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THE AVION

An award-winning newspaper by students for students

Sliwa attends Clinton inauguration

By John Luke

Opinion Editor

In a move to strengthen ties to key supporters in Washington, University President Steven Sliwa and his wife, Mrs. Nancy Sliwa, went to President Bill Clinton's inaugural activities in Washington last week.

Sliwa started, "The main reason why I went, of course, is that the inauguration, is a time when lots of important people from all over the country and especially the people in Washington end up celebrating the start of a new administration. And, since they are all going to be there in one place at one time, that is a good time to be there. You can have a good chance to interact with people."

Sliwa boasted, "As we all know, I have been spending a lot of time in Washington trying to get the big bucks down here... And, of course, I do not want to let the dollars get up. I want to make sure that the dollars get here so that we get new dollars."

Indeed, Sliwa has numerous initiatives under way to get funds for ERAU. Sliwa continued, "Our Washington contacts basically invited us to a number of different events both my wife and I... We arrived on that Sunday. We arrived too late for the bell ringing at the Mall."

Sliwa said that on Monday there were four candlelight dinners. At the dinner Sliwa ate at, Clinton stopped by for about fifteen minutes and spoke. Gore followed Clinton by visiting the dinner for about fifteen minutes after Clinton left. Sliwa jibed, "To give you an idea, each table cost about \$15,000 dollars." Sliwa said that he and his wife had been invited by one of the University's Washington consulting firms. Sliwa indicated that Kathleen Turner walked by his table and he happened to "accidentally" bump into her. Henry Winkler was sitting at the next table, also.

Sliwa attended the Gala on Tuesday night. Lemmon was one of the main masters

of ceremonies. Sliwa indicated that the Clintons and Gores were there throughout that event. The Gala was held at the Capital Center and it was a black tie event. "That was an interesting event," Sliwa quipped, "to go to an... arena and be in a black tie."

Senator Wendyl Ford, Senate Majority Whip and commencement speaker at the Spring 1992 commencement ceremony at the Daytona Beach Campus, invited Sliwa to the Inaugural event. Sliwa boasted, "(Ford) arranged for some special VIP tickets for my wife and I and our Washington Representative and his wife. And so we were able to actually sit among former congressmen and senators and some other people who were fairly important." Sliwa was a couple hundred yards away from the actual inauguration.

Sliwa explained his networking opportunities, "One night we had dinner at a table with Senator Graham and his wife, the number three person from McDonnell Douglas



"...Nancy (Sliwa) was very effective in trying to line up some funds from McDonnell Douglas..."

-President Steven Sliwa

and his wife, and also the author of the book Truman and the person who produced and directed the *Civil War* series on PBS... They are all very familiar with Embry-Riddle, now. In fact, Nancy was very effective in trying to line up some funds from McDonnell Douglas in terms of helping on some 'Women in Aviation' funds. ... You have got to have the husband and wife team if you are going to be effective anymore, I guess."

Sliwa noticed that Jack Nicholson was

also staying at his hotel. Warren Beatty also was there with his new wife. Ray Charles and Jack Lemmon also stayed at his hotel. On Wednesday, Mrs. Sliwa complimented Jack Lemmon on his performance at the Gala.

Sliwa spoke to some FAA people about some international programs and toward developing some new summer internships and Co-ops. He also spoke with some other

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Sean Hester, 42, reaches over the top of a Webber College player to score in last night's 98-94 loss.

Webber beat the Eagles twice last season, including a crucial game that cost the team a trip to the finals.

Eagles stumble on road to number 1

By John Luke

Opinion Editor

A loss to Webber college last night shattered the Eagles hopes of going undefeated in the district, bringing their record to 4-1 and their overall record to 17-4.

Before the game, co-captain Owen Busch characterized last night's contest as "the much anticipated rematch of last year's district tournament loss with the top spot in the conference standings at stake."

Last year, Webber beat the Eagles last year in the district tournament, which kept the team from going to the finals.

Webber came to Daytona with a 7-0 district record versus the Eagles 4-0 district mark. ERAU's hopes for number 1 in district 7 were made more difficult with the loss last night to Webber, who are no. 1 in the district.

Busch went on, "The need for continued stu-

dent support is critical as the home crowd fuels the intensity of the team!"

Webber was ahead by four points just before the half when the Eagles sunk a three pointer to bring the game to 54 to 53. The Eagles stayed with Webber throughout the contest. However, with three minutes remaining, Webber College's superior physical play began to take a toll on the Eagles. And, with a score of 98 to 94, ERAU lost and dropped their record to 17 wins and 4 losses.

"Strength in numbers should be the theme for this year's basketball team," said Busch.

Busch continued, "as solid contributions from every member of the team coupled by the frenzied support of raucous Riddle fans and students added two impressive conference wins at the 'sand trap' this past week!"

The Eagles avenged an overtime loss in Miami last year by holding off Saint Thomas University Friday night by the score of 89 to 80.

Then, ERAU completed the weekend double

header by manhandling Florida Memorial, last year's conference champions and winner of the last two previous meetings. ERAU beat Florida Memorial College on Saturday by the score of 106 to 94.

These two conference victories bring the Eagles one step closer to the number one ranking in the NAIA division II poll.

When asked about playoff chances for the Eagles, Busch concluded, "The present conditions point to a favorable post-season showing for this year's team as the mix of old and new teammates continues to get stronger, and the play steadily gets better in all aspects of the game."

He added, "The need to take it one game at a time is very important, but the possibility of a national championship for ERAU this year lingers in the minds of the many faithful. With the support of the students, faculty, community and camaraderie of players we can make that dream a reality!"

ROTC Sergeant leaves for Somalia

By John Luke

Opinion Editor

Army Sgt. Thomas Brown, an administrative NCO and instructor who has been here since January 1992, received orders to report to Somalia last Thursday, and should have arrived in the Central African nation yesterday.

He is anticipating a safe and peaceful tour there. He said that his assignment there is temporary, and he should come back to Embry-Riddle within 180 days.

Brown said that he will be a part of a special task force which will operate in the effort on Somalia. He does not know where his assignment will be, yet.

He believes the main mission in Somalia now is to prepare for the UN peacekeeping forces and the withdrawal of some of the U.S. forces.

When asked whether he was nervous about the trip, Brown responded, "I have been overseas before." However, the short notice of this trip made him a little edgy.

It seemed to him that someone had dropped the ball and had not given him early enough notice. But, he is glad to go and serve his country, at a time when his country needs him.

Before coming to ERAU, Brown was stationed in Chun Chon, Korea. Brown said he spent a couple of years in college at Savannah State in the early 1980s. He then decided to join the army, and said that he has had a great time since.

Brown feels that it is quite coincidental that he is going overseas while the conflict with Iraq is heating up again. Iraq is where Brown's mind is.

He said that he is concerned about the servicemen and women facing Iraq because of the dangerous and volatile situation in which they are working. Very emotionally, Brown said, "We have got to stand up to Saddam..."

Concerning his experience at ERAU, Brown said that he enjoys the laid back environment here on campus.

Although the normal facilities

such as a PX, base gym, mess hall and other amenities found on regular military bases are not found here at ERAU, he said that working at ERAU's ROTC program is almost like a civilian job. Brown said, "This is one of the best career assignments..."

As a farewell message to the students here at the University, Brown said, "Kids need to learn to not take anything for granted." Brown concluded, "If you want to keep the standard of living which you have then learn to back your government more, because any day the situation in the world could change."

Brown feels very privileged to have served at ERAU and he will be glad when he returns.



Somalia, at-a-glance

Size: 246,200 sq. mi., almost the size of Texas; easternmost country in Africa

Population: 6.5 million; most are nomads; all speak Somali and are Sunni Muslims

Economy: Developing country with limited resources

History: Became independent in 1960; before, Great Britain ruled the north, Italy ruled south; military leaders took control in 1969; fierce fighting between Somalia, Ethiopia in late 1970s; hundreds of thousands of Ethiopian refugees placing considerable strain on Somali economy

SOURCE: World Book, AP

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NASA plans to launch seven more shuttles this year, including one late next month.

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News in brief...

Shake that Body

Korena Webb will be teaching an aerobics class every Monday at 7:15 p.m. and Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 5:15 p.m.

