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Sliwa willing to compromise with Prescott

By Rob Reichenbach
 Editor in Chief

For the third time this year, the Faculty Senate Coordinating Committee convened in order to discuss matters relating to the university as a whole. The meeting was held on Friday October 1, 1993 in Pensacola, Florida which is the site of one of ERAU's Colleges of Continuing Education. Pensacola was scheduled to be the location of the conference well before any grievances from Prescott were aired at the beginning of the semester and does not involve any need for neutral ground on the part of the Daytona Beach or Prescott campuses. The meeting was attended by Embry-Riddle's new Vice President of Academics, Dr. Ira Jacobson. Jacobson communicated to the Daytona Beach administration that dialogue and conversation with the Prescott campus during the conference was good. The Prescott campus administration has

been reserved in their comments since the Board of Trustees voiced the opinion that Prescott's actions in notifying the Daytona Beach News-Journal of their grievances with President Sliwa were deemed inappropriate. Ever since that incident, Sliwa has received an outpouring of support from the Daytona Beach campus, the College of Continuing Education, and the local community. The Board of Trustees have also received similar comments supporting Sliwa. The Prescott incident stemmed from a possible relocation of the Prescott campus to Williams Air Force Base in order to stem the rising tide of costs and increase enrollment at the western campus. Previous financial reports indicated that the Prescott campus had been losing money at least for the past year. The remote possibility that the Prescott campus might be closed in order to save money for the university as a whole, sparked arguments by the Prescott faculty pertaining to President Sliwa's leadership

ability. In order to get an accurate gauge of Prescott's financial status, Sliwa earlier this semester appointed an independent auditor to find out Prescott's exact financial status. The report filed by the auditors and presented to the Board of Trustees stated that the Prescott campus was losing money on an average of \$1.3 million a year for the past six years. In an interview with the Avion, President Sliwa commented that the trustees would like to find a way to make the Prescott campus work. "They want to make sure that all options are considered to make the Prescott campus financially healthy again," Sliwa said. Sliwa continued by saying he felt that the quality of education at Prescott may suffer if costs are cut too deeply at Prescott. "The Trustees need to protect the quality of education for the students while protecting the resources of the University." In a related story, President Sliwa approved a 3% salary increase for the fac-

ulty and staff at the Daytona Beach, Prescott and College for Continuing Education campuses. This measure was necessary in order to bolster a sagging instructor salary which has had no pay increases in the past two years. Although this will increase overall operating costs, it is Sliwa's hope that this will result in an increase in the quality of education on a university wide scale. Sliwa commented that he was concerned with the well being of the university staff. "We are in a service business where we are trying to provide a quality education and quality service to our students," Sliwa continued by saying, "we have to be willing to invest in our work-force." The administration feels that the faculty has been working hard for the past two years. The administration sees the need to be willing to step up and tighten their belts. Concerning the salary increase, Sliwa said that "It's a vote of confidence in our employees." The SGA supports the salary increase as well. In summary, Prescott wishes to



Dr. Steven Sliwa

increase their autonomy in the future. President Sliwa is willing to meet the Prescott faculty halfway and come to a compromise. "We are trying to find a plan that will give them more autonomy and have a path of increasing fiscal stability."

Let's go swimming



photo by Joyce Howell

The Eagle Battalion went through basic water survival this past week. This consisted of the 25 meter Battle Dress Uniform (BDU) swim, BDU flotation, expected, and unexpected water entry. In the latter, cadets are pushed off the high dive blindfolded and in full gear.

ERAU to receive 2 new Tampico aircraft

By Wayne Newby
 Campus News Editor

Embry-Riddle will be receiving two new Tampicos sometime around the end of the month. It is rumored that it will be a large media event. The Avion was not able to discover exactly when, because both the flight department and Aerospaciale either did not know or would not release the information. The Tampico, also known as the TB-9, is lowest in the line of the Aerospaciale aircraft. It is very slow, according to all of the pilots asked, (with full fuel and two people in it, roughly 95-100 kts). The Tampico has a very spacious cabin with excellent visibility and a great cockpit layout, according to a number of pilots. The airplane has good climb performance, but cruises more slowly than a C-172, its predecessor at ERAU. The airplane does not glide as well as a 172 due to the increased drag induced by its wide cockpit. With the same engine as the Cessna 172 cruise climb rate with 3 on board is slow, according to ERAU pilots interviewed. The Tampico is made in Tarbes France, currently the new planes are supposed to be constructed in Grand Prairie Texas (the planes the University will be receiving are supposedly to be the first produced at this plant). The Tampico was



photo by Alan Day

Embry-Riddle has recently purchased two Tampico aircraft which will arrive near the end of the month. The Tampicos are known for their excellent visibility and performance which gives it an edge over other aircrafts such as its predecessor, the C-172. When asked about the good features of the Tampico, the pilots interviewed said that it is very comfortable and has an ergonomic layout of controls as well as Gullwing doors which cannot be opened in flight. The Tampicos here are used for the most part in IFR flights although there are some VFR models. The planes are also used in FA110, FA109 and FA417, an instructor course in which students fly from the right seat.

New and improved flight tutor lab expanded to accommodate students

➤ The flight tutor lab is located in room G-102 and is open more than 80 hours a week.

By Eric Anderson
 Staff Reporter

It's bigger, it's better, and it's all free. "The Flight Tutor Lab, which was originally conceived by Dr. John Phipps, Chairman of the Flight Department, began in a room with only 89 square feet of space,

two academic tutors, and no personal computer-based flight simulators," says Don Lauderdale, Flight Tutor Lab Coordinator. "Traditional one-on-one academic tutoring was the order of the day and it still is." "Within its first year, the tutor lab was expanded to 485 square feet and eight PC-based flight simulators were added." Starting this semester, the Flight Tutor Lab has some new changes and has a new room. The lab can now be found in room G-102 sharing 750 square feet with the Aviation Maintenance Technology computer lab. "Along with eight PC-based simulators," says Lauderdale, "the lab now has five academic tutors for FA courses and a small library."

Also, Lauderdale says that "stiffer requirements have been put on the selection of the academic tutors, not only do the tutor applicants have to maintain a 3.0 CGPA, complete an interview with myself and the Department Chair, pass a comprehensive CFI-A/CFII written examination, and complete a simulator standardization course, but this semester they must have successfully completed the FA-417 flight instructor course." Completion of the FA-417 course certifies that the academic tutors are FAA qualified flight instructors. "The Flight Tutor Lab's 'main directive' is to provide no cost tutoring service and PC-based aircraft simulator instruction,"

says Lauderdale. The operating hours for the lab this semester are Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 12:00 noon until 5:00 p.m. Lauderdale says that "this 82.5 hours per week availability is an increase of almost 200% from the origination of the lab." In order to use the lab, Lauderdale says that "all that needs to be done is go to the lab during operating hours, present an ERAU identification card, and request help or just use the equipment (after a short introductory period if visiting for the first time)." He also adds that tutors and simulators may be reserved in advance on a first come first serve basis by going to the lab and placing initials and the last four digits of the

ERAU identification number in the desired block(s) of time (not to exceed two hours) on the schedule. The schedule is located directly outside the tutor lab. Lauderdale would like to stress that the tutor lab is of no cost to the students and if the lab is used enough that additional operating hours may be made available or another lab may be opened. Lauderdale says that the instruction and operating hours should be sufficient to accommodate all students who need to use the lab, but if there are any questions, comments, or complaints, they should be brought to his attention by going by his office, G-104, or by calling him at extension 6839.

