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# THE AVION

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## Eagles lose in second round nail biter

By Keith Towers  
Sports Editor

Last week the ERAU basketball team made history by competing in their first NAIA Division II national tournament. The Eagles would play two games while representing their school in the "big show."

Twenty teams from around the country competed in the tournament which was held in Nampa, Idaho. The host of the tournament was Northwest Nazarene College whose facilities held about 3,500 fans.

The first game of the tournament pitted Embry-Riddle against Caldwell College out of Caldwell, N. J. Caldwell had played three common opponents with ERAU in Florida Memorial, Rollins College, and Nova and had lost to all three convincingly. The Eagles were optimistic heading into the

game, but standout center Matt Stuart for the Cougars would try to lead his team to a win. Stuart, a 6-foot-11-inch junior from Haddon Height, N.J., averaged 17.7 points per game and 8.9 rebounds per game coming into the first round match-up. These numbers compared very closely with Eagles' center Sean Hester's numbers.

The game last Thursday would make Tom Fagley, a junior forward for the Eagles, see his first action since breaking his ankle in a game on February 9.

Fagley did not start but stated "I'm feeling pretty good right now." His ankle was taped up for the game, but he did get 16 minutes of playing time in the game.

The first half of the game saw the Eagles dominate the Cougars as they jumped out to a 40-29 lead at the break.

The Eagles jumped out to a 12-6 lead but the Cougars came back to tie the game at 14

even when Eagles head coach Steve Ridder took a time-out with 11:25 left in the half.

Fagley checked in the game with 9:40 left in the half and hit his first basket with 8:41 left to make the score 22-18.

That was the start of an 11-0 run by the Eagles, sparked by blocked shots by Fagley and Al Williams. A run of four three-pointers by Kris Shanahan, Owen Busch and two for Williams took the Eagles to the locker room with an 11 point half-time lead.

The second half show saw a turnaround for Caldwell as they pounded the ball inside after Joe Kerr, a 6-foot-2-inch junior guard, made a long three-pointer.

The cougars went on a 14-8 run when Ridder called a time-out with 15:32 left in the game. The teams traded baskets and the Eagles stretched their lead back to 11 points with 1:30 left in the game.

At this point the Cougars started to foul in

an attempt to come back. Also, they were sparked by a huge dunk by Stuart and another professional three-pointer by Kerr.

With these plays, the Cougars pulled within three points with less than a minute to play.

The pressure got to freshman point guard Paul Braham on key free throws in two separate one on one situations as he missed both of the first free throws. However, veterans Busch and Rodney King came up with key free throws to preserve the win for the Eagles 76-70.

"I don't think we played extremely well," said Ridder. "Having Tom (Fagley) back helped out a lot as Kris (Shanahan) did not get tired and played just an outstanding game."

Shanahan scored 18 points with 4 three-pointers, while Hester scored 14 and grabbed 9 rebounds. King had a strong game

with 12 points and Jeff Moore handled the boards well with 10 rebounds.

Leading all scorers was Stuart for the Cougars with 28 points in the losing cause.

The very next morning saw the Eagles battle William Jewell College out of Liberty, Missouri. After posting an early season record of 6-8, the Cardinals had huge momentum heading into the contest with the Eagles by winning 19 of their last 20 games.

William Jewell College had two players Ridder's squad had to be concerned with. Juniors Weldon Stubbs, a three-point sharpshooter, and Chris Trout, a 6-foot-4-inch forward with outstanding jumping ability would live up to their expectations of giving the Eagles the most trouble.

The Cardinals would jump out to a 7-2 lead, and would never trail in the contest. In

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## Bomb threat forces evacuation of buildings

By Robert Davison  
Staff Reporter

An early morning bomb threat last Friday forced several students, faculty and staff to evacuate Spruance Hall and the John Paul Riddle Student Center (JPRSC).

Shortly before 9 a.m. Kenya Williams, the student working at the switchboard in the communication center, received several calls from someone claiming that bombs were placed in the two buildings and were scheduled to detonate at 9 a.m., according to Jack Howe, the operations supervisor at the time of the call.

Howe then called Robert Rockett, Dean of Student Affairs, who then made the decision to evacuate both buildings.

According to Williams, the caller was a male and called several times. "The guy sounded like a psycho," she said.

Both buildings were evacuated in an orderly manner, according to Kevin Mannix, Director of Campus Safety. He also added that students, faculty and staff should be familiar with the fire exits, in order to help in the response time of an evacuation.

The University also called Daytona Beach police, who, with the aid of the Safety Department, set a perimeter around the buildings and restricted access to the campus. The Volusia County Sheriff's Bomb Squad Unit was also called to the scene.

Police spokesperson Al Tolley said two suspicious boxes were discovered in the JPRSC, but

the bomb squad found that they did not contain any explosives and deemed that the boxes were placed there by coincidence.