The workout sessions will be conducted in the annex area underneath Records and Registration in the JPRSC addition. Please dress appropriately and bring a towel.

Movie of the Week

Touch-n-Go Productions will be showing *Glengarry Glen Ross* tomorrow, a story about four salesmen who are trying to unload a

piece of swampland in Florida, and the fierce competition that follows to be the one to sell the property.

Get Help with Your Taxes

Students will be able to get help with their taxes starting this week. The University will be offering free tax preparation classes every Monday evening from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in room A-117.

Attention April Graduates

The first senior class meeting will be held this Monday in the JPRSC at 8 p.m.



Coach Ridder talks about the ups and downs of taking a young team on the road to the top.

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Staff Commentary:

Get ready for the 21st century



John Luke
Opinions Editor

Soon it will be the year 2000. Are you ready for it? We must prepare for the changing economic and socio-cultural conditions in the world. Four stars!

Those who advance their capabilities and strategically position themselves will do the best in the next century. Customer service is of paramount concern in any industry, especially one as dynamic and competitive as higher education.

In choosing Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, we have chosen the leader in aviation higher education (or at least this is what we are led to believe). We choose to place our futures in a school which we believe to be the best at what it does. And Embry-Riddle's mission, to provide quality aviation higher education, is fulfilled to varying degrees throughout our campus.

University executives should pay more attention to the courtesy and attentiveness given to the students by the various staff areas of the school. Students pay thousands of

dollars to be here, staff members are paid thousands or more to work here. Staff members have no excuse not to be nice to students.

Yet, while some departments are courteous to students while being responsive and understanding of students' needs, some other departments seem to think students are an interruption of their work (not the reason for it). Granted, there has been a trend of improvement since President Steven Sliwa began, but there is more to be done.

If Embry-Riddle wants to call itself a "world leader" in aviation higher education, then Embry-Riddle needs to ensure that all of its departments treat students well. Students who are happy with how the University treats them will, for the most part, feel better about themselves and their school. Plus, those satisfied students will probably stay in school, here at ERAU.

An example of an excellent operation is in the mailroom on campus. This improvement has occurred in the past couple of years. The mail room is now more efficient and very courteous to students.

During registration, I noticed that an employee of mail services personally took care of a new student who seemed to be getting "the Riddle run-around." He personally

walked the new student over to Ms. Val Kruse at registration and asked her how he could help the student.

An example of poor service is the Career Center. Let me predicate my comments on the Career Center by letting you know that the Career Center does well in many areas. My opinions about the Career Center have been developed over several years of employment there.

But, do not think that I am just the disgruntled former student employee. It has been over a year since I worked there. Although my observations may be skewed and biased by my personal experiences, I feel my perspective is improved through my experience working in the Career Center.

Many people throughout the campus have expressed less than stellar reviews of this department's performance. And, although all of their problems are not caused by themselves, the Career Center is definitely lacking in the student service department (customer orientation).

An example of the Career Center's failure to serve the students as effectively as they should is an anecdote given to this Editor by another senior staff member of the *Avion*. One day, the aforementioned *Avion* staff member happened to be in the Career Center.

Another student walked in and told the secretary that he had an appointment with Mr. Rick Merlin, Director of the Career Center. It was shortly after lunch and the secretary told the student that Merlin would be back shortly.

Merlin returned to the office about five minutes later. Merlin had his Racquetball gear. Merlin went on to talk ("BS") with the secretary for over a half of an hour about a problem with his Corvette and other assorted topics. Merlin's verbose conversations about personal situations while at work have been the focus of several student complaints about the Career Center.

Meanwhile, the student, with the appointment, was waiting in a chair about five feet from Merlin. The student seemed flustered due to Merlin's verbosity. Then, Merlin invited the student into his office, but told him, "This will need to be quick, because I have got a meeting to go to soon."

There are, of course, good and bad departments here at ERAU. My picks for the good ones are: Student Accounting, Cashiers, Library, Humanities, Aviation Computer Science, Physical Science, Student Affairs and CCE.

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Letters to the Editor:

Schimmel is liked

To the Editor:
I graduated from this university this past December with a Bachelor of Science degree in Aerospace Engineering. Up until now, I have been very proud of having attended a university with an engineering department which puts the needs of the students first.

In a time when most schools have been forced to cut back we were making great strides to improve student facilities. Unfortunately, I have just learned that one of the engineering department's finest instructors is being fired due to the size of his salary.

This instructor is Dr. Walter P. Schimmel. I know that several years ago there were a few complaints about him. But, in recent years he has been an exemplary instructor who I am proud to say I have known. Dr. Schimmel always has time for students and even helped me a great deal this past semester in a class for which I did not even have him. I know for a fact that I am not the only student to have been helped in such a way by him.

He is a highly respected member of his field and his list of accomplishments is too long to go into here. Dr. Schimmel is another example of an excellent engineer who has worked extensively in the field but has decided to pursue a career teaching future engineers. I am proud to say there are others like him here in our engineering department.

It is a sad day when this university chooses to squander its funds on items, like security department limousines and contributing money to intersections that do not let people drive north on Richard Petty Blvd., before spending it on things that this school really needs. ERAU needs well qualified and caring instructors like Dr. Schimmel.

This school is on the verge of constructing a new engineering building, but at this rate it will not

have qualified instructors to teach in that new building. I can only speak for myself when I say that if Dr. Schimmel is fired, this alumni will not donate one penny to this school ever, but I do know there are others out there who feel just as disgusted.

Kenneth F. Harkin
ERAU Alumnus, December 1992

Editor's note: According to Associate Dean of Academics Dr. Ray Wimberly, Dr. David Hasen, Chair of Aerospace Engineering, has informed Dr. Schimmel that his contract will not be recommended for renewal when it goes up for review on March 1, 1993. Dr. John Pope, Dean of Academics, has until the end of February to notify Dr. Schimmel of the University's decision.

Saddam must go

To the Editor:
The following is my opinion. Saddam Hussein must be removed from power. He is detrimental to the quality of life of the Iraqi people and to the peace in the Middle East.

As a prior service member of the United States of America, I served in Desert Storm where Saddam threw the common man off the street into a "Holy War" against our coalition forces. And, it was not the first time either, he fought Iran in a bloody war in which millions of innocents lost their lives because of Saddam's madness.

We, U.S. servicemen, encountered many Iraqi soldiers in civilian attire without prior military training over there. This caused a very tense and unsafe environment for their civilian population because it was difficult for us to distinguish between the enemy and innocent civilians. If widespread hostilities had occurred, many innocents would

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Bush deserves better than a 'bum rap'



David Gass
Avion Staff Reporter

Last Wednesday, Bill Clinton became the 42nd president of the United States. Now, it seems that the country is on a high because President Bush has left office. This truly amazes me because Bush did so much for this country as well as the entire planet.

What really shocked me was when I was watching the presidential welcoming reception the other day when Clinton greeted many average Americans of all ages. Clinton was speaking with a kid, who told him that President Bush was a terrible and awful President and he (the kid) hoped that Clinton would not be as bad as Bush

was. That kid probably got this ignorant attitude from older (liberal) Americans, maybe his parents. What I am concerned about is how so many people can have this attitude about George Bush and pass it on to the younger generation.

All this accomplishes is further negativity which, at least in my opinion, has no sense of truth to it. It is truly amazing how Bush's image has changed within the past year since campaigning for re-election. This is when he was accused of being out of touch with the public and more concerned with world affairs. As soon as the campaign began, it seemed that the people of the United States started to forget all of the good things Bush has done for us and focused on the negative aspects both real and imaginary.

When someone is elected as President of the United States, it also includes the responsibilities of leading the world of democracy against dictators such as Saddam Hussein. The amount of responsibilities of the President can be over-

whelming to the ordinary person and it takes someone with great knowledge and leadership. The presidency is not a job to be taken lightly.

People have a tendency to blame all the problems in the country on the President. Over the past year, Bush has been blamed for the sorry condition of our economy and the huge deficit we have. It is totally absurd if not ignorant to believe that the poor shape of our economy is solely Bush's fault and because we have a new president everything will be all right.