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News in brief..

Creators are still wanted
 ERAU's prestigious magazine of visual and literary arts - *Creations* - is due to be published again this semester. The magazine contains writings, drawings and photographs submitted by Embry-Riddle students. The producers are looking for submissions, to be eligible to appear in the next issue. If anyone has any poems, short-stories, drawings/photos, drop them off in the Avion office by Oct. 15th.

Movie of the Week
 Touch 'n' Go Productions will be

presenting *Body of Evidence* tomorrow at 8:30 p.m. in the student center. *Body of Evidence* is a drama that stars Madonna, Willem Dafoe, Joe Mantegna and Anne Archer. Madonna stars as a woman on trial for the murder of a man. The murder weapon, sex.

Eagle soccer Sunday
 The next home game of the soccer team will be this Sunday at 1:00 p.m. against Savannah Art and Design. The game will be held at the Richard Petty Field. Come out and show your support for the Eagles.



Take a backseat ride with the French Connection over the skies of Florida. see Aeronautica, page B1

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Staff Commentary:

A newspaper worth reading



Arie Moller
National News Editor

If you think the *Avion* is "good bird cage liner," I challenge you to come to the *Avion* office and get involved with the paper for just a month. Evaluate it for yourself first hand. Then, at least, you will have a leg to stand on if you complain.

If you are too much of a potato to get involved, at least read the paper. Compare what we have to the papers at other institutions of higher learning. Go pick up a copy of Stetson's, or DBCC's paper. Take a good long look.

You'll come to realize how lucky we are that we have such a high quality paper.

The *Avion* is a national award winning college newspaper. Literally.

Most people don't realize it, but this paper placed 2nd in the Best of Show section, in a national collegiate press competition in '91. In the Southeast region the *Avion* is by far

the premier college newspaper.

The *Avion* placed first five times in the last thirteen years and the only reason why it wasn't better is the simple fact we don't even enter it any more. The reason: no competition.

There are numerous other awards the newspaper has earned through the years.

I would even venture to say that the *Avion* rivals in quality the likes of the *News-Journal*, a professional paper. Think about that the next time you want to b-ch (colorful metaphor which means female dog) about your paper.

The more I think about it, I come to realize that this editorial is most likely being read by people that appreciate the *Avion*, and therefore my message is being wasted. The human potatoes that I am referring to in this editorial are most likely not reading it.

How do I come to this conclusion? Because it would be too much work for them to actually lean down, pick up a paper, open it up and read it. It's much easier for them to just come up with moronic comments such as, "it makes good bird cage liner." They are "too busy" sitting on their rears complaining how bad their butts hurt.

Most likely, that's the way they'll go through life. Actually, it is pretty sad for a person to go through life with such a negative attitude.

I call upon those of you out there, who are proud of our school's paper, to roll up a copy of the *Avion* and hit the next person who whines about the paper.

For a student paper, we do a damn good job. We are not professionals, yet we produce a professional quality paper each and every school week and I am proud to say that I'm associated with it.

Letters to the Editor:

Female Products Think creative

I don't normally complain about things I see on television. I believe if it bothers you, don't watch it. Violence, sex, guns and rock'n'roll all have their place on television.

My problem is with sponsors. Have you ever noticed that almost every television show on the air is sponsored by a feminine product?

Tampons, maxis, feminine powder and douches are among a few of the products that blaze across the screen every night.

It's not that I'm cold or heartless to women's problems. I just feel that it is highly unlikely that there is a yeast infection epidemic going around.

We've all witnessed these commercials with their interesting jingles, for example "O.B., it's the way it should be." Or maybe it's very interesting to know that a plastic applicator is more comfortable than a cardboard applicator.

I don't remember seeing these commercials as a young boy. Nor do I want to see them now as an adult.

I could always flip stations when commercials come around, but then I would be missing other commercials that could sell me on another product.

And it could be a little confusing for kids when they see some of these commercials. For example a young child could see a commercial for Bounty, "the quicker picker upper," and then see a commercial for a super absorbent maxi pad. This child would not know the difference between the two.

Maybe I'm crazy, but I think that there's a place for everything. Women occupy 50% of television's viewing audience. So there must be some shows that pertain more to women than men. These shows would be perfect for those commercials.

Name withheld by request

I think that more activities dealing with the arts are needed here at Embry-Riddle. I am not referring to History and Grammar. I am referring to Visual and Performing Arts. The Humanities and Social Sciences department here is adequate enough to give our school accreditation, but in addition to the required Humanities and Social Sciences classes, students may want more.

In the course catalog for '92-'93 there are nine Humanities and Social Science courses that are available for an engineer to take. As an engineering student, I think that being creative will be beneficial by helping me to be resourceful and to design things that are aesthetically pleasing.

Psychologists have said over and over again that the mind has two sections, an analytical side and a creative side.

I personally would like to have both sides used. I am not calling for a complete art revolution here on campus, nor more art classes, but more art activities.

When we go to look for jobs, in a very competitive market, we may be just as equally qualified to fill the job as the other person. If the employer asks you to come to a party for the applicants. Being able to discuss poetry or music intelligently may be impressive, or, more importantly, a deciding factor in our employment status. I want to learn to think creatively as well as analytically so more activities in the arts may help.

Name withheld by request

Editor's Note:

The Avion recently received a letter from a Ugandan teacher requesting pen-pals. His address is: Mr. Matovu Arthur Vincent Aggrey Memorial School P.O.Box 421 Kampala, Uganda

I am perturbed. Really perturbed. I'm sick and tired of hearing my fellow Riddle-ites complaining about the *Avion*. It's quite discouraging hearing some of these 'complainaholles' come up with such moronic comments.

For example, I heard all of these during the last week. "Well the paper is good for wrapping fish." Or how about this winner. "It makes good bird cage liner."

I would like to address all the may sayers out there, who get pathetic pleasure from trashing the *Avion*. I have a challenge for you.

CLAST exams mirror the runaround



Scott Augustus
Staff Reporter

There I sat, in room A-109 last Saturday morning at 7:30 a.m., pondering whether I wanted to destroy Embry-Riddle or the state of Florida. If you think about it, it's a tough choice.

See, the CLAST (College Level Academic Skills Test) exam was given last weekend. The test itself was no problem. The organization of the test was a big problem, right from the beginning.

For those who don't know, the CLAST exam is required for any student receiving financial aid from the state of Florida. The student must take the exam during the semester that he obtains 60 credit hours.

I knew that was me, so I sat around waiting to hear what I'd have to do to sign up.