Students, faculty and staff were able to return to both buildings by 10:30 a.m.

According to Helen Riger, the University's spokesperson, several mid-term examinations were scheduled to be held in one of the Spruance Hall classrooms. This has led to speculation by several members of the Safety Department that the caller was a University student.

However, University policy states that in the event that there are unforeseen disruptions, such as last Friday's bomb scare, classes and examinations will continue to be conducted in other buildings or even outside.

Classes continued around the rest of the campus without interruption, and many students were not aware of the bomb threat until later in the day.

Several students were apparently upset because lunch at Morrison's was delayed because the kitchen staff was evacuated with everyone else.

Last week a similar call was made to the Daytona Beach Community College campus. The police department is conducting investigations in both cases. Tolley would not comment if the investigators had any suspects or leads.

According to the Florida Criminal Codes, the false reporting of planting bombs or explosives with the intent to deceive or mis-inform is considered to be a second degree felony with a maximum penalty of 15 years.



photo by Neil Tansman

Friday brought a little more than people may have hoped for, as an early morning bomb scare caused the evacuation of two buildings and closed the campus for almost two hours. The call prompted the response from the Daytona Beach Police Department and Volusia County's bomb squad.

## Storm of the century

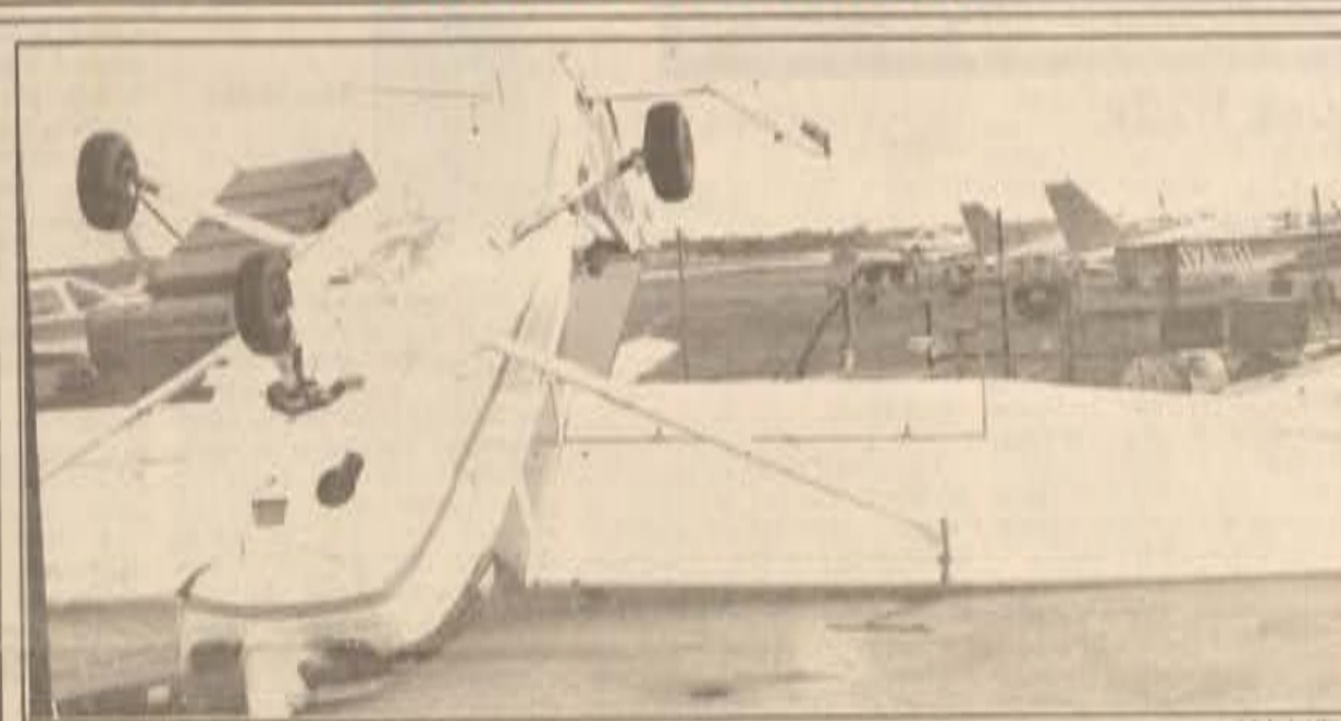


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A University Cessna 172 (above) was tossed around and landed on top of the school's Turbo Commander (right). Hurricane force winds and several tornadoes ravaged Central and Northern Florida last Saturday. The powerful storm, one of the strongest in recent memory, moved across the Florida peninsula and up the Eastern seaboard, causing extensive damage and several fatalities, 31 alone in Florida. Air service was interrupted until Monday, stranding many Spring Breakers on their way to and from the sunshine state.



photo by Jeff Howard

## Storm slams Daytona Beach

By Bill De Brauwier  
Editor in Chief

Strong winds knocked down trees and power lines, and heavy rains restricted visibility to just a few feet as Daytona Beach was hit by what many have called the "storm of the century."