The economy has dwindled over a period of years and the problem does not belong to just one person. Bush may have been partly responsible, but remember that Congress is just as responsible, if not more.

Bush has served this country in many ways over the past half century. No matter what anyone says, I predict that Bush will go down in the history books as a great president who championed the cause of peace in the world.

Student Forum

The Avion Asks:

Do you believe that the United States should remove Saddam Hussein from power even though it may cost American lives and upset the balance of power in the Middle East?



Amy Vidovitch
Aero Science

"My personal opinion is that we should pay more attention to our problems here at home."



Aital Negatu-Hindi
Aviation Technology

"Saddam should not be removed by the US or the UN. His own people should remove him."



Natasha Schaad
Aerospace Studies

"Yes. If he is not removed from power soon, things could get even worse."



Sarah Gordon
Aviation Technology

"I do not think that the United States should do it alone, but he should be removed from power."



Thom Kaminski
Aero Science

"Yes, he is causing too many problems as it is."



Hyun Kim
Aviation Maint. Mgt.

"I do not think so. It would turn world opinion against the US. All nations have the right to self-determination."

Large career day expected

By Career Center
Special to the Avion

Transcending the weak economy and the poor employment outlook, the Career Center expects a large Career Day this year on Thursday, February 4th.

This event will bring employer and industry representatives together with students and alumni to explore career opportunities.

Students will visit the booths and displays and chat with company representatives in an informal manner.

Although aviation employers naturally predominate, the corporations are not exclusively from the aviation industry.

A welcoming reception will be held for employers on Wednesday evening, which is attended by invitation only. Career Day itself opens to students at 9:30 am on Thursday and runs until 4:00 pm. Please note, however, that employers will be taking lunch breaks between noon and 1:30 pm. Some of the employers will remain on campus Friday, February 5th, to conduct interviews with seniors and alumni they meet during

Career Day.

Job seekers who attend should treat Career Day as a chance to get an interview, as well as to gather information. Bring several resumes and dress professionally.

Even if an interview is not obtained, Career Day is a valuable way to make contacts with whom future correspondence can be addressed.

Over 45 booths will be set up in the John Paul Riddle Student Center and the Student Center Annex Lobby.

Some of the employers attending include (tentatively): AIG, ALPA, American Airlines, American Eagle Group, ARINC, AVTAR, Corus Technologies, DISC, E-Systems, FAPA, FBI, F.N. Wolf and Company, Greater Orlando Aviation Authority, Greiner, Houston Flight Training School, Howmet Refurbishing, McDonnell Douglas, Merrill Lynch, Nassau Flyers, Naval Air Systems Command, Procter and Gamble Co., Southwest Florida Regional Airport, UPS, United States Customs, and all U.S. Military Branches.

Sophomores and Juniors interested in becoming camp counselors for the U.S. Space and Rocket Center, or for the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, should also attend for information and interviews.

A complete listing, and more information about the companies planning to attend, is now available in the Career Center. For best results, students and alumni should determine in advance which companies interest them, conduct research on these companies, prepare questions and practice what they will say about themselves to the employer.

The Career Center will have a complete listing of the employers who will attend Career Day in the next issue of the Avion.

John Higley, an American Airlines (AA) B-727 captain, has been selected as the guest speaker for Career Day. Higley started flying in June of 1979. Since then, he has flown everything from J3-Cubs to DC-10s. He spent his first two years flying night freight in DC-3s. He worked for BO-S-AIR, ASA and Orion (UPS), finally landing a job at AA when he was only 22 years old.



Career Center staff, shown from left to right are: Jack Slavin, Mick Olvera, Susan Kelly, Ami Gregory, Sharon Jenkins, Rick Merlin, and Carolyn Darby.

Since deregulation, he is the youngest AA pilot to make captain at age 28 in 1989.

How did he get where he is now? Higley offered the following wisdom to today's job seeking pilots. "Be persistent in your job search and don't give up. Learn to handle rejection; don't let it get you down. Realize that you will be turned down

99 time out of 100. Most importantly, agree to work in any geographical area." Higley has been based in New York, Chicago, Dallas, Los Angeles and Miami. "When you are more senior, you can be more picky."

Especially helpful were the Directory of Employers, the Job Report and Interview Briefings. He

also stresses that you should have or continue to pursue your college education. John Higley states that he "enjoys helping influence people's dreams into realities." Higley will speak at 6:30 pm Career Day in A-109. Don't miss this valuable opportunity to get the inside information that helped John Higley get where he is today.

Dr. Harraf leads ABA

By John Luke
Opinions Editor

Taking an outstanding member of the Prescott campus staff, Embry-Riddle has assigned Dr. Abe Harraf as the new Aviation Business Administration department chair at its larger Daytona Beach campus. Dr. Harraf comes to Daytona Beach with impeccable credentials and a vision of a new Aviation Business Administration department which is better than it has ever been before.

Harraf intends to analyze the curriculum being offered by the Aviation Business Administration (ABA) department in terms of industry needs. Recency and relevancy of curriculum toward students' future careers will also be investigated. He will be asking the question, "Are we teaching students what we need in order to prepare

them for success?"

To look at the curriculum, Harraf will be starting an industrial advisory board and a student advisory board within the ABA department. Harraf will be pooling information amongst the faculty with community leaders in industry and students in the ABA degree program. He hopes to have a "pulse" of what courses to offer and when to offer them.

Harraf also feels strongly about developing a student oriented culture within ABA. He wants a customer oriented management style which includes instructors being available during their office hours, flexible schedules in terms of course offerings as well as instructor availability, and he wants an open door policy followed for all faculty of ABA.

Harraf is also looking to get the Aviation Business Administration



Dr. Abe Harraf

degree program accredited by the Association for Collegiate Business Schools and Programs. ABA is currently accredited by SACS, along with the rest of the school, but Harraf believes a specialized accreditation would boost the stature of ERAU's ABA program.

Also, Harraf is thinking of a department newsletter for ABA students, increasing research performed

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Financial aid week, good news for students

By Ruth Godin
Special to the Avion

Florida Governor Chiles has proclaimed the week of January 25 - 29 1993 as Financial Aid Awareness Week. This is in order to promote the importance of student financial assistance in helping students meet their educational goals.

Additionally with the passing of the Higher Education Act in July 1992, there is a need to have everyone more aware of the numerous changes to the law. The Financial Aid office has planned a number of activities which will occur during the week to help promote awareness among the student body as well as faculty and staff.

To emphasize financial aid each staff member as well as student assistants are wearing pins with the proclamation of "Financial Aid Awareness Week".

Some of the changes students need to be aware of are: Federal Stafford loan amounts have increased and will be in effect for the Fall semester. Freshmen - \$2625.00; Sophomores - \$3,500.00; Juniors and Seniors - \$5,500.00 and Graduates - \$8,500.00. Similarly, the maximum amounts that can be borrowed have also increased. An undergraduate can borrow up to \$23,000.00 and a graduate \$65,500.00.

The PLUS and SLS loan programs also raised the annual and maximum amounts that can be borrowed. The amount that one can borrow under the PLUS loan program, which is the loan that parents take out for their dependent, has increased to the cost of attendance less any financial aid received.

There is no aggregate loan limits for this program. For the SLS program, full time Freshmen and

Sophomores may borrow up to \$4,000, Juniors and Seniors up to \$5,000.00 and graduate students, \$10,000. The maximum amounts are \$23,000, for undergraduates and \$73,000, for graduate students.

For some students who have been unable to borrow under the Federal Stafford Loan program, a new program entitled the Unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loan is available. This loan is similar to the Stafford with the exception that the student is responsible for paying the interest while in school.

For the 1993-94 school year, the Financial Aid Office has revised their brochures. There is now one comprehensive brochure that contains the basic forms needed for financial aid. The brochure covers the application process, the explanation of the financial aid programs

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Morrison's to host 1,600 Special Olympics athletes

By Wayne Newby
Campus News Editor

Embry Riddle Aeronautical University was chosen to host dinner for the Florida Special Olympic State Indoor Games on Friday and Saturday, January 29th and 30th.

1600 athletes will be dining in the UC, ranging in age from ten years old to fifty.