On September 9th, I found something in my mailbox that told me I had already missed registration, but I could register late up to September 10th (which was the next day). Thanks for the warning! When I went to register the next day, the people I talked to tried to get me to apologize for "taking so long." Sorry, sue me for having one day's notice.

In addition, when you take the CLAST, you're "required" to attend two one-hour orientation classes that describe the exam in more detail. There I sat, during an orientation course, listening to a lady telling us that we should wake up early and eat breakfast with protein.

Thanks, mom.

Also, only one person was allowed to go to the bathroom at a time during the test.

Welcome to Embry-Riddle Junior High School.

There was one useful piece of information learned at the orientation course - that calculators were allowed during the test.

Oh, by the way, the admission ticket everyone received when

signing up for the test said that no calculators were allowed during the test.

So what was the point of that "required" introduction session? And what's the penalty for missing it? Do I automatically fail? Should I bring a note from my mother saying I was sick that day?

Anyway, I also noted with much dismay that the test was being offered on October 2nd, the day after I was scheduled to be in the second row of a Depeche Mode concert in Gainesville, two hours away.

I called the office where I registered and asked if I could take the CLAST at the University of Florida instead, since it was being offered there as well.

They said no, because I would have had to register there first. Thanks for telling me that when I registered.

Could I just withdraw my registration here and transfer it up there? No.

Now I had an important decision to make. Stay home on Friday night so I could sleep and prepare for the CLAST exam, or go to Gainesville

and be in bad shape for the test?

Of course, I have my priorities. So there I sat in the second row, hating the fact that I had to drive for two hours after the concert so I could start the CLAST at 7:30 a.m. the next morning.

I couldn't be late, either, because once the test starts they wouldn't admit anyone else.

So, there I sat in room A-109 last Saturday morning at 7:30 a.m., hating the fact that I was awake anywhere that early on a Saturday.

I grew more hateful when I saw someone walk in at 8:15 a.m. wanting to take the test. It wasn't his fault that he was late, but rules are rules, right?

No, there he sat, taking the test. I also looked around and realized that I only recognized a few people from the "required" orientation course.

I realize that this is a government thing and not Embry-Riddle's fault. It sure seems to me that Florida, knowing that the students taking the test had obtained 60 credits, treated us like amateurs.

Student Forum

The Avion Asks: Now that WERU has been broadcasting for a few weeks, how do you think they can improve programming?



Brian Wendel
Freshman
Aeronautical Science

"I want to hear more old stuff, like from the late '60s and early '70s."



Ricardo Galarza
Sophomore
Av. Tech./Flight

"It would be great if they could expand their transmissions off campus."



Candyce Wallis
Sophomore
Aeronautical Science

"They need to be louder in the U.C. during lunch; you can barely hear them."



Jed David
Freshman
A.C.E.T.

"I think they're doing an okay job. It helps a lot when they announce what's going on during the week."



Travis Logan
Sophomore
Aerospace Engineering

"They play too much alternative; they need more rock and country. Play more contemporary music."



Brian Backer
Senior
Aerospace Engineering

"Longer hours I think would be good, with more progressive and alternative music."

Photos by Mike Dienhart

Voice mail to make premiere appearance at ERAU

By Chris Farkas
Staff reporter

"It will do away with those blue message slips that half the time you don't get until the next day."

Imagine for a moment studying for a test on a Saturday morning. And suddenly realizing that there is an area of your studies upon which you have a profound inquiry, the answer just isn't in any notes or in the book.

To find the proper response, calling a couple of people in the class would be a good idea, unless they are puzzled by the same question.

At this point, what are the options? Call "ghostbusters" or just go into the text Monday morning at eight and hope for the best? Wouldn't it be great if students could call the instructor's office number, leave a message that they will get, and receive the answer before the

test? On this hypothetical Saturday morning, the student could call the instructor, leave a message, and rest assured that the instructor will get the exact message. The instructor could then call from anywhere and retrieve messages. Then during the weekend, the inquirer would get a call answering their inquiry.

Sounds like a "Buck Rogers" style dream, this could be the first major step toward ending the "Riddle Runaround." Well just such a system will be online in the near future. All numbers at Embry-

Riddle will soon be connected to the Octel Voice Information Processing System. When students call a number on campus, after three rings, the voice mail system will automatically answer the call. Callers will hear a personalized message from the person being called, and a prompt to leave a message much like a "normal answering machine." Here similarities end.

After leaving the message, callers can review the message before sending it, or even mark the message as "urgent."

However, please use the "urgent" sparingly. Suppose that a caller needs to leave a message, and doesn't know the number of your party. The Octel system allows the caller to enter the party's name on a touch tone phone to leave a message. The same message can even be sent to multiple destinations.

A majority of the instructors questioned about the new system seem to be favorably impressed. One of the Aeronautical Science professors said, "It will do away with those blue message slips that half the time you don't get until the next day." He continues, "With the date/time stamp that goes on the message, I'll be able to tell if the message is legitimate or if the student just missed my test due to oversleeping." An instructor in the Computer Science department states, "It

will be great. Once all the students have their own voice mailbox, we'll be able to leave messages for everyone."

In general, the consensus of a few professors in that department seems to be that the new system is a waste. "It provides students with another excuse not to come to class." Another states, "What is wrong with simply seeing me in my office?"

A neighboring instructor was emphatic that "All my students have my home phone number, and I'm in the phone book. If my students have a question on the weekend, I tell them to call me at home. Why do I need a voice mail box?"

In the next few weeks, the voice mail system should be fully operational. A good number of the instructors are looking forward to its implementation.

FPPA has great plans for Fall

By Kerwin McKenzie
Copy Editor

Claudio Lopez, President of Future Professional Pilots Association (FPPA) had a vision. Create an atmosphere for students who share a common interest in aviation, and also to allow them to obtain flight hours relatively cheap.

With this in mind he formed FPPA in the Spring of 1993. The only other club that provided this kind of atmosphere on campus was the Naval Aviation Club.

As the name suggests, the onus is on Naval activities, thus speakers were Navy-oriented. This excluded a large group, as not everyone has Naval interests. In order to start the club Lopez needed 25 signatures. "I had 75 signatures in a day and a half," he says. By the end of the semester 142 members had signed up.

Officers were selected at that first Spring 1993 meeting. They are Jeffrey Rutfield, Vice-President; Tim Griffin, secretary; Ishmael Obaydi, treasurer; Jay White, Aero Club manager; Victor Robles, Aero Club

operations coordinator; and Frode Johansen, chief flight instructor. FPPA's aim is to promote safety and establish contacts that will be beneficial to someone's aviation career. They have accomplished just that.

Captain John Higgle from American Airlines, who by the way at age 26 became the youngest captain for American, Higgle spoke about Future Airline Pilots Association (FAPA), which keeps pilots informed of aviation related activities, FAPA acts like a clearing house of sorts.

Higgle also spoke about his experiences at American. Scott Roper, Riddle alumnus also spoke about his pilot career with Delta airlines. Roper also spoke on what it takes to get into Delta airlines, or any other airline for that matter.