The storm, which blew through the area early Saturday morning, caught many people by surprise, including thousands of spring breakers.

At least one night club closed early for fear that the wind would blow out windows and injure patrons.

Here at the University, a Cessna 172 was blown over a fence onto its back and was severely damaged, according to maintenance director Jack Haun.

The force of the wind was strong

enough to rip the tail tie-down ring off the airplane and break the two wing tie-down chains. The plane then flipped over the fence dividing the auxiliary and maintenance ramps, partially landing on the Maintenance Department's Turbo Commander, causing damage to that aircraft's tail.

At Daytona Beach International Airport, a USAir Boeing 737 was blown into a jetwalk, causing damage to the nose of the airplane, according to USAir employees.

Many airliners were moved several feet by the strong winds, which measured as high as 77 miles per hour, according to the National Weather Service (NWS).

"I've never seen anything like it," said John Newton, who has been with the

NWS for 37 years. The storm, which developed in the Gulf of Mexico and worked its way up the Eastern Seaboard, set record barometric lows in Florida.

In Daytona Beach, pressure fell as low as 29.20 inches of mercury. In comparison, hurricanes usually have pressure readings a little below 29 inches. Very low pressure is usually an indication for the possibility of severe storms.

Many believe that this has been one of the worst storms to have stricken the Eastern Seaboard. So far, this wintry blizzard has claimed more than 170 lives, 31 here in Florida.

The wind knocked down many trees, some which landed on roads, automobiles and homes, which resulted in some

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Captain Kay Dowling spoke to students about her career for Women in Aviation Week.

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### News in brief...

#### Astronaut speaker cancels

Eileen Collins, a NASA astronaut who was scheduled to speak today, has had to cancel because she is now on standby at the Johnson Space Center for possible mission support for Sunday's Columbia space shuttle launch.

Nick Simatos, a University professor with an extensive NASA background, will be the speaker instead.

#### Movie of the Week

Touch 'n Go Productions will be showing *The Bodyguard* tomorrow.

the box office hit starring singer Whitney Houston and Kevin Costner. The story is about a body guard who falls in love with the woman he is assigned to protect. The movie is rated R.

#### Attitude Adjustment

This Friday's Attitude Adjustment will feature comedienne Maryellen Hooper, who wears a bow and whose routine includes her bathroom balancing act. She will be performing at 5:30 p.m. in the John Paul Riddle Student Center. BEVERages will be served.



The Spanish navy buys eight radar equipped Harrier jump jets from McDonnell Douglas.

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**Staff Commentary:**

**A deal for the sign wielders**

**Letter to the Editor:**

**Slick Willy**

To the editor:

I am writing in response to the article about giving our new president respect. The author used the phrase "my fellow Americans" to try and persuade us to cut the President some slack! Well the dictionary defines the word "fellow" as being in the same or a common situation. The author fails to realize that there is no feeling of unity when it comes to the election of Bill Clinton.

He was elected only with 40% of the population. This means that 60% of our society could see through the smoke and mirrors that the Democratic party put out. I don't concern myself with the "Jennifer Flowers incident" or "gays in the military." What is at the underlining cause of these incidences is the question of character and our new president often fails to show any. The term "slick" has been attached to his name many times in the past. This word refers to the way he weasels himself out of being held accountable for saying one thing and doing another. The most recent example is the lie about the middle-class income tax. He said before the election he would not raise taxes on anyone making below two hundred thousand dollars. Well guess what? Anyone making a combined income of thirty thousand dollars or more is going to get hit. Don't kid yourself, Clinton knew well before the election what the deficit would be. I sincerely hope that his new economic plan will not do as the experts have said and send us back into the recession.

I wish the President would stay in Washington more instead of going around to the recession battered states saying "I feel your pain!" Not all of us want change. The '80s were not as bad for all of us as the liberal media would like you to think. Please keep all of this in mind when in the future, the 60% of us who did

not vote for Clinton voice our opinion!!!

Howard Dugger  
Box #8277

**Radio for All**

To the editor:

I happened to be sitting in the Student Center one day when our "campus" radio station started to broadcast for everyone. Don't get me wrong, we should have a radio station on campus, it's part of progressing our school, but shouldn't our "campus" radio station broadcast for those of us who comprise the campus student body? The music that is played over the radio station is mainly progressive music. Get a hint guys, why do you think so many people, complained about last semester's homecoming? Why is progressive the only style of music ever played?

Embry-Riddle prides itself on its diversity and multinational reaches. Not everyone has the same taste which is what makes this school so different. Why not some country music, soft rock, international music or at least something that doesn't give us a headache, classes do that already! Support for WERU would be greater if it reached out to others besides those who like not the words or who already have tendencies towards suicide.

