights, local taxes, ad valorem taxation of government leaseholds, bonds for the construction of educational facilities, limited political terms for cabinet, legislature and congress, and a homestead valuation limitation.

On September 15, Joe Lett, the Republican candidate running for the Florida House of Representatives, spoke in the Student Center about his views on the problems with the legislative

process. Lett was a successful businessman in Washington, D.C., before moving to Daytona Beach a few years ago. He fielded questions from the audience pertaining to term limitations for politicians, the lack of industrial growth in Florida and deficiencies in the educational system in Florida. He especially stressed that he feels the way to solve problems in our nation and in Florida is not to raise taxes and throw more money at problems, but to restructure the way the money already coming is being used.

The president of Volusia County's chapter of the Young Republicans also spoke.

Morrison's sponsored a political trivia contest on the final day of the

Voter Registration Week. Eighty questions were submitted to Morrison's by VORAC. According to the Morrison's employee who worked the contest, the questions were rotated approximately three times, indicating strong participation by the student body.

VORAC's next project will be providing information and transportation to the polls on October 1st. VORAC meets approximately once a week as designated by the chairman, Todd Hunt. All students interested in helping out with this committee are encouraged to stop by the SGA office and leave a message for Todd. Students do not have to be involved with the SGA to participate on VORAC.

Student Representative Board makes decisions over the summer semester

By Kimberly Heidt
SGA Public Relations

Over the summer and during the first few weeks of the fall semester, the Student Representative Board has dealt with many issues which may affect the student body as a whole. The SRB meets every Tuesday in the Student Center Conference Room at 4:00 p.m. All students are welcome to attend SRB meetings; there are even times set aside at the beginning and end of each meeting for student input and questions.

To keep students better informed, the minutes of each meeting will be summarized in this SGA column which runs in the Avion every other week. Here are brief highlights of SGA meetings over the summer:

May 5 — Chairman Jeff Williams reminded SRB reps to serve their required three office hours per week in the SGA office and asked reps to consider creating a University Savings Card which would provide discounts to all faculty, staff and students at participating businesses. This card was later denied.

May 12 — International Students representative Peter Wang asked about Contempt of Court fines imposed on people who do not show up for Student Court appointments.

Advisor Becky Robertson explained that students are not charged for contempt if they called Safety before the meeting and reschedule. Becky also commented on the inability of the city of Daytona Beach to put a traffic light at the Embury-Riddle's back entrance on Richard Petty boulevard because it is too close to the Clyde Morris intersection. She also warned everyone that the police are giving tickets for turning left at that intersection.

May 19 — Business representative Kimberly Heidt reported that she had talked with department chair Dr. Fleming about the process involved with getting the business degree accredited and that all that needs to be done is internal research. Kim also helped program chair Dr. Weatherford set up a freshman hotline for the business department. The SRB approved three revisions to the budget guidelines including established mileage for reimbursements, allowing the Student Finance Board to receive Leadership Assistance, and setting a specific time for Leadership disbursement.

May 26 — Computer Science representative Chris Roth asked about the plans to change CS338 to MA338. Aerospace Engineering representative Keith Zacherl reported that he spoke to Dean Ray Wimberly about proposed changes

in the engineering department including the new department chair and two new professors.

June 2 — Aeronautical Science representative Joe Pisell reported that the Flight Student Advisory Board held a telephone conference with the Prescott campus Flight Department to compare notes. The SGA Public Relations committee charter was approved.

June 9 — Williams informed the board of the new zoning ordinance in Daytona Beach regarding multiple housing. Aeronautical Science representative Phil Kahler reported that the Parking and Traffic Committee discussed replacing speed bumps at pedestrian crossings in "A" lot. He also reported that the University has funds approved for a traffic signal on Richard Petty Boulevard at the ERAU north entrance but is waiting on the master plan. Zacherl reported that the Field House Committee is also waiting on the master plan.

June 30 — Student-at-large Joe Perrino asked for SGA's insistence in getting students registered to vote (this was the start of the VORAC committee). Williams said that he, Dr. Ledewitz and Becky Robertson spoke to Police Chief Crow about the enforcement of the new zoning law. Crow offered the opportunity to let the SGA contact problem stu-

dents before the police get involved. Pisell reported that a student complained that in Summer B the bookstore wouldn't buy back a book bought in Summer A even though new copies were still being sold because the book would not be used in Fall. Student-at-large Al Stankus presented the constitution for a new club called Angel Planes, University Vice President Dr. Ledewitz volunteered to spend one hour per week in the SGA office beginning in the Fall.