Jack Slaven of the Career Center also had a session on resumes and cover letters. The last speaker for the semester was Rod Machado who spoke on handling in-flight emergencies.

All the presentations were given to full houses, and the students present were very appreciative. Lopez had the idea of forming an Aero Club from the club's formation, but

this only came to fruition in the Summer A semester. He had a few meetings with the Board of Trustees, at which they agreed to finance the purchase of two instrument-rated Cessna 172's. The Aero Club is the only one at Embry-Riddle, and is a non-profit organization. Rental is only \$40.00/hr. wet, and is open to all students, faculty, staff and alumni.

There are no restrictions on where the pilot can take the airplane. Only members of FPPA are eligible for joining the Aero Club. They must also possess a pilot license. The Aero Club operates under the same high standards as the Riddle flight line, and has the same checkout and maintenance procedures.

The Club needs about 40 hours of rental per month to break even, so far they are doing great. FPPA was inactive during Summer A, but they have great things planned for the Fall semester.

Already Scott Roper has revisited talking about his times at Delta. Plans are afoot for inviting Flight Safety which is a training organization for commuter pilots, the personnel department of American and United, another representative from the Career Center, a tour of the Jacksonville Center, and Tom Parker, an alumni from American. There will also be a barbecue for members, a "Toys for Tots," event for foster children, and fund-raisers for the Campus Ministry.

One other major event that Lopez is working on, is the usage of the FAA's 727



These two Cessna 172's are used by FPPA for their Aero Club. Students, faculty, staff, and alumni pay only \$40.00/hr wet. The Aero Club is a derivative of FPPA which was formed by Claudio Lopez.

simulator in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Time in the simulator can be logged. FPPA also sells FAPA membership at greater than 50% discount, and is working on getting a discount for the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) membership.

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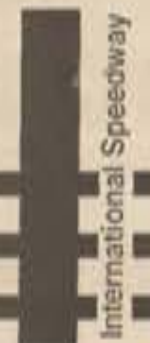


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Flu shots

The virus which causes Beijing Flu has mutated, thereby producing a new strain which has increased virulence and to which many people have not developed immunity. Therefore, the centers for disease control expect that many more people will be infected with "The Flu" and will experience increased and/or prolonged symptoms. Also, vaccines may be in short supply due to demand. This year flu shots will be available through the Volusia County Health Department on the following dates: Saturday, October 16, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., Tuesday, October 19, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The health department is located at 501 S. Clyde Morris Blvd., across from Doolittle Hall. The fee is \$10 for this year's flu shot. No physician order is needed.

OctoberFest Olympics

OctoberFest Olympics to benefit the Rape Crisis Center of Volusia County will be held at Norwood's Seafood Restaurant on Thursday, October 7, 1993.

We are looking for bartenders and servers to participate in food and beverage agility tests.

Grand prize to be given away is an overnight stay at the Ocean Trillium Suites and a champagne dinner for two from Norwood's Seafood Restaurant.

In case of a tie, the Olympic athlete (bartender and/or server) to Norwood's Seafood Restaurant, South Causeway, New Smyrna Beach, 428-4621 or mail fee and name to: OctoberFest Olympics, P.O. box 63, Daytona Beach, FL, 32116

Additional prizes also will be awarded. Entry fee is \$10.00 per person, bring fee and name of Olympic athlete (bartender and/or server) to: Norwood's Seafood Restaurant, South Causeway, New Smyrna Beach, 428-4621 or mail fee and name to: OctoberFest Olympics, P.O. box 63, Daytona Beach, FL, 32116

December 18th Graduates

All students anticipating Degree Completion by December 18th, 1993 must formally apply at the Office of Records & Registration.

An application for ceremony attendance is also required and there is a

\$40 charge should you choose to attend the ceremony. Applications will be accepted through the deadline date of October 15th, 1993. Applications are also being accepted for those anticipating April 4th degree completion.

Come to the office of Records and Registration and fill out an application to receive a Preliminary Graduation Evaluation. We will try to have one done and mailed to your box before Advance Registration for Spring '94. Those who will complete Summer '94 but wish to "walk" in the Spring '94 ceremony should not apply until January '94.

Go Fly A Kite

An old tradition but perhaps new to our campus. Any and all types of kite flyers are welcome and would be flyers as well. For those interested in stunt kites, a training kite will be provided. A lot of fun as well as a social activity. Call R. Moore at 226-6768 or leave a message in the AMT mailbox. We would like to generate enough interest to form an ERAU club.

New student organization deadline

The Department of Student Activities will accept proposals to charter new Student Organizations on campus, until Friday, October 15, 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.

Parking

The Safety Department will continue to ticket student and faculty members who continue to violate parking regulations.

According to the Safety Department, the auxiliary parking lots are not being used to their full capacity. If there are any questions concerning where students and staff may or may not park, contact the Transportation Department at ext. 6482

By Bryan Gross

Staff reporter

The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) conducts investigations whenever an airplane, train, etc. accident occurs. Files upon files of these investigations are published so that the public can understand what went wrong to cause the accident. They are known to be a valuable source of information.

Greg Feith, a 1981 Embry-Riddle graduate, is a member of the NTSB and will be making a

presentation in the University Center on Wednesday, October 13.

Feith first began working with the NTSB in June of 1980 through the cooperative education program. After graduating from Embry-Riddle with a Bachelor of Science in Aeronautical Studies, he went to work full-time with the Denver Field office as an Air Safety Investigator. After working there for about nine years, Feith was promoted to the position of Deputy of the Northeast Regional office in Parsippany, New Jersey in September of 1990. He was the youngest person ever to hold this

position.

Feith is now a member of the NTSB's Major Accident Investigation division or "Go Team." This team is based out of Washington D.C. He holds an Airline Transport License (ATP) with single and multiengine ratings. These ratings in large transport category airplanes are also held by Feith as it allows him to be more knowledgeable about different aircraft types and causes of the accidents.

Feith has had many notable accomplishments so far during his career with the NTSB.

Leading a climbing exhibition on Mt. Illimani in La Paz, Bolivia, Feith investigated the crash of an Eastern Airlines Boeing 727. The plane crashed at 21,000 feet in January of 1985.

He has also provided technical assistance and played the part of the co-pilot in the NBC movie of

the week called *Crash: The Mysterious Flight of 1501*.

Among other accomplishments, Feith has investigated several high visibility accidents.

These include accidents including Senator John Heinz of Philadelphia, PA, actress Sally Fields (Aspen, CO) and world famous balloon pilot Ben Abruzzo (Albuquerque, NM). He is also an instructor at the NTSB Accident Investigation School and the author/designer of several accident report forms.

Since his graduation, Feith has made over ten presentations at Embry-Riddle.

These presentations include slides, videotapes and audio recordings from actual cockpit recorders that have been retrieved.

Always a very interesting and informative show, Feith last spoke at ERAU to a crowd of over 400 staff, faculty and students.

"Feith is also an instructor at NTSB Accident Investigation School and the author/designer of several accident report forms."