Their dinner will be served each evening between 4:00 pm and 6:30 pm. Breakfast will be served from 6:00 am to 8:00 am on Saturday and Sunday.

Due to the size of the group, it will be necessary to close the University center dining room and Flight Deck. Students and faculty will be allowed to sit in the T.V. room, the Landing Strip, and the surrounding conference rooms during these periods.

The University was chosen for

this honor because it is large enough to accommodate a group of this size.

This will be made possible by splitting the athletes into groups of 550 each which will be served in half hour shifts.

Another reason that ERAU was chosen is that Morrison's was able to meet the budgetary constraints of this organization.

The Olympics begin Friday when relay runners arrive at DBCC with lighted torches from different parts of the state.

The athletes will be competing at various schools in the area, events include basketball, bowling, gymnastics, and powerlifting.

The Indoor Games is the first of four competitions for Special Olympic athletes in Florida. The others include The Spring Games, Summer Games, and Masters Games for the older athletes. Anyone interested in assisting with the games may call Mary Welch at 258-0563.

Piano Man



Carl Rosen lit up the stage at last Friday's Attitude Adjustment with great singing by such artists as Billy Joel, funny jokes and a lot of fun.

Campus News briefs and notices

Bookstore notices

1. The Bookstore will begin returning unsold textbooks to the publishers on January 27.

2. The Bookstore Cashiers will be accepting orders from faculty/staff for regalia rentals from February 1 - March 1, 1993.

3. The Bookstore will be closed on February 13 and 15, 1993 to conduct the year end inventory. Please make your plans accordingly.

Tennis Carnival

To benefit the Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Varsity Tennis program.

Saturday, January 30, 10:30 am. At the Pelican Bay Tennis Club, 110 Goshawk Drive, Daytona Beach 32114.

Free clinics, contests and games. Prizes and pro-exhibitions.

For further information: 7 5 6 - 0045 or 226-6731.

Mr. Knabe is the Tennis Coach. Come out and meet the players! Students, faculty, staff and general public are welcome!

Career Center Notice:

Avionics majors graduating Spring or Summer 1993:

Go to the Career Center and see Mr. Rick Merlin, Career Center Director, about upcoming job openings with E-Systems and other companies!

The Career Center is on the second floor of the John ... Riddle Student Center.

Phone number: 226-6054. Job hotline: 226-6052.

Engineering and Science

Upper level science and engineering students can spend 10 weeks during Summer 93 conducting research under the supervision of an eminent faculty researcher at another university and earn a \$2,500 stipend plus research support and travel funds. Interested students should contact a faculty member or department chair and ask to be nominated for this Florida Space Grant Consortium Undergraduate Space Research Participation (USRP) Summer 1993 Program. Abstracts of forty (40) proposed research projects are available for

review and selection.

Contact Valerie Riley in the Center for Aviation/Aerospace Research (CAAR) at X6319 for additional information.

Special Olympics volunteers

Special Olympics will be holding their state games in the Daytona Beach Area. Embry-Riddle has volunteered to host all four meals for the contestants and workers that weekend. We need volunteers to help us with these meals and to help the Special Olympics Committee! Will you and your group help us?

22 people needed each meal, 4 meals: 4:30-6, Jan. 29 Dinner, be here at 4 p.m.; Jan. 30 -6:30 - 8 a.m. Breakfast, be here at 6 a.m.; 4:30 - 6 Dinner (be here at 4 p.m.); 6:30 - 8 Sunday Breakfast, be here at 6 a.m.

Location to report: Endeavor Conference room, Second floor, Student Center

Sign up by Jan. 27; in Student Activities - Get your whole club involved!!

Tent town

If you are not familiar with what Tent Town is - it is an area where games and activities are set up to athletes have something to do when they are not in competition. We are planning on having several games and activities and therefore we are looking for clubs and organizations who would be interested in running an area. My intentions are to have one club or organization per game or activity, that way you will be able to display who you are with posters or banners if you choose.

Please discuss this with all your members and if you find it is something your people would like to get involved with you can either write to me or call (904)252-8928.

New student clubs

The Department of Student Activities will accept proposals to charter new Student organizations on campus, until Friday, February 19, 1993. If you wish to begin a new Student Organization, please stop by the Student Activities Office located in the Student Center (lobby area), or call ext. 6039, to schedule an appointment before that deadline.

University offers new humanities course

Editors note: Due to an error by the Avion, parts of this story were not published in last week's issue. Because of this error, the Avion has reprinted the story in its entirety.

By Ed Kohinke

Special to the Avion

The recent bad tidings from the aerospace industry have had a disheartening effect on many ERAU upperclassmen near the end of a very specialized education. The word from prospective employers is that they are in no hurry to hire college grads, leading many students to reconsider the breakneck pace with which they are charging towards graduation day. Well, Prof. Steve Glassman of the humanities department will offer an exciting new course this Summer A term that provides the opportunity to slow down that pace while concurrently earning three Humanities credits.

This course will be the first-ever Humanities Travel Course, and will

cover the non-aviation related and heretofore unheard-of topics of tropical ecology, Mayan civilization, Caribbean cultural and regional studies, and tropical marine ecology. The course will span the first three weeks of Summer A, the first week will be spent in Daytona doing structured background coursework, and the last two will be spent travelling in Belize, Guatemala, and the Florida Keys.

This field travel will draw upon Glassman's experiences and contacts gained from over a decade of travel in Central America and a recent nine month teaching stint in Belize. This latter time in Belize was actually part of his work on a Fulbright Lectureship grant to research the life of John Lloyd Stevens, one of Central America's first travel writers. Along journey's way, Glassman will arrange for informative talks from friends and local experts in their different specialties.

The itinerary will begin in Belize, where some of the largest areas of

untouched tropical rain forest on the planet remain. This ecosystem is the most biologically productive and diverse in the world, yet is being destroyed at an incredible rate. Students will be able to witness the slash-and-burn destruction of the rain forest and also to

observe the incredible richness of tropical biology that still exists. Supplementing this phase of the course will be a talk from Dr. Jack Meyers (a herpetologist from USC), a trip to the Jaguar Preserve (a habitat preserved for free-roaming jaguars, which is normally off-limits to tourists), and a trip to a Garifuna village (a picturesque Caribbean beach community of palm-thatched huts). Travel will be by local dirt roads susceptible to weather-conditions into remote areas where students may have to carry their own food, and accommodations will range from wooden bunks to modest hotels.

The second phase of the itinerary will take the students to the Peten area of Guatemala. Here they will