July 7 — Chris Hymer was elected SRB chairman. Business representative Todd Hunt reported that the closing of the library over the July 4th weekend caused problems for many AMT students and that he spoke to the director of the library, Dick Waddell, who promised the library would stay open next year. Phil reported that the flight line has requested 10 minute parking spaces. Pisell reported that the Chapel Committee met and he suggested that they put up a drawing of the chapel with a floor plan so that students may make suggestions.

July 14 — Pisell reported that he talked to Leslie Whitmer from Athletics about problems that the cheerleaders are having getting funding since they are not in an actual sport and are not a club. He also reported that the cheerleader's

advisor would like to sponsor dances on campus with other schools. SGA Vice President Amy Litzinger reported that the Substance Awareness Committee met to plan Substance Awareness Week during October 18-23.

July 21 — Chairman Chris Hymer reminded everyone about the SGA Orientation Barbeque organized by the SGA Committee would be held on August 23. Business representative Kim Heidt reported that VORAC met and that she would take a class to become a deputy registrar. She and Hunt explained laws on vehicle registration and state financial aid. Kahler reported that the Parking and Traffic Committee met and agreed to give the flight line a 15 minute parking zone on a trial basis. He also reported that three new parking spaces will be opened up near the flight line. Kahler also reported that the Food Service Committee is considering purchasing one of three franchises to establish in the cafeteria this fall.

August 4 — Pisell reported that the Homecoming Committee chose "Plane Crazy" for this year's theme. The SRB disapproved the new budget guidelines presented because they were unfair to the Avion.

August 11 — Hunt reported that Voter Awareness Week will be held September 9-15 and events would

include registering students, a contest at Morrison's, guest speakers and a mock election. Amy reported that the theme for this year's Substance Awareness Week will be "Dare to be Aware." Revised budget guidelines were passed.

September 1 — Advisor Becky Robertson asked if we need another representative for the new Aerospace Studies program. Chris Hymer reported that there are seven open positions on the SRB and applications will be accepted until the 11th. The Angel Planes constitution was tabled since no one from the club was present. The Weightlifting club's constitution was tabled because the SRB had not reviewed it yet. Zacherl reported that Engineering Technology has been moved from the Engineering Building to Spruance Hall and that Dr. David Hansen is the acting chair. Heidt reported that she and Hunt participated in a voter's forum at DBCC. Chris Hymer reported that the Annual Fund Distribution Committee would like ideas on what to do with unallocated money that will be used for projects on both ERAU campuses. WERU representatives were present to present their bylaws to become a division of SGA. Robertson informed the board about Embury-Riddle's drive to help Hurricane Andrew's victims.

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Offshore racing draws fans to New Smyrna

By Roger Hamack
Community News Editor

NEW SMYRNA BEACH - The Coronado Offshore Challenge was held Sunday off the shore of New Smyrna Beach. The third annual event proved to be a crowd pleaser as 35 boats took to the waterway. The boats competed in five different divisions.

The Sportsman "D" division was won by a Miami-based team with their boat called the *Dollar Marine Special*. The boat finished the course of 75 miles in just under 57 minutes. It was only the second competition for the boat this season.

The Sportsman "C" division had the closest race of the event. *Pay Dirt*, leading the race, suffered engine trouble late in the race but managed to hold off against the *Ocean Outboard* to win by a two second margin.

The "C" Division had the largest of the competition boats. The race

was won by Tunnel Vision. The *Coach Attack* won the Pro Stock division of the offshore race. The Key West-based team is currently leading the Southeast division.

The Coronado Offshore Challenge has become a favorite local event to residents. Spectators came from all over to watch the race and have a good time. For many, this was not their first time at an offshore racing event. The race in New Smyrna is becoming more popular and promises to become a mainstay for New Smyrna Beach.

Fans were more than just "boat jockeys." They ranged in age from just a few months old to the elderly and all seemed to be enjoying the event.

The Coronado Offshore Challenge has become a favorite local event to residents.



Over 35 teams entered into the Coronado Offshore Challenge in New Smyrna Beach.

B-CC shooting victim remembered

By Roger Hamack
Community News Editor

The Munch Shoppe on Second Avenue was the scene of a violent shooting Thursday morning. At approximately 12:30 a.m. four men were shot in an apparent robbery.

Wayne Simpson, a Bethune-Cookman student, died of a gunshot wound about an hour after the incident at Halifax Medical Center. Ted Troutman, Mike Howard and Taurus Cooley were all admitted to the intensive care unit after being treated for gunshot wounds. The three men have since been moved to regular rooms.

A memorial service to Simpson was held Monday morning at B-CC. The service was followed by a vigil leading mourners to the front doors of the scene of the incident.