Be a campus radio station, not a select group radio station. If you keep ignoring the rest of us, who by the way largely outnumber you, then the school will have to enlarge the T.V. room in the landing strip because we'd rather be in there watching Geraldo then listening to you!

Name withheld by request  
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**Arie Moller**  
Opinions Editor

I have been down here at Embry-Riddle three years now and in those three years I have learned there are two things a person can count on. One is Spring Break with its assorted wildness. The other is the people protesting Spring Break and the very same assorted wildness. I'm sure everyone knows what I'm talking about. I'm talking about the sign wielders down around Seabreeze and Atlantic in front of the clubs, marching up and down the street, wielding signs emblazoned with not very colorful accusations such as "sinners," "blasphemy," so on and so forth. A few have smatterings of bible verse probably taken out of context. People, give it a rest!

I find it amazing that some people will go through so much trouble to

rain on someone else's parade. I'm sure it is with the best of intentions though. The sign wielders think they are doing the community a service and I understand that. The truth though is that they are just being annoying and rude. They are not stopping anyone, and they sure are not doing anyone a service.

The breakers and the locals just want to vent a little energy and have some fun. If it's against your morals, fine, don't go beachside but don't try to ruin it for the rest of us. Live and let live, it's a great rule of thumb.

I believe in freedom of choice concerning abortion but do I go out every Sunday morning with a big yellow sign and march up and down the street in front of the nearest church? The answer is no. Why not? It would be rude and annoying. Not to mention I probably would have the cops called on me, and I would spend sometime cooling my heels in the clink.

What's good for the goose is good for the gander, right? If you expect courtesy, you should first be courteous to others. Follow the golden

rule, if it perturbs you, it most likely will perturb another. If you are perturbing another don't be surprised if he/she returns the favor.

Morality is a relative thing, each individual has to come up with their own. This country is based on individual freedoms and no one has the right to impose their version of right and wrong on another. Our founding fathers saw that what makes a nation great is its diversity. Separation of church and state is a beautiful thing. It assures freedom for all Americans, not just some.

I'm sure if the wielders had their way, not only would there be no clubs, but we would be back to prohibition. I'm sure the majority of us would not welcome these developments. After all, the so-called "moral majority" is neither.

The wielders would like you to think that their's is the only way. If you are partying, drinking and enjoying the nightlife, you're wrong according to them and; being wrong, you need to be "corrected." In essence, that is what the sign wielders are all about.

Realize, sign wielders, that not everyone subscribes to your doctrine or beliefs. Your way is your way, please don't try to force it on others. You found what works for you, I'm ecstatic that you did. I also realize you are eager to share what you have found, but trying to ram it down someone's throat is not the way to go.

In the wielder's mind the club-going breakers and locals are wrong. Wrong, but by who's standards? Yours or mine? Who's standard is the correct one? There are so many opinions out there that it would take a library the size of the Library of Congress to document them all. Guess what, they are all correct, it all depends on who you ask.

I'd like to make a deal with all the sign wielders. You are not going to convince me the assorted wildness is wrong, I'm not going to convince you that the assorted wildness is O.K. You have fun your way, I'll have fun my way. I'll promise not to protest your way if you promise not to protest my way. How about it, deal?

**Diversity requires involvement**



**Jason Simon**  
Senior Staff

Before I get into the meat of this article, I would like to praise Mr. Howard Dugger for taking the time to voice his opinion and to prove that there is another conservative on this campus! Not to mention that I don't have to write an editorial rebutting the editorial he refers to!

I attended the SGA Presidential Debate last week. As a former Business Representative, I have a special respect for those who volunteer their time in order to try to make the lives of the students better. To be honest, I didn't do the best I could, but I did try to make the lives

of the students better. The debate went extremely well, I was impressed at the amount of students who showed up. I remained impressed with the entire proceedings. That is until Paul Clarke, outgoing President of the Brothers of the Wind, took the microphone and blasted the *Avion* for not being "diverse" enough. He then asked the candidates how they were planning to ensure that the *Avion* would be more "diverse" in the future.

I do not know Mr. Clarke's definition of "diversity" or multiculturalism. I am not writing today to give you my opinion on the subject. If you really want to know my opinion, it runs similar to the opinions and facts stated in Rush Limbaugh's best selling book *The Way Things Ought To Be*. It is truly one of the best books I have ever read. In fact, I consider it so very important that I donated a copy of it to the Jack R.

Hunt Memorial Library. I must congratulate Williams for his stance on the issue. While he answered diplomatically, his feelings were clear on the subject. He will not dictate policy to the *Avion*.

I have been with the *Avion* for nearly five years of my life. I have volunteered my time and worked my way up the ladder over those past five years. I fully realize that half of our budget comes from the students and that the students should have a say in policy. However, the best way to voice your opinion is to get involved.