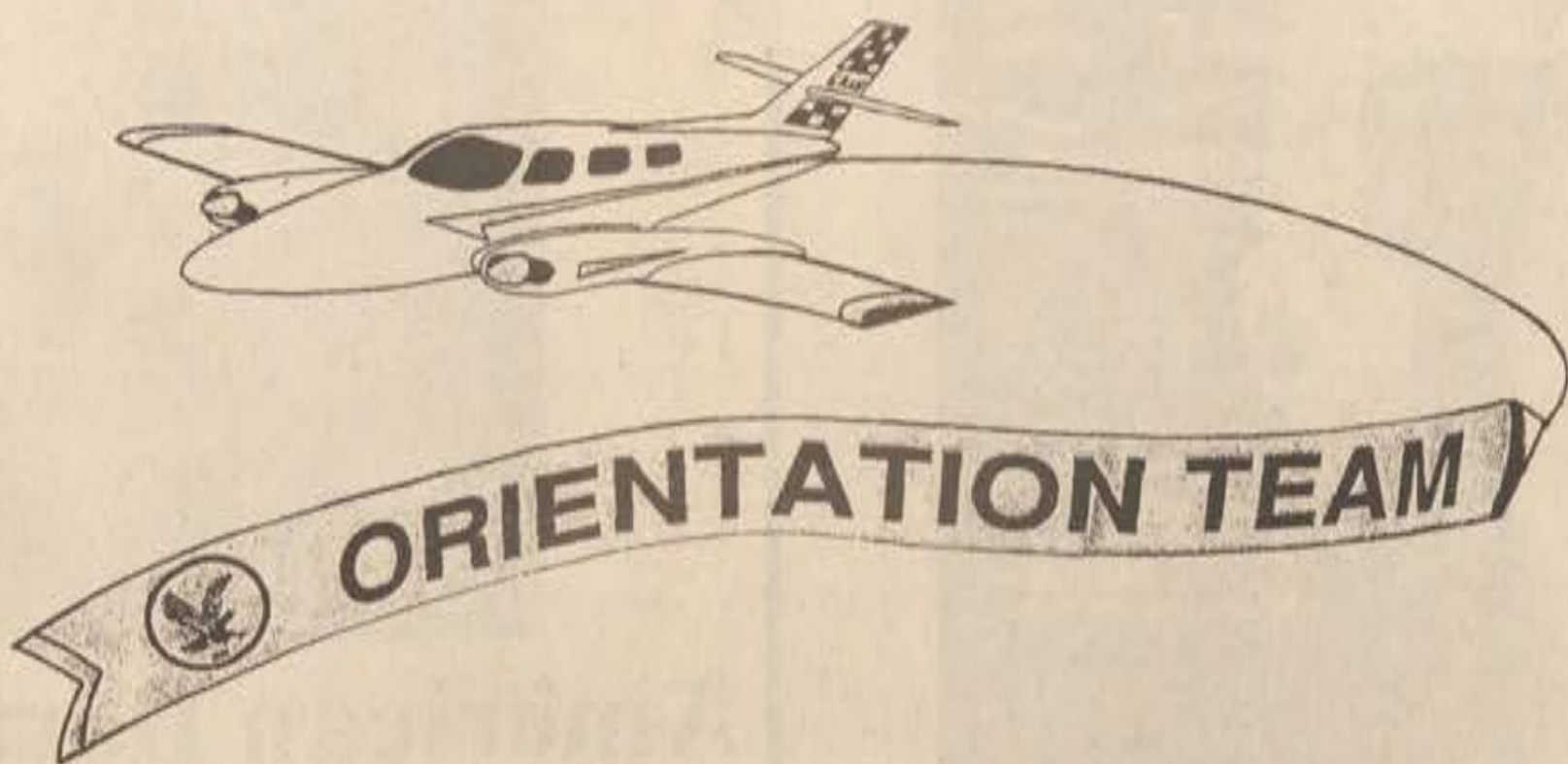
focus on the ancient Mayan civilizations that prevailed there in pre-Columbian times. Two days will be spent at Takal, a Classical Mayan city-state which has been fully excavated and restored and is now a traditional tourist stopover. This civilization collapsed around 700AD for unknown reasons, leaving behind ruins that Glassman describes as incredibly powerful and vivid, unlike any others that he's seen.

According to Glassman, the connection with ancient times there is as strongly moving as might be felt at the Greek Acropolis. He is "Very pleased to be able to offer students the opportunity to experience this overwhelming site." He also points out that the area is very wild and remote, teeming with jungle wildlife such as macaws, free-roaming jaguars, and howler monkeys.

Students will then visit another ruin, named Caracol, which is in the process of being excavated by two professors from UCF. Sixty miles

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Orientation Leader Positions Now Available



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Information and applications are available at the Counseling Center /
Orientation Services office OR the O. Team recruitment table on January
27 & 28 in the Flight Deck.

Application Deadline: January 29, 1993

Athletic Scholarships: How much do the athletes receive?

By Keith Towers
Staff Reporter

Many people do not know how the university handles athletic scholarships and even more have misconceptions about what the funds can be used for by the students.

Athletic tuition grants are the official name of the athletic scholarships which ERAU awards to athletes on the five university sponsored intercollegiate sports programs.

These are golf, tennis, soccer, baseball, and basketball. All are men's sports, but tennis Coach Rudy Knabe has always expressed interest in forming a female tennis team, but cannot find enough interested women to support a full roster.

Each of the five sports receive a set number of money from the university which can be used to cover tuition costs only.

As an example, the soccer team receives six times the amount of tuition for a year to be split amongst the team members as the coach sees fit. This means that if the soccer

team receives six times the amount of tuition next year, it will total \$44,580 to be split among all of the soccer players.

"It works out to average about \$2500 in tuition waivers per player in all five sports," stated Athletic Director Tom Fisher. "They do not cover room and board, books, or fees. We knew that we could not cover those expenses because flight students could consider the flight course as a fee, and we could not afford that."

As the program is set up now, the maximum anyone could receive is a full tuition waiver. There is a way that room and board could be covered though. A booster can donate money to the school and say they want it to help cover student athletes' room and board. The university can then take the money and apply it to the neediest student's account. Again, the decision as to who receives the money is the coach's.

Summer terms are not included in the waivers, so if it was decided to

give somebody some money to help attend a summer term, that money would be subtracted from the pool that the coach gets for the rest of the team.

Basketball receives the most money out of the five sports, and they are facing a problem right now. There is a proposal in front of the NAIA to make the cutoff between Division I and Division II at three full ride scholarships.

Our basketball team is right on that border. If they spend more and become Division I, they will not be playing in the same league next year, and will have to travel to Georgia for all of their league games. Also, the competition will become tougher. On the other hand, Head Basketball Coach Steve Ridder would want as much money as possible to give to his team. There lies the dilemma.

If in Division I, the NAIA allows up to twelve full rides. But here, the university does not award full rides, so if they so desired they could award not approximately \$45,000 to

the basketball team next year, but could go up to over \$150,000 for next year. Of course there is no plan to do so, but as a comparison to some schools, our basketball success has come rather cheaply.

"We would like to get in the area of providing room and board also, but right now that has only been done in special cases when we receive money from outside sources," continued Fisher. "We also have to be careful not to over-award somebody. If they get an ROTC scholarship, we cannot on top of that give them a tuition waiver because they already have all of their tuition covered. We cannot have somebody getting paid to come to school."

"A lot of times we'll ask how much a student is getting in financial aid, say a Pell Grant or a scholarship, and we'll just fill in the gaps, or try to fill in the gaps."

"People should realize that we are not even close to having a full-blown scholarship program."

Fisher goes on to say "I cannot even imagine us dealing in flight.

The costs would be enormous."

There is another area which the university is brand new at this year. It is called red-shirting and any sports fan will know the term from watching big schools play. Basically, it is when a team is interested in a player, but does not want them wasting a year of eligibility sitting on the bench, which the coach would be confident that that is what they would do. The coach would then red-shirt them. This means the player can practice and follow the team's work-out regimen, but the player cannot wear a uniform.

In college, athletes are allowed to play for four years out of five years of attendance. If after five years of attendance, the student has only played a sport for three years, that player is ineligible to play a fourth year on the team.

They can receive scholarships, but any money they receive is taking away from the players that are actually playing, but again that is the coach's decision.

"What we are really saying is 'Why do I waste you for a year when there is really no slot for you to play?'" explained Fisher who is also the soccer coach. "For soccer, I'm looking for walk-ons every year. I could not survive without them. Red-shirting may be done in baseball, but because of a small scholarship program, I would suspect that they will not need to red-shirt either."

The athletic scholarship program has now been in effect for three and a half years and has grown in size since it started. Fisher states "We would not be where we are now competing at this level without the program. It has helped bring student-athletes here by offering basically a discount on their bill and has also helped keep them here. It is too bad that the school has not built up a general scholarship fund to help keep other students here, and I realize that without the athletic scholarships we could not keep many of our athletes here. There are just too many offers out there."

Coach Ridder riding high at Embry-Riddle

By Mike Zizzo
Courtesy of Orlando Sentinel

Steve Ridder can chuckle and kid now when he is reminded of his inaugural season as the first full-time coach for a fledgling Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University men's basketball program.

The year was 1989 and the program presented more horrific moments for a naive Kentucky boy than a Stephen King novel.

Ridder left the basketball-blessed "Bluegrass" state, where he was an assistant at Berea College, for the academically blessed Embry-Riddle. It was a campus where geniuses roamed, pocket protectors were in vogue and academics reigned.

Athletics were nothing more than an extra-curricular distraction. So it was no surprise to Ridder when he had an 0-22 team tossed in his lap.

Of those returning, none had any high school playing experience and fewer probably had more than one

pair of white athletic socks.

Then there was the gymnasium that could have doubled as a set in the motion picture, Hoosiers.