At the Munch Shoppe, mourners placed two wreaths in front of the doors. A sign was hung along the front of the building that read "Let the violence end." The Munch Shoppe closed its doors to business Monday in mourning for the young man.

The men who committed the crime are being sought by police. They are described as black males between 16 and 22 years of age. If you have any information on the crime contact the Daytona Beach Police Department.

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The Munch Shoppe on Second Avenue closed its doors in honor of Wayne Simpson.

Clean-up nets a ton

By Roger Hamack
Community News Editor

Volusia and Flagler Counties hosted a beach clean-up day Saturday. A few hundred volunteers showed their pride in their community by cleaning up the beaches.

The debris that littered the beach was amazing. Cigarette butts posed the most problems in clean-up. Other garbage included bottles, straws, cups, paper products and aluminum cans, as well as many other items. Over a ton of garbage was collected from the local beaches as part of the Fifth Annual Florida Coastal Clean-up and the International Coastal Clean-up.

The event was sponsored by the Center for Marine Conservation from St. Petersburg. Local beaches that were "cleaned up" during the event were areas around Daytona Beach, New Smyrna Beach, Canaveral National Seashore and Flagler County.



Removing trash that littered the beaches was the objective of the clean-up effort on Saturday.

Froggy's wins chili cook-off

By Roger Hamack
Community News Editor

If you tried to drive down Main Street Friday night, you probably noticed that the road was closed to traffic. Friday night began the setup for the "Some Like it Hot" Chili Cook-off.

The event attracted many chili connoisseurs to Main Street. Over 20 concoctions were entered in the event.

Froggy's Saloon won the event and will take its chili to the Florida chili cook-off in hopes of winning a state title. Should the chili win there, it will be entered into the international chili cook-off. Froggy's was followed by second place finisher Kay's Coach House and by the Ormond Beach Rotary Club in third.

The event was sponsored by the International Chili Society and all proceeds from the event will go to the American Cancer Society.

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USS Ranger's aircraft patrol Iraq's airspace

ON BOARD THE *USS RANGER* (AP) — The 5,100 men aboard this aircraft carrier in the Persian Gulf took over the Navy's reconnaissance flights over southern Iraq on Thursday amid reports that Iraqi ground activity was diminishing.

"What we saw suggests to us that the objective of being able to observe things on the ground is being fulfilled," said Admiral David E. Jeremiah, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Jeremiah was visiting the carrier between talks with senior officials in Bahrain, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates.

The United States, France and Britain on Aug. 27 announced they were barring Iraqi flights south of the 32nd parallel, to protect Shiite Muslims rebelling against Saddam Hussein's forces.

The *USS Ranger*, whose home port is in San Diego, took over enforcing the zone Thursday from the *USS Independence*, which started the monthlong journey back to its home port in Japan.

In an emotional farewell a day earlier, the two carriers steamed side by side while hundreds of men on both decks cheered and waved at each other.

The U.S. military has not confirmed reports by Shiite opposition groups outside Iraq of almost daily artillery barrages against the rebels in the marshes around Basra, although fires have been reported.

"I think everybody was taking a siesta, it was so hot," said Lt. Cmdr. David Cully, 35, of Newport Beach, Calif., the radar intercept officer in an F-14 Tomcat that flew over the desert and marshes.

"I always imagined the Everglades, but it's not like that. They are green and there is some kind of water. But I don't know

The USS Ranger was expected to remain in the Persian Gulf about four months.

where you'd live down there," he said.

Cully said the haze over much of the country made it difficult to pick out details. They noted some bridge reconstruction, but no movement or activity that could be described as out of the ordinary.

"It looked like a barren desert to me," said Tomcat pilot Lt. Paul Buck, 27, of Severna Park, Md., flying his first mission.

The U.S. Navy started with over 100 sorties per day, with a parallel number flown by American, British and French airforce pilots based in Saudi Arabia.

That dropped to 40 to 60 per day after Baghdad did not challenge foreign air control of the zone. Iraqi airforce flights continue above the 32nd parallel.

Jeremiah said the mission would be unlikely to change while Iraq refused to comply with U.N. Security Council resolutions, including allowing various U.N. observers to work unimpeded in Iraq, and respecting the U.N.-demarcated border with Kuwait.

The *Ranger* was expected to remain in the Persian Gulf about four months.

The pilots and crew were thinking back to the Gulf War - up to 60 percent are veterans - and trying to cope with the blistering 122 degree heat.

Some thought the war with Saddam could begin again.

"He might have something powerful up his sleeve. We did too much damage the last time for them to fight again otherwise," said Airman Recruit Thomas McClure, 20, of Cleveland, Ohio, who was waxing the floors.