Mr. Clarke, you praised WERU for being "diverse" (whatever "diverse" means to you that is). Well, they are diverse because they are forced to be. We are not forced to be diverse, however we are willing to accept diversity if we receive input.

The *Avion's* staff is composed of,

to put it bluntly, mostly white males. We have, at last count, three black staff members and one black secretary who volunteers their time to the cause of the *Avion*. Two of these members are usually here, the others are not here most of the time. We are volunteers, we come and go as we please. So perhaps the reason we are not as "diverse" as we should be is because we do not receive the proper input most of the time.

Mr. Clarke, you point the finger of blame at the wrong people. You should point the finger of blame at yourself! I have never seen you in the *Avion* office. I have never seen you at a staff meeting in the *Avion*, complaining. I have never seen you volunteer your time to this newspaper! If you want your diverse opinions to be voiced in this paper, then

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**Student Forum**

**The Avion Asks: What sorts of activities would you like to see more of on campus?**



**John Harvey**  
Aero. Eng.

"More bands, more stuff like Key West Fest and more beer."



**Sherry Acherman**  
A/C Eng. Tech.

"More interaction between the females on campus like sports teams."



**Chuong Pho**  
Avionics

"More sports like table tennis, and something for international students."



**Eibi Chote**  
A/C Eng. Tech.

"More intramural activities like softball and basketball tournaments."



**Erio Dellaquila**  
Avionics

"More non-aerospace related activities that bring more women to campus."



**Nate McCormack**  
Aero. Science

"We should have more activities that would bring women here."

Photos by Kaj Tuunanen



## Daytona escapes brunt of major winter storm

### Storm

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of the fatalities. According to Embry-Riddle alumni Boyd Kelly, a tree fell on his Delta Chi fraternity house, although there was no apparent damage and no one was hurt.

Several trees on campus were also knocked over, including one that fell across the flight line road near the Richard Petty Boulevard entrance. The tree was removed early Saturday morning.

Other damage and disturbances on campus included blown down road signs, broken windows and the activation of fire alarms in several buildings.

While Daytona Beach was left relatively unscathed, several other communities in Florida were not so fortunate. Mount Dora in nearby Lake county was especially hard hit. There have also been several reports of tornadoes, including one near Deland, but Newton could not confirm their existence.

The storm also left 40,000 homes without power for various amounts of time. Parts of the Barington Apartments, where many Embry-Riddle students live, were left without power until early Sunday

morning.

The situation was made worse with the severe winter cold that followed the storm. Daytona Beach set record low temperatures of 31 degrees, and many households were left without heat due to the absence of electricity.

Beaches were almost deserted Saturday as spring breakers were trying to cope with the cold weather. Temperatures around 50 degrees and wind that gusted up to 50 miles per hour made life for the vacationing students miserable.

"I'm going to cry if it does not warm up soon," cried Melissa Gustaber, a student visiting from the University of Maryland-Baltimore County. While many students wished for warmer weather, most seemed to take it all in stride and made the best of the situation.

However, hotels and motels were affected by the storm as students who were stuck in the blizzard's wake were calling to delay their arrival or cancel their reservations.

By Sunday however, with temperatures slowly climbing and with the wind having settled down, students returned to the beach, although many were sporting jackets and sweaters.

## Eastern U.S. digs out after getting pounded by storm

Compiled from wire service reports

The worst winter storm in recent memory left over 100 dead in a path of destruction from Cuba to Quebec.

In Florida alone, 31 people died because of the storm, including a 5-month-old baby in Lake county and a 3-year-old girl in Taylor county. In Hernando county, one person died while helping his family evacuate.

The storm, which started in the Gulf of Mexico, whipped across Florida and moved along the Eastern seaboard into Canada, setting record low temperatures and dumping up to 50 inches of snow in several states.

In New York, a snow plow had to

be called in so that a pregnant woman could be taken to the hospital after police and an ambulance could not reach the woman's home.

The woman gave birth to a 7-pound, 2-ounce girl 15 minutes after she arrived at the hospital.

In total, almost 1 million households were left without electricity, as utility companies were racing to restore power. In New York, as many as 145,000 customers were left without power at one point.

Many homes were also left without heat as temperatures dipped well below freezing.

Birmingham, Ala., set a record low of two degrees above zero. In Vermont, wind chills dropped the temperature to 40 below zero.



photo by Jane Howell

Besides destroying traffic signs, trees and fences, the storm also destroyed many business signs, such as this one at the Shoppes at Beville plaza.