The Alliance Church gym had wooden backboards, no air conditioning and a floor that was more suitable for figure skating when the humidity seeped in.

If that wasn't bad enough, Ridder had to coach a team that would routinely get blown out by 50 or 60 points without suffering through a coronary or, even worse, second thoughts.

"At the time I guess I had so much confidence in my ability that I would be able to build the program I had envisioned," said Ridder, who spent eight seasons at Berea. "But now that I look at it three or four years down the road, I'd have to say I was a little crazy. I look at tapes of games from then and I wonder how I even got through it, but I know then we had the energy, both mentally and physically, to do it one way or another."

The Eagles finished 4-24 and the second year program seemed destined for a few more lumps.

If Embry-Riddle could flirt with a .500 record the following season, it would be considered a dramatic turnaround.

With that in mind, Ridder hit the recruiting trail and persuaded a group of freshmen that they could make a difference.

He must have sounded like an evangelist because they were believers from the first practice.

Embry-Riddle shocked everyone, including themselves, by posting a 22-8 record and finishing second in the NAIA Sun Conference in the 1990-91 season.

To prove it was not a fluke, the Eagles went 25-7 last season and were ranked 15th in the NAIA season-ending national poll.

That freshmen class had matured into the junior-dominated nucleus that is attempting to land the Eagles their first postseason bid in school history.

So far, so good. Embry-Riddle is off to a 13-3 start and drew the No. 4 ranking in the first NAIA national poll of the season.

The Eagles' ranking was boosted by last month's image-enhancing victory over Rollins College, which was ranked as the nation's No. 1 Division II team in Sports Illustrated's preseason poll.

"That should be a big boost to our program," Ridder said. "I get excited when people around the country are becoming more aware of what we are doing here."

The nation had better be aware because this may be the best team Ridder has owned since he arrived.

The Eagles have experience, excellent team chemistry and can play both ends of the floor.

The Eagles' fastbreak offense is zooming along at an average of 100.9 points per game.

Six players, led by the 15.8 average of senior Sean Hester, are in

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Sports at a glance

Intramural and Recreational Results and Information

NAIA Men's Division II Basketball Top 10

1. Northern State
2. Walsh
3. Grace, Ind
4. Embry-Riddle
5. Willamette
6. Bethel, Ind.
7. Hudson
8. Pera St.
9. Tippon
10. ?

Tennis Carnival

A carnival will be held this Saturday, January 30, at the Pelican Bay

Tennis Club to benefit the Embry-Riddle varsity tennis program. There will be free clinics, contests games prizes, pro-exhibition and a cookout at 10:30am. For further information call: 756-0045 or 226-6731.

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Campus crimes lower than national average

Burglar falls asleep

College Press Service

While campus crime rates are increasing, they remain lower than overall statistics for the United States, according to a report by the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators.

Meanwhile, the FBI reported its first data available on the number of hate crimes for 1991. While there is no breakdown in the report by age or locality of attacks, some college newspapers have reported an increase in hate crimes on campuses and local communities.

The campus crime survey was conducted at 400 colleges and universities that are members of the law enforcement association. The institutions represent only 13 percent of all U.S. colleges and universities, but 40 percent of all college students. There was no breakdown of specific crimes.

The number of campus crimes increased during the past three years. According to the report, violent crimes made up 3 percent of the crimes reported on campuses in 1991, and property crimes made up the remaining 97 percent. Violent crime on campuses rose 12.4 percent from 1989 to 1990 and 5 percent from 1990 to 1991.

The association said there were 71.8 violent crimes—murder, rape, robbery or aggravated assault—per 100,000 students, compared with 758.1 violent crimes per 100,000 people in the nation as a whole.

Schools with fewer than 5,000 students had the highest violent crime rate, with 105.5 per 100,000

students. Colleges and universities with populations more than 15,000 had the lowest rate of 45.7.

The FBI, meanwhile, reported that there were 4,558 hate crimes reported in 32 states that kept statistics on such crimes in 1991. "While these initial data are limited, they give us our first assessment of the nature of crimes motivated by bias in our society," FBI Director William Sessions said.

Intimidation was the most frequent hate crime, followed by damage or destruction to property, simple assault, aggravated assault and robbery. Murder, rape, arson and other crimes each accounted for 1 percent or less of the total.

Racial bias motivated a majority of the reported crimes, with religious bias

second and sexual-orientation bias third. Hate crimes against African-Americans

accounted for the highest percentage, while anti-white and anti-Jewish crimes followed.

Although hate crimes do occur on college campuses nationwide, many go unreported by students, faculty and staff. Some are fearful that publicity will cause more problems, while others don't think that campus or city police will investigate the incidents.

Phil Martin, director of Ohio State University's Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Student Services office, told the Lantern newspaper that he was walking from a bar to his car when his and his friend were attacked by three men.

"They called us 'faggots' while hitting us, and we started to fight



Campuses all over the United States are becoming victims of pointless pranks. The perpetrator may be fellow students or from other universities.

back and then they left," he told the newspaper. Although he and his friend were hurt, neither called the police.

The Lantern reported that as many hate crimes were reported in Columbus, Ohio in September 1992 as were reported in all of 1991.

At Harvard University, in Cambridge, Mass., the Harvard Crimson reported that several

swastikas were found drawn on an elevator of a housing tower. They were taken down, and a petition was written to condemn the graffiti.

"The petition reminds of the meaning of the swastika during the Nazi regime," Mather House Master Jeffrey Williamson told the newspaper. "It reminds the community how the use of a swastika alienates individuals from the house."

GLENDALE, Calif. (AP) — Hint to burglars: Don't sleep on the job.

Daniel Marcos Sanchez, 26 of Los Angeles was booked for investigation of car burglary on Wednesday after he was found fast asleep in a car inside someone else's garage, police said.

Alice Saginian said her husband, Vahe, went into the garage in the Los Angeles suburb shortly before 6 a.m. Wednesday and saw two feet sticking out the open driver's door of his Honda.

"He came running up here. We thought either someone had been killed or a homeless man needed a

place to sleep," she said Thursday. "He was sleeping on my pillow I always leave in the car. Next time, I will leave a blanket."

The man slept so soundly that he didn't even hear police approach the car and order him not to move, Sgt. Lief Nicolaisen said.

Tools believed used to open the car were found with the man, he said.

"This is the first time we have seen anybody fall asleep during the commission of a crime," Nicolaisen said. "We'd like to see more of these auto burglars fall asleep. It might help us clear a few more cases."

Amtrak Train crashes

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — An Amtrak passenger train from Michigan crashed into a semi tractor-trailer truck near Gary and less than a mile from the fatal crash of two commuter trains this week.

The commuter and Amtrak trains run on separate tracks and the crashes were apparently unrelated. The Thursday accident happened at a highway crossing just before 11 a.m. EST Thursday, about three miles west of Gary.

The train was en route from Grand Rapids, Mich., to Chicago when it struck a truck crossing the tracks, said Howard Robertson, an Amtrak spokesman in Washington.

"We don't know if he was trying to beat the train or just didn't see it," Robertson said.

He did not know how many passengers were on the train, but said no one on the train or truck was injured. Buses were taking train passengers from the accident scene to the Chicago station, 24 miles away.

The accident occurred about half a mile from the scene of a commuter crash on Monday that killed seven riders, including Logan Huffhines, 10, of Lakeside, Mich. Sixty-nine people were hurt.

Federal investigators continued Thursday to study the results of a re-enactment of a collision between the trains.

"We've reached no conclusions about the cause," said Michael Martino of the National Transportation Safety Board.

First woman press secretary takes office at White House

WASHINGTON (AP) — Dee Dee Myers is the first woman to serve as White House press secretary but she doesn't have the power or privileges of her predecessors.

The spacious office traditionally reserved for the press secretary with a fireplace and bank of television sets went instead to George Stephanopoulos, Clinton's new chief of communications. Myers wound up with a small office usually occupied by a deputy press secretary.

Stephanopoulos, rather than Myers, also conducts the daily press

briefings, now regularly available for television broadcast for the first time.