But for most, Saddam seemed a much more distant enemy than the thermometer, even if the ship's statistics say its air conditioners are powerful enough to cool the Empire State Building.

"The Empire State Building isn't in the Persian Gulf," said Lt. J. Casey Brennan, 39, of Coronado, Calif., the physician assistant on board.

Perot may re-enter race

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Ross Perot, seeking to steer the election debate and force President Bush and Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton to address federal budget deficits, hinted he might re-enter the presidential race, it was reported.

In an interview published in today's *Los Angeles Times*, Perot also held out the possibility that his political organization - United We Stand, America - might endorse Clinton if the Democratic presidential nominee confronts the deficit issue.

But this morning, Perot issued a statement said he wants "to work constructively with both parties to get them to deal realistically with the issues" that concern his supporters.

"Neither United We Stand, America nor Ross Perot is favoring either party or candidate," the statement said. It was released by his Dallas campaign office, where staffers said the Times story "created confusion" about Perot's intentions.

Bush and Clinton both have sidestepped detailed discussions of the deficit.

Perot says considering the huge swing vote his followers represent, Bush and Clinton would be "unrealistic" to continue to ignore the deficit issue.

To decide on running, Perot said, he would require a meeting involving all 50 state coordinators of his organization.

"If they said 'yes, go to it,' then we'd do it," Perot said in the *Times* account. "If I have to get in, I'll certainly be running to win in November."

Asked about former Texas Gov. John B. Connally's comment during the Republican National Convention that Perot might eventually endorse Clinton, the Texas billionaire said: "It's not me endorsing anybody; it would be our organization, United We Stand, America."

Perot announced nine weeks ago that he would not be a candidate, saying that since the Democratic Party had "revitalized" itself, he concluded he could not win.

Still, Perot continued to finance efforts to gather signatures to qualify him for the ballot in the states.

Hurricane Bonnie loose in the Atlantic Ocean

MIAMI (AP) — Hurricane Bonnie, the second hurricane in the Atlantic this season, was not a threat to land as it swirled hundreds of miles northeast of Bermuda with 85 mph winds, forecasters said today.

The storm didn't move much during the night but was expected to resume a north-northeastward drift today, the National Hurricane Center reported.

Bonnie reached hurricane strength late Friday, a day after becoming a tropical depression and just hours after being upgraded to a tropical storm.

At 5 a.m. EDT today, Bonnie's center was near 34.5 north latitude and 57.4 west longitude, or about 400 miles east-northeast of Bermuda.

Bonnie's top sustained winds of 85 mph were just over the 74 mph

Hurricane Bonnie reached hurricane strength late Friday.

threshold when a tropical storm becomes a hurricane. Bonnie became a named tropical storm before dawn Friday when its top winds reached 39 mph.

"It'll probably get stronger in the next day by about 10 to 20 mph. But it's moving towards cooler waters," said forecaster Lixion Avila. "Normally, when hurricanes move over cooler waters, they tend to become weaker."

The year's first Atlantic hurricane, Andrew, struck Florida on Aug. 24 and Louisiana two days later, causing more than \$20 billion in damage. It was the nation's costliest natural disaster ever.

National Reconnaissance Office is not a secret now

WASHINGTON (AP) — It was one of the worst-kept secrets in Washington.

The Soviets knew about it. Congress did, too. So did journalists, authors and fans of intelligence literature. But the taxpayers, who footed the bill, were never given a formal explanation.

On Friday, the Pentagon abolished yet another Cold War anachronism, revealing the existence of the super-secret agency that buys and operates the nation's spy satellites and its other airborne espionage systems.

Don Atwood, deputy secretary of defense, today announced the declassification of the existence of the National Reconnaissance Office, as recommended by the Director of Central Intelligence, said a laconic, four-paragraph statement.

The NRO's mission is "to ensure that the U.S. has the technology and spaceborne and airborne assets needed to acquire intelligence worldwide," the statement said.

It named the agency director - Martin C. Faga - and its two deputy directors, and provided a coded Pentagon address and a telephone number.

And that's all. The budget is still classified. So are its programs. Likewise the dozens of satellites orbiting the earth, their cameras clicking, their microphones recording, their sensors sniffing.

The declassification doesn't go far enough, said Rep. George E. Brown Jr., a California Democrat who resigned his seat on the House Intelligence Committee in 1987 after publicly naming the NRO on the House floor and causing a furor.

But, he added, it is likely to open the door to other information as the intelligence community slowly eases the Cold War legacy of secrecy.