Blue light emergency phones bring security to some potentially scary places

By Eric Anderson

Staff reporter

Many questions have been asked as to what those poles with "emergency" written down the side and a blue light on top are. They look pretty, but what purpose do they serve?

Those poles are Blue Light Emergency Phones and Wayne Glasgow, Head of Crime Prevention and Investigations, says that their main purpose is to "help provide a deterrent for would be assaults."

Glasgow says that the phones provide a deterrent "by giving people who are being followed or chased by suspicious people a direction to go to get help, a lighted area in the vicinity of the pole, and a person to person contact for help."

The blue light at the top of the pole stands out at night which acts like a beacon for a person in trouble to go to for safety.

Victims reach a certain level of safety just by reaching the poles. The poles shed light in their surrounding area. Glasgow says that "bad guys" don't like lighted places.

When a victim reaches the pole they can activate several other deterrents by pressing the silver emergency button on the pole.

The first deterrent that is activated is a bright blue strobe light that is located above the steady blue light. Glasgow says that "this will attract the attention to the situation." He continued by saying that "if a passer-by sees the flashing blue light, he will know that something is wrong and will go to the light to find out what the problem is."

At the same time that the strobe is lit, telephone communication with the campus security office is established. "A 'hands off' telephone allows the dispatcher in the communications office to hear all that is happening around the pole, and whoever is around the pole can hear everything that is happening at the communications office," says Glasgow.

He continued by saying that "it is standard procedure for the dispatcher to send a security guard to the sight of the telephone that becomes activated."

So, the emergency phone provides a direction to run for help, a lighted area for safety, a flashing light to attract attention, a direct communication with a person and a security person who will be on the scene within minutes.

Glasgow notes that the emergency phones can't prevent every incident, but says that "the system gives people who are in trouble a weapon




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In addition to these emergency phones, the Safety Department is hoping to hire students for security.

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Riddle soccer shows maturity

By Kerwin McKenzie
Copy Editor

It was a Wednesday afternoon in Daytona Beach, and the long-awaited match between the Riddle soccer team and the Soccer Club was on its way.

All the fans were pumped, (there were not many fans there). The Eagles played without numbers so it was difficult to figure out who was making what plays. However, they put on a fine performance, winning the game 4-0.

At least ten attempts were made to goal and the players actually played their positions.

Mike Hajek scored the only goal in the first half. In the second half Aaron Jacobson, Roberto Ruales and Kervin Johnson scored the goals.

The Eagles were very aggressive and ended up injuring the two goalies from the Soccer Club. Another player from the Soccer Club was also kicked in the back of the leg. But this is soccer and injuries are commonplace. It is this type of playing that is needed whenever Riddle faces off against external teams.

This was the first game of the newly formed Soccer Club, captained by Sebastian Hazelton originally from Brazil. The majority of his team has some international flavor, and although they played well, they did not play together.

"This was our first game and we are still learning each other," says Hazelton. "Not that this was an excuse for losing," he cautioned. "After a little practice, we'll do much better, this (our performance) was good for a first game," he added, "we expected a friendly game, but it wasn't."

As for Coach Fisher, he was "glad that they (the Eagles) had a chance to play." He barked orders out to the players from the sidelines, calling them out of play whenever they back talked to him.

Discipline must be kept at all times guys. The



photo by Allen King

Eagles soccer team and the Embry-Riddle Soccer Club duke it out last Wednesday at the soccer team's home field on Richard Petty Blvd. The Eagles won the game 4-0 in one of their best performances this season.

team seemed a little excited after the game. It was disappointing that not many fans were on hand. The Kuwaiti soccer team showed up, as they were on their way to another game in Ormond Beach.

Riddle students must try to support campus games a little more than they are at this point. On Saturday night, the Eagles faced off against NCAA Division II ranked, Florida Southern University (FSU) in Lakeland, Fla. The score was

2-0 in favor of FSU. However, Kervin Johnson (23) scored a goal in the first half, but it was rescinded by the referee. According to the referee, the ball did not enter the goal.

The Eagles did play a great game, one player said that it was their best performance this season.

The next home game is this weekend, Sunday 1:00 p.m. against Savannah Art and Design.

Golf team places fifth

By John Williams
Special to the Avion

On September, 27-28, the Embry-Riddle varsity golf team participated in the Manatee College Invitational at the Sarabay Golf Resort in Sarasota, Florida. Although most of the team players are freshmen, they placed fifth out of eight teams in the final standings.

One of the Embry-Riddle freshmen, Niklas Blanksvard, finished tenth in a field of fifty-five golfers. The excellent play of the freshmen was very encouraging vis-a-vis the

development of a highly competitive ERAU golf team. Students participating in this event included Dallas Keller, Travis Motes, Niklas Blanksvard, Paul Novak and Gavin Treanor.

On October, 16-18, ERAU will host the Embry-Riddle Invitational at Palm Coast, Florida. Eighteen university and college teams will compete in this event. Students, faculty and staff are welcome to attend these matches at the Palm Harbor Golf Club.

John Williams is the coach of Embry-Riddle's golf team.

Intramural results

Aerial Assault	6	Army ROTC	12
Chronic	6	T-21 Air Force	14
Hit Squad	20	Rum Runners	18
Violators	13	Sigma Chi	19
Random Violence (rv)	32	Crimson Tide	12
Chanute Chargers	6	Undecided	22
The Who	13	Prime Time	18
Tailhookers	0	A.H.P.	24
Untouchables	21	R.S.M.	47
Fudge Packets	0	Flyers II	0
Delta Chi	W	Corleone Family	13
Sigma Chi	F	Green Goblins	20
He-Man	42	McKay Hall	0
Da Bears	7	Untouchables	26

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San Diego at Pittsburgh	✗		
New England at Phoenix	✓		
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To enter this week's Avion football pool, cut out this entry form and circle who you think will win the match-ups above.

Deadline for entries will be the Friday prior to the games listed above. Entries can be dropped in the Avion Sports box.

A winner will be selected by the next issue. Winners are selected on the basis of the number of correct answers made on the entry form.

Should a tie occur, the winner will be selected by the most accurate prediction of Monday night's game.

For instance, a person who guessed a score of 24-20, would have a total of 44 points. If the game score was 27-24 (a total of 51 points) a difference of 7 points exists.

The closest score will be considered the prediction which comes closest to both team's points.

Only one entry per person is allowed.

The winner will receive a free large one topping pizza from Tito's Burrito's, located at 918 W. International Blvd., Daytona Beach. This week's winner is Kurt Diering.

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Yeltsin gives attack order for the parliament building

MOSCOW — Army tanks blasted holes in the parliament building just after dawn today and commandos stormed inside through smoke and flame to crush an armed challenge by hard-liners opposed to President Boris Yeltsin. Hundreds surrendered, but sporadic gunfire persisted after sundown.

What appeared to be a crucial victory for Yeltsin in the fight for political control in Russia came with a high price. Soldiers piled bodies outside the building after the nearly 10-hour battle, which climaxed the worst political violence in Moscow since the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution.