Myers' rank as deputy assistant to the president also is less than that of Marlin Fitzwater, her predecessor. He was a special assistant, a higher pay grade. Stephen Hess, a Brookings Institution specialist on the presidency and the press, said Stephanopoulos in fact has the job and the office of the press secretary and should have the title, too, if Clinton subscribes to "truth in packaging."

A new drug is slowing down progression of AIDS virus

WASHINGTON (AP) — Trials of a drug commonly called ddC have shown that it is effective in slowing the progression of AIDS, and may offer an alternative to two other drugs, officials at the National Institutes of Health announced Friday.

Clinical trials conducted at 78 sites and monitored by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases found that ddC used alone is as effective against AIDS as another drug, called ddI.

Currently, the first line treatment for the HIV virus, which causes AIDS, is the drug zidovudine, or AZT.

Another drug, ddI, or didanosine, is approved by the Food and Drug Administration for patients who cannot tolerate AZT or who have been unresponsive to the primary drug.

The third drug, ddC, or zalcitabine, is approved only when used in combination with AZT.

However, a study using 467

patients showed that ddC is as effective as ddI when used alone.

"The new findings suggest that single-drug therapy with ddC has a role in the treatment of people with HIV disease who unable to tolerate AZT, or in those whose disease worsens while taking AZT," said Dr. Anthony S. Fauci, the director of NIAID, which is a part of the National Institutes of Health.

In the study, 230 patients with HIV were given ddI and 237 were given ddC.

Of those on ddI, 156 died or experienced a worsening of HIV disease. Of those on ddC, 150 became sicker or died. Officials said the difference between the two drugs was not statistically significant.

An NIAID announcement said that the agency will issue a clinical alert to physicians about the study within 10 days after the results have been evaluated by the AIDS Research Advisory Committee.

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Ridder

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double figures and the team is shooting an impressive 50.3 percent from the field.

The high-octane offense always has been the talk of Ridder's program, but this team also can play defense.

In the first 16 games, Embry-Riddle has forced an average of nearly 22 turnovers and 12 steals.

"It's our most underrated dimension," Ridder said. "You can't score 100 without making things happen on the defensive end. We are able to effectively press and put pressure on the ball."

Ridder has not only taken care of the Eagles from a coaching standpoint, but also in public awareness.

Ridder has pushed season tickets, opened pregame meals to the public, made halftimes entertaining, spoke at various functions and written weekly newsletters.

The result has been packed houses at the 1,000-seat Silver Sands Middle School in Port Orange.

"Three, four years ago the only thing I had to worry about was recruiting," Ridder said. "It takes a lot of time to promote and generate interest in a program, but I believe wholeheartedly that it is paying big dividends."

The biggest dividend from the Eagles' new found image and success will be a new 4,000-seat on-campus gym.

The facility is expected to be ready by the fall of 1994 and will stand as a monument to how far this program has come.

"We keep scrapbooks of when we played at the Alliance Church gym and it's great to be able to laugh about it now," Ridder said. "This will be a big shot in the arm for the program. With an on-campus facility, it's exciting to think where this program will be in three, four, five years."

Sliwa

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companies about these jobs for ERAU students.

"I was invited to a number of the events. And then there were some extra tickets and things that Nancy and I bought," Sliwa conceded. "Although there were people and business contacts there," Sliwa continued, "I did not want to have them misconstrued as being a benefit."

The University paid for Sliwa's airfare to and from the inauguration.

Sliwa stressed that he is frugal and careful with every tuition dollar he invests. Sliwa always ensures that items which can be handled without travel are dealt with through elec-

Humanities

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from Takal and known to have competed with Takal in its day, the city being unearthed is estimated to be as big as western Volusia county and rates as the largest Mayan civilization yet discovered. This site lies even deeper in the rain forest than Takal, and is normally off limits to travelers.

The third phase of the course will focus on Caribbean area and culture studies, with a special emphasis on Central American literature. On the informal level, anticipate a stay at Brad Pataka's (a local folk singer) place for a good sample of Caribbean music and cuisine. Also, look for a slightly more formal discussion with Dr. Covelle Young, a Garifuna musician and linguist from the University College of Belize whose compositions have been

Aid

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available, scholarship information for internal as well as external scholarship assistance, and a section on alternatives for those students who are not eligible for financial aid or may need more assistance.

Many changes have occurred that effect the amount of aid one

receives. To find out how this affects you, fill out a '93/'94 application and await the results. The new application and the brochure for '93/'94 is now available at the Financial Aid office. Workshops are scheduled during the months of January to help students understand and complete the new application. Contact the Financial Aid Office for times and locations.

Clinton keeps one campaign promise

WASHINGTON (AP) — Exactly 20 years after Roe vs. Wade made abortion legal, President Clinton lifted a series of restrictions imposed by his Republican predecessors. "We must free science and medicine from the grasp of politics," he declared, as 75,000 abortion opponents marched through the capital.

Abortion should be "safe and legal but rare," said Clinton, who acted on his third day as president to fulfill campaign pledges on abortion. Medical researchers as well as abortion activists applauded.

Organizers of the annual anti-abortion march from the White House to the Supreme Court tried to use Clinton's action to rally their troops. About 75,000 marchers turned out, according to Capitol Police, but many seemed resigned to living with a new administration unfriendly to their cause.

"I don't believe we're going to accomplish anything legislatively," said marcher C. Roy McMillan, head of the Christian Action Group.

The White House announced that Clinton had scuttled abortion restrictions imposed by Presidents Reagan and Bush by signing memorandums to:

Allow abortion counseling at federally supported clinics.

Permit research using fetal tissue from abortions.

Allow abortions at military hospitals and funding for overseas population control programs.

Clinton also pledged to review a ban against importation of RU-486, the French abortion pill.

Abortion-rights activists are pressing him to lift that restriction as well. However, deputy domestic adviser Bruce Reed said, "It wouldn't make sense for the president to just sign an order saying RU-486 is safe and the ban should be lifted. That's a determination the Food and Drug Administration has to make."

"I feel like I have just had the shackles taken off of me," said Dr. Pamela Maraldo, president of Planned Parenthood. "I feel like the president took the White House out of the dinosaur age on this issue."

Medical researchers also were pleased.

"We're very excited and hopeful

that this will lead to an increase in research," said Dr. Richard Robbins, who has been combatting Parkinson's Disease with fetal tissue transplants at Yale University's medical school.

The new president, speaking as he signed the memorandums in the Oval Office, said the restrictions he was lifting had interfered with both the progress of medical science and with the ability of doctors to care for their patients.

"The American people deserve the best medical treatment in the world. We're committed to providing them with nothing less," he said. "Our vision should be of an America where abortion is safe and legal but rare."

White House spokesman George Stephanopoulos said Clinton "wants to make sure that the federal government sticks with Roe vs. Wade," the Supreme Court decision 20 years ago Friday that legalized abortion.

Just before Clinton signed the memorandums, there was a minor scuffle near the Supreme Court as marchers protesting that decision clashed briefly with abortion-rights counter-demonstrators. A trio of police motorcycles and one police cruiser, all with sirens wailing, pushed their way through the crowd and herded the abortion-rights demonstrators back to the sidewalk.

The march resumed without incident a few moments later.

Abortion protest organizers promised Clinton's actions would invigorate them.

"The press and the media think we're going to just get tired and go home, but we didn't get tired 20 years ago and we're not tired now," march coordinator Nellie Gray told the crowd of demonstrators assembled on the Ellipse behind the White House before the march started.

"The 1992 elections weren't a knockout blow to us; they were a wakeup call," she said.

In the middle of the crowd, sounding pessimistic, stood Pat Buchanan, last year's challenger of President Bush and an ardent abortion opponent.

"We took some tremendous hits last year, no doubt about it,"

Most ERAU students agree with Clinton's decision on abortion

By Bill De Brauer

Editor in Chief

Students at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University are finding that President Clinton is having problems keeping campaign promises.

The exception to this took place last week when Clinton lifted a series of restrictions on abortion.

The majority of Embry-Riddle students interviewed in the University Center believe that abortion is wrong, but agree it is a woman's right to choose.

"To make it illegal will cause more harm than good," said Heather Newslow, an Aeronautical Science student from Deltona, Fla.