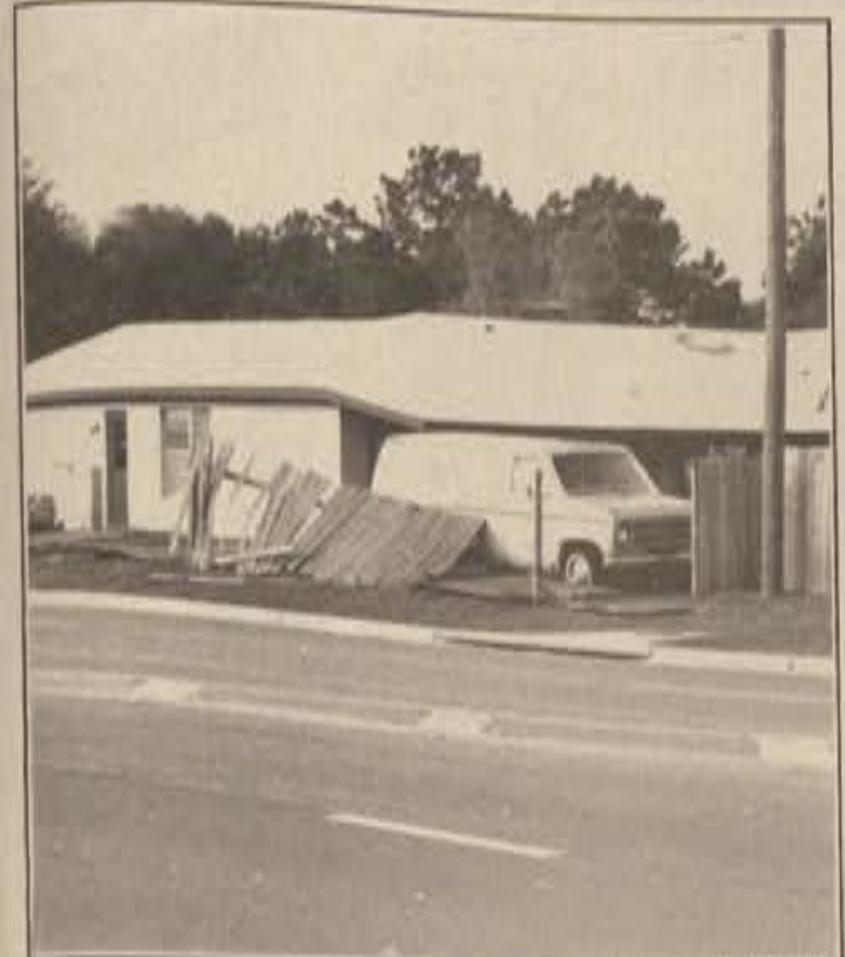


photo by Jane Howell

This fence on Clyde Morris Boulevard was no match to the hurricane force winds that struck this city. Damage to homes included blown off roofs and fallen down trees.



photo by Jane Howell

Even this Port-o-Potty at Daytona Beach International Airport could find no escape from the gale force winds that struck the airfield.

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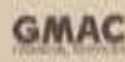
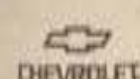
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## Tournament

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the first half, the Cardinals shot 63 percent from the floor while holding the Eagles to 36 percent. Keyed by a fast break dunk by Trout and three-pointers by Stubbs and junior guard Chad Wright, William Jewell went on a 34-14 run to extend their lead to 21 points, 43-22.

The Eagles would come back, however, on a 14-5 run fueled by numerous steals by Braham and a last second jumper that rattled in by Rodney King.

The Eagles would fight back in the second half to pull within 8 points. Keyed by poor foul shooting by the Cardinals, 38% in the second half, and sharp free throw shooting by the Eagles, 78% in the second half, the Eagles made a terrific turnaround.

Braham sank 5 of 7 free throws while Hester led the team in keeping the Cardinals off the offensive boards by pulling down 11 rebounds. They could not quite get

over the hump and take the lead because of Jewell's patience and prowess on offense.

A Cardinal by the name of Jason Generally, a sophomore Guard, sank 3 huge three-pointers in the second half to surprise the Eagles. Also Trout was on the receiving end of a very impressive alley-oop which did not help the Eagle spirit.

Stubbs led the Cardinals with 18 points, Trout followed with 17, Mike Lawson chipped in 12 and Generally had 11. Marcus Dougherty snagged 11 rebounds in the winning effort.

Moore led all scorers with 19 points and King tacked on 16. Hester tinned in a fine last performance with 14 points, 11 rebounds and 2 steals to a new single season record steal record at 66. Fagley just missed the mark with 65, but had he stayed healthy, he would have run away with the record.

The final score of 88-82 would end the basketball season for the Eagles. Their final record of 28-8 marks the most wins for a basketball team in ERAU history.

## Letters

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To the editor:

So you wanna be a Rock n' Roll star, gotta start a radio station and get everyone to listen... (no sense in killing a good Byrds song). Well I know you know, and I know I know, but does anyone else know that we, yes ERAU, will soon have a radio station on campus. Yep, all those little "710 am", "WERU", and "Radioactive" stickers paid off, or did it?