The hard-liners' leaders, speaker Ruslan Khasbulatov and Vice President Alexander Rutskoi, were among the last to give up, and were taken to a high-security prison with other key opposition figures.

Presidential spokesman Sergei Belenkov said they surrendered without resistance.

Dmitry Rurikov, a foreign policy adviser to Yeltsin, said Khasbulatov and Rutskoi gave up after receiving assurances of their safety through a Western embassy. He declined to name the embassy.

President Clinton and other Western leaders backed Yeltsin's handling of the situation, many of them blaming his opponents for the bloodshed.

Hundreds of lawmakers and supporters, hands on their heads, fled out of the burning parliament building and were ushered by troops onto waiting buses in late afternoon. Gunfire erupted several times during the surrender, scattering crowds of onlookers outside the white marble building known as the Russian White House.

After nightfall, snipers periodically shot glowing tracer bullets from the White House and neighboring

buildings, indicating some parliament supporters were holding out.

As convoys of tanks and other army vehicles moved into the area after dark, fire raged along much of an upper floor of the shattered parliament building. Orange flames flared from windows elsewhere in the 19-story structure.

The government's assault came in response to Sunday's violent attempt by the hard-liners to seize some government buildings and topple Yeltsin. The sides have been at bitter odds since Yeltsin ordered parliament dissolved two weeks ago and decreed early elections for December.

Leaders of parliament had barricaded themselves in the White House with armed supporters, challenging Yeltsin's effort to establish himself as the supreme authority in restructuring Russia. The parliament, which was elected before the Soviet collapse and was dominated by Communists, tried to hinder his

reforms.

The army's assault began about 7:00 a.m., flames spitting from the cannon of T-72 tanks as they pounded the White House. Papers fluttered from shattered windows, followed by heavy black smoke. Machine guns blasted from a neighboring hotel and apartment house.

The parliament's defenders threw firebombs and fired back from the barricaded building as well as from the nearby mayor's office they captured Sunday.

No accurate casualty count was available. Yeltsin's military adviser, Gen. Dmitry Volkogonov, initially told reporters that up to 500 might have been killed inside the White House. Government officials later said that estimate was too high.

City authorities reported at least 31 killed and 219 injured in both days of fighting, but the toll was expected to rise. Russian television said Sunday's assault on the main TV complex alone killed 62 and

wounded 400.

Five Americans were wounded, said Strobe Talbott, the State Department's senior Russian affairs official. He said he did not have details.

The attack came after anti-Yeltsin forces overwhelmed police lines surrounding the parliament Sunday and then captured the mayor's office. Supporters of parliament leaders also tried to take the state television complex, battling troops for hours overnight.

Yeltsin's forces ceased fire at noon to give parliament members a chance to surrender. Government officials said 72 people, mainly women, came out with their hands up.

Yeltsin's defense minister, Pavel Grachev, arrived later in a limousine to negotiate on a bridge over the Moscow River with a group of hard-liners who came out waving a white flag.

Russian TV said Grachev handed

the parliament supporters a paper that was believed to be an ultimatum to give up or face destruction.

"The time for talks is over," Yeltsin spokesman Anatoly Krasikov told The Associated Press earlier. "Now the only thing they can do is to hang out the white flag."

A barrage of heavy gunfire raked the parliament building after the talks. Hard-liners then began filing out.

Hundreds of spectators, some holding children by the hand, watched the battle and surrender from a bridge and nearby streets. They ignored attempts by soldiers to wave them back out of danger.

An 11 p.m.-5 a.m. curfew was imposed throughout the capital. Police said 5,000 men also would patrol the streets and check vehicles at random for weapons.

Yeltsin had promised not to use force to end the standoff with law-

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President Clinton backs Yeltsin in Russian power struggle

WASHINGTON — President Clinton said Sunday the United States must not waver in its support for Russian President Boris Yeltsin as his battle against conservative forces erupted into violence on the streets of Moscow.

"I still am convinced that the United States must support President Yeltsin and the process of bringing about free and fair elections," Clinton told reporters on the White House lawn about two hours after Yeltsin declared a state of emergency in Moscow.

Yeltsin informed the U.S. government Sunday he would "do what is necessary" to end the rebel uprising in Moscow, Strobe Talbott, the president's chief adviser on Russia, told The Associated Press later.

long as he is the person who embodies a commitment to democracy and of letting the Russian people chart their own course."

While there were no reports of anti-U.S. actions by the rebels, the State Department advised Americans late Sunday to suspend all travel to Moscow. It said anti-American sentiment exists in the Russian capital and the situation there is "tense and changing rapidly."

Yeltsin's opponents "have resorted to the most egregious and unprovoked violence, which shows their true colors and what they stand for," Talbott said.

A senior U.S. official who has been following the developments closely said Americans in Moscow were being advised to remain indoors and to avoid crowds. Whether they will be evacuated is a situation "being reviewed on an hour-by-hour basis," he told reporters at the State Department under ground rules protecting his identity.

\$2.5 billion aid package aimed at promoting the economic and democratic reforms that Yeltsin is carrying out.

Clinton said now is not the time for that support to change.

"We cannot afford to be in the position of wavering at this moment or backing off or giving any encouragement to people who clearly want to derail the election process and are not committed to reforming Russia."

Clinton said he was still confident Yeltsin would survive his confrontation with Vice President Alexander Rutskoi and other conservatives who have occupied the legislative building since Yeltsin dismissed parliament.

"I don't expect him to be deposed. I wouldn't overreact to this," Clinton said of events in Moscow Sunday, when Rutskoi urged protesters to storm the mayor's office and the national television studios, turning Moscow into a chaotic battle ground.

open elections."

Gephardt, speaking on NBC's "Meet the Press," said he gave Clinton "high marks and real credit for having the courage to stand behind this change."

Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., the chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, told ABC's "This Week With David Brinkley" that the protesters were trying to foster a revolution against democracy. "It's a scary time and I think Yeltsin will be taking decisive steps."

Defense Secretary Les Aspin, on CBS' "Face the Nation," said the administration would like to see the crisis resolved in favor of the pro-democracy forces of Yeltsin "with the least amount of bloodshed." He said Yeltsin's decision not to use troops so far "gives him the high ground."

The president said he had not yet talked to Yeltsin but had received an extended briefing on the situation in Moscow.

As elite troops moved on the capital, Yeltsin also notified U.S. Ambassador Thomas Pickering that "they are going to use as little force as possible," Talbott said.

At a televised "town meeting" in Sacramento, Calif., on Sunday night, Clinton said Yeltsin "has bent over backwards not to have the soldiers fire on anybody, not to promote any violence. And he may be thinking today he went too far. Because they (the rebels) basically got up a head of steam and the situation got out of control."

"I believe that he will be successful in the end because the people support him," the president continued. "And I think the U.S. should support Yeltsin as

Both the U.S. Embassy and the Yeltsin government were taken by surprise by the hardliners' attack on the television station and by their firepower, the official said. "This is a very, very serious crisis in which, tragically, blood is being spilled," the official said.