"Women should have the right to say what happens to their body,"

agreed Theresa Morgan, an Aeronautical Science student from Brandywine, Md.

While the majority of the students seem to support abortion rights, others take a more pro-life stance.

"I think abortion should be illegal" said Chris Hartley, an Aerospace Engineering student from Philadelphia. However, she acknowledges that if abortions are made illegal "too many people will die having illegal abortions."

"I don't like it. I don't believe in abortions," said John Hughes, an Engineering Physics student from Orlando.

"Other students believe that the abortion issue will turn into another political hot potato which does not seem to have a right answer."

Buchanan said, "And things don't look good. But we must keep fighting."

The anti-abortion demonstration began at mid-morning with a prayer vigil outside the White House. Friday's demonstration was slightly larger than last year's, when police estimated 70,000 people marched.

"Please God, give him the courage to do what is right," Operation Rescue director Randall Terry prayed, accompanied by about 300 other abortion foes.

Terry said of Clinton: "He knows what is right, but he has been surrounded by wicked counselors."

Many protesters waved signs that read, "Abortion is Murder." Others had posters that read, "Freedom of Choice?" above a photograph of a fetus. On a muddy slope beneath the Washington Monument, protesters placed hundreds of small wooden crosses.

For the first time in years,

Abortions should be "safe and legal but rare," said Clinton, who acted on his third day as president to fulfill campaign pledges on abortion.

White House passes up support for Sessions

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House passed up a chance Friday to support embattled FBI Director William S. Sessions while it awaits his detailed denial that he abused the privileges of his office.

Asked if President Clinton still had confidence in Sessions, spokesman George Stephanopoulos replied that White House lawyers were reviewing the 161-page ethics report prepared by the Justice Department's Office of Professional Responsibility, an internal watchdog unit.

"They will be reviewing any response that FBI Director William Sessions has to report," Stephanopoulos said. "The allegations are disturbing, but the director has an opportunity to respond," and the president "will review that."

Sessions said in a late afternoon statement that on Saturday he would reply in detail to the Justice Department report's "misleading and erroneous" conclusions. The director said the report's release had "strengthened my resolve" to continue in office.

The report found that Sessions used the power of his office for petty financial gain. Among other things, it said that Sessions used a "sham arrangement" to evade taxes on the value of his government-supplied limousine and repeatedly flew with his wife at FBI expense on trips that were primarily personal.

It said the findings "raise serious issues that only the president can resolve regarding whether director Sessions should continue to enjoy the president's full faith and confidence in his ability to properly conduct his office."

Sessions huddled with his lawyers Friday to prepare a response to the report, which was the result of a joint investigation by the Justice Department and FBI ethics offices.

In a brief statement late Friday, the director said many of the report's "allegations and conclusions are misleading and erroneous, and the record needs to be set straight."

"I ask nothing more than that my

conduct and actions, which have always been principled and ethical, be judged fairly and openly. The unfortunate events of the past week have strengthened my resolve and ultimately will improve my ability to continue to lead the bureau."

The release of Sessions' rebuttal on Saturday to Congress, the White House and news organizations was part of a public-relations counteroffensive that sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said may include appearances on television talk shows.

The six-month investigation was conducted by FBI agents assigned to the ethics unit. A federal law enforcement official, also speaking anonymously, said Sessions "would have to undermine the credibility of his own agents" to rebut the report.

Sessions has enjoyed support on Capitol Hill from key Democrats who have lauded his efforts to end racial discrimination and recruit more minorities to the ranks of FBI agents, who are overwhelmingly white and male.

But it is up to the president to decide whether Sessions can serve out the 10-year term that he began in 1987.

Oliver B. Revell, who once served as the FBI's No. 3 official and now heads its Dallas field office, said Sessions "is entitled to defend himself if he can" against what he called "serious allegations" in the report.

But "unless he can convince the president they are in error then he needs to do what's the right thing for the bureau" and resign, Revell said.

After the report was released Tuesday, Sessions issued a statement that was defiant in tone, accusing the Justice Department of releasing derogatory information about him during the course of the investigation.

The director's defenders, particularly Rep. Don Edwards, D-Calif., have accused Barr and other Republicans who ran the Justice Department of using the investigation as a vehicle to get rid of Sessions.

Letters

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have been put in harm's way.

Saddam is also destroying the standard of living of the people by consistently challenging the resolve of the United Nations and refusing to follow the terms of surrender that were defined at the end of Desert Storm. By remaining a menace, Saddam has caused the economic sanctions upon his people to be continued. Iraq can not sell their oil to the rest of the world nor buy the necessary goods to rebuild the standard of living of Iraq to the point at which it was before the war in the gulf.

With Saddam as the leader of Iraq, there will be a constant state of disarray in the Middle East. The reason for the disarray is because he controls the military, and the means for mass destruction.

His military was still left virtually intact after the war. The last time the U.S. left a military force intact after war was in 1919 when the German army was able to retreat with the majority of their equipment, and what followed was the reconstruction of one of the most awesome forces the modern world has seen.

He still has means for the construction of weapons for mass destruction, and the unstable mind to actually use them against anyone who opposes his beliefs. The proof was when he attacked the Iranian forces, and the Kurds with mustard gas.

I say again, Saddam Hussein has got to go, weather (sic) it is by internal means or by the hands of United States Military with the United Nations' backing. His presence as the Iraqi leader only hurts the Iraqi people as well as the rest of the world.

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21st Century

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I feel the following departments need to improve: Safety, Career Center, Student Government Association and Athletics. Departments currently improving since having poor times are: Mailroom, Morrison's, Bookstore and the Academic Computer Lab.

Everybody is wondering why students leave college. Although there are many factors, it is no secret that a better atmosphere, culture and customer orientation would foster more good feelings about the school by its students. By the way, happy alumni contribute more than angry ones.

Embry-Riddle needs to get ready for the 21st century. Of course the school is doing great, but for the success and growth to continue, change must occur.

We must be willing to look beyond today's work, to see the "big" picture. Realize that the sum of our efforts are greater than any gains which can be made in certain areas.

The "total university" approach would allow one to look at their contribution, not just as a clerk in a department but as an integral part of the campus culture.

Indeed, those of us who work in any facet at Embry-Riddle, whether the position is highly paid or voluntary, we are Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

I implore the university staff to take this into account when they consider venting frustrations or negative comments toward students.

Harraf

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by the faculty for writings which Harraf feels would benefit the school, developing retention strategies to ensure that problems are detected early and that a close working relationship is established with the new Student Success Center and enhancing doctoral programs for faculty in ABA.

Furthermore, Harraf is working on "bonding" projects with High Schools and Community Colleges where he can market Embry-Riddle's excellent ABA department to potential students through information sessions about ERAU and ERAU's ABA department.

You should always consider, before saying anything, how you would like to be treated in a similar situation.

Would you be happy, as a student, if a University employee took the time to walk you to where you needed to go and made sure you were helped? How would you feel if your appointment was delayed for over a half-an-hour for no good reason at all?

There are many ways in which students can be helped. Even if it is just a smile when you may not feel like offering it. A smile says, "I care about you and I am glad you are here." A frown means, "Go away."

Students will respond to your wishes. Those staff and faculty who ensure they are available when appropriate for student contact, and make the most of that contact will find themselves better liked by the students.

Now, I am not advocating anything illegal or unethical like cheating or something to make students happy. Students will follow your lead, so lead them on the straight and narrow.

Staff members be warned, students expect your prompt, attentive and courteous service and when it is missed, you are to blame. For it is those departments and places on campus which respond positively during student contact which will be seen as positive by the students.

There are few departments that really do not need to talk to students at the Daytona Beach campus. But, don't you think that being nice is better than being despised?

Harraf's stellar background includes several posts at ERAU, over ten years of teaching and administrative experience, and many publications and presentations. Harraf served as Prescott's ABA Chair since 1988 and as the program chair of ABA at Prescott from 1987 to 1988.

He was associate chair of ABA at Prescott from 1986 until 1987. He has been instructing at Embry-Riddle since 1984. He also sports an impressive list of over twenty technical reports, invited papers, book reviews and grant studies.

Harraf has a vision of where he wants to take ABA. The test will be whether the ABA faculty helps him make his dreams come true.

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