I support and have been supporting the idea since it first came about some two years ago. Just to prove I do, I have an original WERU sticker on the back of my motorcycle helmet. But as usual I can't be completely satisfied with the progress at ERAU. The radio station falls real short of what I originally expected. I think it should be renamed to an on campus, business hour, ERAU monitored, information station that only dorm residents can hear. Great idea, isn't it?

So what I'm asking you and every other comrade at this university is quite simple, what are we paying for? I never once asked or received any questionnaire about what build-

ings I wanted here on campus, but I foresee my tuition dollars being sunk into a chapel. Why, I don't know. Wouldn't it be cheaper to buy bicycles and ride to a local parish of your choice. We bought two security cars (which I do feel was a good idea), built a monument to the Wright Brothers (nice job, but was it really necessary to buy it), repainted the whole fleet (including the planes over at AMT) and hordes of other useful expenses. So here it comes, what about WERU? We need a station for our own use, for our own ears. After all, everyone here seems to believe we're different from the rest of the world's population. What about a mouth of our own. That is what I want my money spent on. A real radio station, not one that works on telephone wires (which my car won't even pick-up), not one that maybe two buildings will be able to hear. I want to spend my money on Todd and Steve's dream. WERU. So just do it!

My box number is 4558. If you agree or disagree, let me know! Todd and Steve have enough on their backs, they need our support!

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# Students give time to help others in need

College Press Service

Thousands of college students are trading in bathing suits and suntan lotion for sweat and labor in community volunteer positions both in the United States and abroad during this year's spring break.

Officials at several volunteer organizations said they are heartened by the response from college students this year who want to donate their time and energy in community service operations that range from building homes in hurricane devastated Miami and New Iberia, La., to working with the poor in the Appalachian Mountains in Virginia and Kentucky.

While the beaches and ski slopes will still be popular vacation spots, more and more students are bypassing those trips and donning work clothes during the midterm hiatus.

"We're giving students a choice and see that it is a great learning experience, as well as giving something back to the community. I don't think it's a fad, I think volunteerism will continue to grow. I bet a lot of people would be willing to take one spring break out of four years and volunteer."

Officials said spring break lasts from around the end of February to the beginning of April. While many colleges and universities nationwide have their own volunteer programs that involve working at off-campus sites during term breaks, some service organizations are looking for student volunteers for spring break.

Break Away, formed in 1992, was started by Magevney and Laura Mann, both Vanderbilt graduates who received seed money from the university to act as a clear-

inghouse between students and organizations needing volunteers. Mann and Magevney have a data base of 120 organizations, and expect that 5,000 students will be placed in volunteer positions this spring break through their network.

From Feb. 21 through April 3, more than 3,500 students are expected to work at more than 80 Habitat locations. Habitat is a non-profit, ecumenical Christian housing organization that builds homes for people in need. It has more than 800 projects in the U.S. and more than 100 sponsored projects in 33 developing nations.

"This gives students an opportunity to actually do something they believe in," said Sarah Clark, an associate in Habitat's campus division. "Many will go on spring break, and when they return, help out in their hometown. It gives students an eye-opening experience."

The sites where Collegiate Challenge will work include Miami and Homestead, Fla., the Mississippi Delta, Chicago, Circleville, W.Va., Sumter, S.C., and Savannah, Ga. More than 190 colleges and universities are involved, including Bethel College in St. Paul, Minn., Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, and Luther College in Decorah, Iowa.

Students will work one week at the site. Volunteers must provide transportation to the site and pay for meals. The Habitat affiliate will provide a place to stay. Clark said usually students pitch in together for food, and typically are housed in a local church during the stay.

Habitat also has a Florida program that is sending students to help rebuild south Miami and Homestead, which were devastated by Hurricane Andrew last August. An

estimated 200,000 people were left homeless and 64,000 homes were destroyed. Anne Ellestad, who helps run the South Florida program, said students are asked for pay \$15 a day to cover costs for housing, food, insurance and transportation to the work site.

She said that college students can give a lot of energy and commitment when helping to build homes. "These are students who obviously care. There's a myth that these are college students who don't care and want to get a job and graduate," she said. "There's definitely a lot of commitment out there."

The University of Miami has a volunteer program for students from other schools who want to help in South Florida. There are 24 schools, including the University of Michigan, Princeton University in Princeton, N.J., and the University of Montana, that are sending students to Florida to help in community rebuilding. The work assignments are usually handled by the United Way.

Global Volunteers, a non-profit, non-political organization in St. Paul, Minn., places students for one-week programs in two poverty-stricken counties in Mississippi. The program also offers two and three week volunteer opportunities in other countries, said Michele Gran, who coordinates its programs.

Gran said response to spring break programs, especially in Mississippi, has been strong. Students at Hamlin College in St. Paul and Northland College in Ashland, Wis., have been heavily involved, she said.