That's just what the administration worried about as it mulled recommendations from Congress and from its own internal task force to declassify the existence of the NRO.

Its decision was motivated in part by the growing cooperation between the NRO and other government agencies - such as NASA - as well as non-government experts. The intelligence agencies are making available some of their numerous overhead photographs for such non-military use as environmental and agricultural study and disaster relief.

"Now they won't have to pretend the information comes from the tooth fairy," said Jeffrey Richelson, an expert on U.S. intelligence.

Advocates of the declassification have argued that keeping the agency a secret limited scrutiny of its budget and operations - at a time when budgets need to be cut and operations streamlined. The NRO's budget is believed to be the single largest component in the estimated \$30 billion annual intelligence budget - bigger than the CIA's.

Steven Aftergood of the Federation of American Scientists estimates the NRO's budget at \$5 billion a year. He said the agency was established in 1960 and is located in room 4C958 of the Pentagon.

The House and Senate committees that oversee U.S. intelligence have been pressing for months for declassification of the NRO's existence.

"Perhaps such secrecy was justified when the NRO was created, but with the passage of time, and particularly with the end of the Cold War, the justification for continued secrecy has drastically diminished," said Senate Intelligence Committee Chairman David Boren, D-Okla., who has never before been allowed to say the agency's name in public.

The name of the agency first surfaced publicly in a 1973 Senate report - too late for government censors to delete.

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Shuttle

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fits of making it perfect. Then people would cry it's even more of a waste of money.

In last week's editorial, it was also stated that the shuttle has only lifted off without a hitch twice. This may be true, but considering the literally billions of components in the shuttle program and the very strict weather constraints (which although some people may blame it on them, is not NASA's fault) is a fantastic record. Modern commercial aircraft are technically simple when compared to the shuttle and how often do they take off on time?

Mr. Simon also states in his editorial that he is in favor of the new Delta Clipper. The Delta Clipper would not exist without the current shuttle program. The Clipper is the next generation of shuttles. All the research, problems and achievements of the current shuttle went into the designing of the new shuttle. One must learn to walk before he can run.

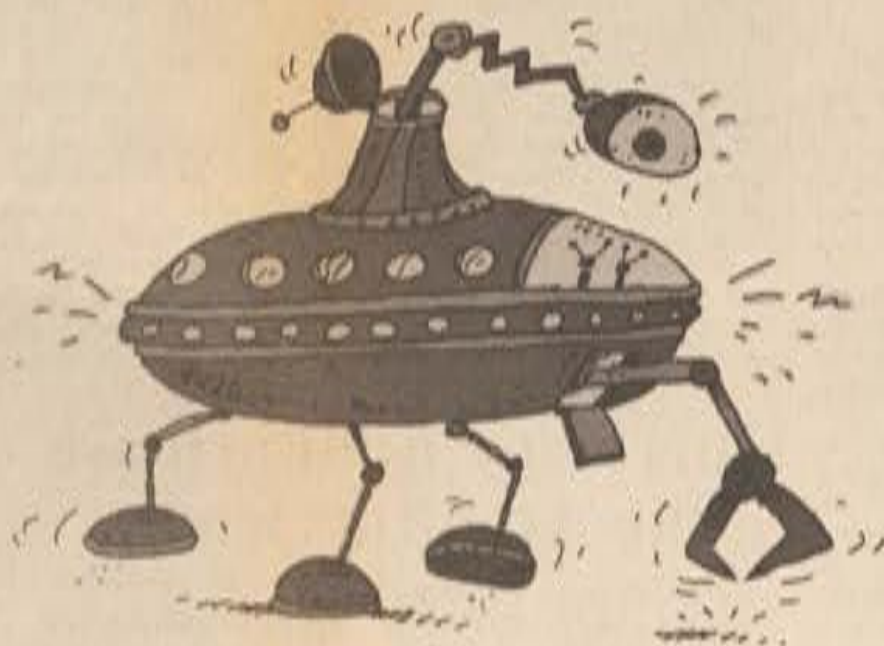
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five p.m. The fee is \$28.50 per person/\$25.00 per ERAU student which includes green fees, golf cart, breakfast (at course), and a barbecue lunch (on campus).

Proceeds go to the GSA and will be used to fund projects which are beneficial to all university students.

THE AVION



"You know, it's so ridiculous. If I don't call my parents every Sunday at exactly 5 o'clock, they think I was kidnapped by aliens, or something. Anyway, one Sunday me and Mark, we decide to take-off and check out the city. So we're hanging out and I look at my watch. 5 o'clock. Alright, so my calling card and I head down to the local pool hall. (Which I happen to know has a payphone) And I tell the folks the Martians send their best."

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