Clinton has put the United States fully behind Yeltsin since the Russian leader dismissed parliament on Sept. 21, and called for new elections in December, touching off a showdown between Yeltsin and conservative parliamentary leaders.

Congress weighed in by giving quick approval to a

"I think the people are clearly still far more supportive of him than Rutskoi or (parliament speaker Ruslan) Khasbulatov and they don't have any organized military support that we're aware of. So we'll just have to wait for events to unfold. But I have no reason to believe that he'll be deposed," Clinton said.

House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., said Russia is undergoing tremendous change and "This is probably the moment of great danger for this change. And we've got to stick with the person who up until now has been the reformer, has been the one standing behind democratic and values of freedom and having

"I don't think the United States should be involved in the moment by moment management of this crisis," Clinton said. "But I do want him (Yeltsin) to know of my continued support and the support of the United States."

He said that at present U.S. officials were concerned with gathering intelligence and looking after the safety of Americans in Moscow. The U.S. embassy is near the city hall that was targeted by the anti-Yeltsin protesters.

"So far the reports on that are good," Clinton said of the situation of Americans and the embassy.

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wish to have more information try and attend a meeting which are held every other Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in room A109. The first meeting this semester was held on September 15, 1993. Election of officers will be held at the next meeting, October 13, 1993. You may also contact Claudio Lopez at 248-2795 (box 5247) or Victor Robles at 253-3670 (box 2798) for more information.

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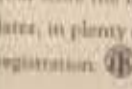
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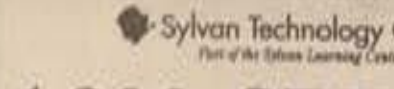
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Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. - North Carolina's congressional delegation appears to be indecisive about NAFTA, a trade agreement that some predict will end jobs and create economic problems for the Tar Heel State and many other states that rely on agriculture for their economies.

With North Carolina's heavy dependence on agriculture, the state may be seen as particularly vulnerable to new competition from cheaper Mexican farm products. Others worry that the state's manufacturing firms will flee south to take advantage of Mexico's lower labor costs.

But no fiery debate seems to be in place. The News & Observer of Raleigh reported Sunday.

Rep. Eva Clayton and Rep. Mel Watt remain officially undecided, but appear to be leaning against it. Rep. Cass Ballinger and Rep. Stephen Neal also are undecided, but appear to be leaning in favor of it.

ments on both sides of the NAFTA issue," said Rep. Tim Valentine, who said he will wait until he sees the final version of NAFTA before he decides. "I'm concerned about people in my district losing their jobs. But I also realize that free trade is going to be the wave of the future, whether it happens through NAFTA or something else."

The North American Trade Agreement is a long list of proposals aimed at creating a single trading market made of the United States, Canada and Mexico.

Early on, North Carolina's congressional delegation was expected to face heavy lobbying to strike down NAFTA.

To date, organized opposition against the trade agreement has mostly come from the state's labor unions, which complain it will eliminate many low-skill jobs. Peanut farmers also say cheap Mexican crops will flood the U.S. market.

But unions may have a limited influence in North Carolina, although AFL-CIO membership is about 200,000.

And while peanuts are the state's second leading cash crop, it is dwarfed by the much larger and more influential tobacco lobby.

Tobacco has a great deal to gain from NAFTA. The trade would open up a new foreign market to cigarettes and unprocessed leaf grown in North Carolina. The U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates annual tobacco sales to Mexico could quickly grow to \$100 million, should NAFTA be passed. In 1992, sales were \$6.1 million.

The movement of U.S. manufacturers to Mexico may be a mixed threat. That is not to say that North Carolina workers have nothing to fear from NAFTA. Many low-skill jobs in industries like textiles and furniture manufacturing could move to Mexico.

But Mexico has gradually been dropping trade barriers since 1987, which has prompted companies inclined to go there to go ahead and do so.

The Clinton administration has made passage of NAFTA a top priority, second only to health care reform.

"NAFTA is a win-win proposition for both the U.S. and Mexico," said U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Mike Espy in a telephone interview last week. "It is extremely important for both countries that it be approved."

The administration has found an ally in a big-business lobbying organization calling itself USA-NAFTA.

The group includes North Carolina companies, and has produced studies that

show any increase in U.S. imports from Mexico will be more than offset by increased access to Mexican markets.

One of the state's leading critics of NAFTA has been the North Carolina Peanut Growers Association.

Norfleet Sugg, who heads the peanut growers group, predicted the passage of NAFTA could destroy the market for state peanuts.

"This could knock the underpinnings out from under the entire peanut business," said Sugg.

Espy said those concerns are unwarranted.

"On peanuts, NAFTA would be phased in over several years," he said. "Mexico had always been a net importer of peanuts and that trend should continue... if not increase... if NAFTA is passed."

In addition, Espy said, passage of NAFTA would provide a big boost for tobacco farmers.

"Smoking is on the decline in the U.S.," he said. "That means that any growth in tobacco is going to have to come from foreign markets. That is what NAFTA is aimed at."

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Civil war in republic of Georgia intensifies

Associated Press

TBILISI, GA. - A new war erupted today in this battle-weary former Soviet republic when fighters loyal to Georgia's ousted president attacked and seized a vital government port city on the Black Sea coast.

The offensive renews the civil war that rocked the Caucasus Mountains nation in January 1992, toppling President Zviad Gamsakhurdia and eventually bringing former Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze to power.

The fresh outbreak of fighting means Shevardnadze now is fighting two, distinct rebellions. His troops have been bogged down for more than a year fighting separatists in the coastal region of Abkhazia.

Gamsakhurdia's offensive began this morning with rocket attacks on the airport at Poti, a vital port town 200 miles west of the capital Tbilisi, said Maj. Col. Sozo

Margishvili, spokesman for the Georgian National Guard.

Gamsakhurdia's forces, backed by tanks, quickly overran Poti's airport and entered the city. The insurgents fought through the streets, driving out government forces and effectively taking control of the city, said Georgian Interior Ministry spokesman Valerian Gogolashvili.

At least 10 government soldiers were killed today, the Georgian Defense Ministry reported. There was no estimate of Gamsakhurdia's losses. Government reinforcements had poured into the city Friday expecting the attack.

Poti was the government's last major port through which food and goods are imported. The other main port was in Sukhumi, the capital of Abkhazia, which fell last week to separatists there.

The loss of Poti could choke off Shevardnadze's government and extend Gamsakhurdia's control across western Georgia.

Gamsakhurdia, the country's first democratically elected president, was deposed in January 1992 by former allies who accused him of dictatorship.

Last week, he took advantage of the fighting in Abkhazia to return from exile in Russia to Mingrelia, his home region and political stronghold. He has demanded that Shevardnadze resign or face losing Georgia "bit by bit."

In Tbilisi, Jaba Ioseliani, leader of Georgia's largest pro-Shevardnadze paramilitary group, was named acting commander-in-chief today.

He already was mobilizing his estimated 5,000 men to fight in western Georgia.