"Students offer enthusiasm and energy... These are our opinion leaders for tomorrow. They can help create a foundation for



Photo courtesy of College Press Service

Many spring breakers are deciding to give up their time to party at the beach and to help others in need as well as learn how to work with others all at the same time.

peace," she said.

The cost for the Mississippi program is \$300, which covers food and housing. The most expensive program is a three-week project in Russia that costs nearly \$2,000.

"Experiential education is the best you can get. You need practical knowledge," Gran said. "For anyone who is interested in other countries or international relations, what better way than to live or work next to the people. I can't think of a better way to apply your education."

The Christian Appalachian Project is sponsoring Workfest '93, March 7-20. About 380 college students will work on

rebuilding 36 homes in two poverty stricken counties in eastern Kentucky, said Ruth Morrison, a spokeswoman for the Lancaster, Ky.-based organization.

The Christian Appalachian Project is a non-profit, non-sectarian service organization that tackles a myriad of social problems in eastern Kentucky, West Virginia, Tennessee and northern Alabama, including health programs, literacy and rebuilding homes.

Students who participate in Workfest '93 are asked for a \$50 donation to cover housing and food, Morrison said.

# Military cuts could mean bigger trouble for California

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Proposed military base cuts would mean trouble for March Air Force Base, but Long Beach Naval Shipyard will remain in operation. The economic forecast for a Marine Corps air station remains cloudy.

Meanwhile, the El Toro Marine Corps Air Station would be shot down entirely. The 4,700-acre base is the only one in greater Los Angeles to remain on the Pentagon's hit list.

That leaves the future clouded for hundreds of businesses outside the base.

"I do a lot of uniforms for the

base. And a lot of the officers' wives bring their clothes in here," Personal Touch owner Cathy Dang said Friday as the cutbacks were proposed.

Yet while the withdrawal of the base's \$235.7 million budget (6,200 military jobs, 2,150 civilians employees) would obviously hurt, its prime Orange County location holds economic promise as well, business leaders said.

"We've looked at other base closures, and we know if you do it properly it can be a positive thing," said Wayne Wedin, the chairman of an El Toro task force for the Orange

County Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

"It is more than 4,000 acres in the middle of the Irvine Ranch and the Irvine Ranch has to be one of the most valuable places on earth. It's flat and it's gorgeous. It's a wonderful piece of real estate."

Wedin urged federal officials to help devise the best successor as the base is phased out. It could be converted to a civilian airport, but how to deal with noise complaints? A careful mix of homes and commerce could pack more economic punch than the base, but freeways already are jammed, the air polluted. And

what about potential contamination on the base?

"It can't be done quickly, so if it's going to be closed let's start planning now," he said. "The federal government is the landowner and they're going to have to get involved."

Word that the Long Beach shipyard would stay open was more like dodging a cannonball than a bullet, said Jack Kyser, chief economist for the privately funded Economic Development Council of Los Angeles County.

The group was set up to combat business flight from the county,

where defense cuts, losses of other manufacturing jobs, grossly overbuilt office space and a near-halt in construction has pushed the unemployment rate above 11 percent.

Kyser said the 4,100 high-wage workers at the Long Beach shipyard, of whom 60 percent are women and minorities, would be unlikely to find comparable pay in the area regardless of how much retraining the Clinton administration provides.

The proposal to convert March Air Force Base in Riverside County to a reserve center had been viewed by some as the worst possible outcome, said Art Pick, president of the

Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce.

"With closure it could be reused, put back on the tax roll," he said.

But at the Moreno Valley Mall near the base, which opened in October, marketing manager Michaila Marraffino said the local congressman, Ken Calvert, was assuring businesses that significant numbers of jobs at March would remain.

As of Sept. 30, there were 3,318 military personnel on active duty at March, 3,506 Air National Guard and reserve personnel and 2,371 civilian employees.

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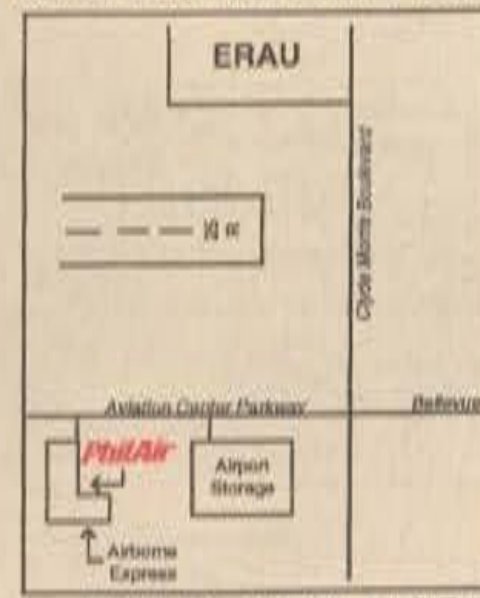
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