Ioseliani said his force, known as the Horsemen, would march to the city of Kutaisi in central Georgia to defend it against the pro-Gamsakhurdia forces led by former National Guard officer Lotti Kobalia.

"I am going to hang Kobalia," Ioseliani told reporters.

Hard-liner supporters raid Moscow TV station

Associated Press

MOSCOW - Russia's major television channels were all back on the air Monday after a 16-hour partial blackout caused by hard-liners armed assault on Moscow's TV center.

At noon, the announcer on Ostankino's Channel One said the night had been "difficult," but that operations had resumed.

The station's news studios were reduced to rubble and it was using backup studios in the building.

Since they booted up in parliament Sept. 21, President Boris Yeltsin's opponents had said they did not get

fair coverage by state-run media. When street riots broke out Sunday, thousands of pro-parliament fighters and demonstrators marched on Ostankino.

Only one of four TV channels normally received in the capital stayed on the air Sunday night, after fighters loyal to the hard-line lawmakers fired rocket-propelled grenades at Ostankino, in northern Moscow.

"Demonstrators have approached Ostankino and are storming the TV Center," a grim-faced announcer on Channel One said shortly before 8 p.m.

"We are forced to stop broadcasting," he said five minutes later, and

the screen went blank.

Only the regular Vesti newscast of the Russian Channel went on the air at 8 p.m. Instead of the usual galloping horses, the program's trademark, there was just an anchor against a plain blue background.

"We are broadcasting from our reserve studio" the anchor said, and proceeded to read the news from a pile of fax and teletype messages.

He read about the storming of Ostankino, where the doors were smashed by a truck and fighting raged on the ground floor. Part of the building was on fire, the anchor said.

Throughout the night and early Monday, the Russian Channel read news reports and showed addresses by government officials, interviews with prominent people and film clips of the Russian countryside, icons and flowers.

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makers who defied his Sept. 21 decree dissolving parliament and calling new elections. He changed his mind after Russia's long political crisis exploded into riots by parliament supporters Sunday.

At least 24 people were reported killed Sunday afternoon when the crowds smashed through police lines, stormed the mayor's office and attacked Russia's main television complex with rocket-propelled grenades and automatic weapons.

Three TV channels went off the air for 16 hours because of the fight-

ing, but government forces held the complex.

While the storming of the White House could break the hard-line opposition, it also could provide Yeltsin's opponents with martyrs and ruin his reputation as a man of peace.

When Yeltsin stood up to the Communist coup attempt in August 1991, his opponents either balked at storming the White House or were unable to get the military to attack the building, ringed with civilian demonstrators.

But the army struck today with overwhelming force, including at least 10 heavy tanks, seven light

tanks and 25 armored personnel carriers.

Volkogonov, Yeltsin's military adviser, said 700 soldiers from the elite Kantemirov motorized infantry division attacked with support of tanks from other units.

Hard-line lawmakers had urged their followers on Sunday to seize key installations and take control of the government. They called for Yeltsin's overthrow and the "liquidation" of his government.

"We have to take the Kremlin," Khasbulatov told the parliament, referring to the government seat of power where Yeltsin was in his office.

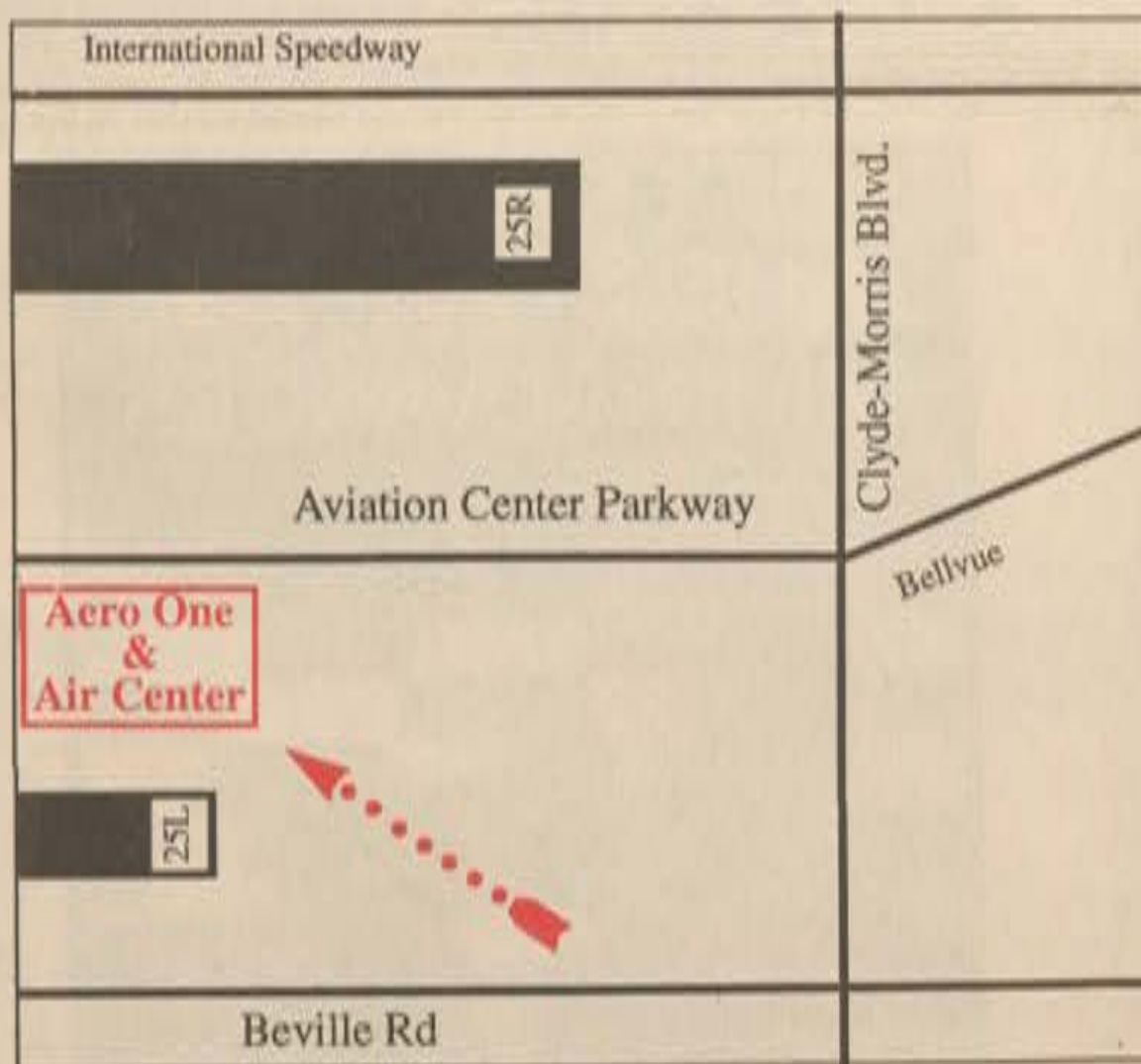


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