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Students hired as safety observers

By Eric Anderson
Staff Reporter

The Security Department has come up with a new idea for increasing productivity while operating under the current budget.

The Security Department has implemented a new program called the Student Crime Prevention Officer (SCPO) Program, according to Mr. Wayne Glasgow, Head of Crime Prevention and Investigations.

Under this program the Security Department has increased uniformed presence on campus by hiring two students as officers. The two students, who will be patrolling the campus in search of parking violators, are Doug Schultz and Paul Engel.

"Schultz and Engel were basically hand-picked from within the Safety Department," said Glasgow. "When we decided to implement this program, we asked certain people if they were interested in filling the two positions that were available. Schultz and Engel applied and were chosen."

When asked why they volun-



"I always wanted to do something like this and besides, it runs in my family."

--Doug Schultz

teered, Engel said that "the new position seemed like an interesting thing to do." He said he "also liked the idea of being able to interact with the student body and getting to see what is really going on around the campus."

Schultz, on the other hand, said that he has "always wanted to do something like this, and besides, it runs in my family." He said that he

has "several relatives that are policemen."

"The duties of the SCPOs do not include issuing parking citations or direct apprehension of persons committing offenses," says Glasgow, "unless their lives are in danger." Their job is more to observe and then to report their findings to a full-time officer.

Glasgow hopes that students will

feel more free to report and talk about crimes committed against them now that they have students to talk to.

The two SCPOs have gone through several hours of familiarization training in patrol skills, observation skills, investigation skills, and crime prevention interview skills. Glasgow says that, "with this training, combined with the outstanding qualifications of both Schultz and Engel, I believe we have two excellent officers that will be a benefit to our department."

Glasgow continued by saying that "the SCPOs will be highly visible and recognizable. They will be wearing gray pullover golf shirts with the school security insignia on it." Glasgow would like to place special emphasis on the personal escort service. He says that "these guys are here for you, the well-being of the student body. Please don't be afraid to approach them and to take advantage of the services they can offer."

Schultz added, "We're really nice guys and we can be talked to," which, according to Glasgow, is what the program is all about, students helping students.

Traffic committee hears parking issues

By Bob Davison
Staff Reporter

If you haven't been ticketed by the Safety Department for parking violations this semester, your chances could go up. According to Claudio Lopez, the Chief Justice for the Student Court, "We have a need for more ticket writers on campus."

In a meeting last week, the Parking and Traffic Committee heard arguments from the Chief Justice pertaining to the problem of enforcing the parking rules and regulations. Lopez summated that during a given day there was typically only one ticket writer patrolling the entire campus.

The result, Lopez said, "is a very small amount of the vehicles in violation are being ticketed." He further added that the students feel like they are being picked on, which is not the case at all.

"Students who have parked illegally find that they have a ticket on the windshield, but look around and

see other cars that are parked illegally have no ticket. This is because the ticket writer has just made his rounds and has moved on to other places on campus when the other offender pulled in," said Lopez.

Other ideas dealt with the possibility of constructing a bridge over the drainage canal behind Doolittle Hall. This bridge, if installed, would allow students the option of not having to go all the way to the main entrance off Clyde Morris to get to the west side of campus. The idea was well received by Kevin Mannix, Director of the Safety Department, who said, "The Chief Justice's ideas give a much needed new look into some of the congestion problems of parking on campus."

The committee also reviewed drawings that were provided by the Facilities Planning Department for Embry-Riddle. The Safety Department is ready to help students, faculty and staff with any parking problems they may have during the up-coming campus expansion construction.

Eagle Battalion takes long weekend to train in wilderness

By Jaye Howell
Staff Reporter

The dirt and water of Ft. Rucker, were the obstacles that some of the cadets from the Eagle Battalion had to contend with this past weekend. They went on a four-day training

exercise near Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. The training was conducted by Rangers from the 6th Ranger Training Battalion and the battalion's own cadre and seniors.

The field training exercise started with a flight on a C-130 to Ft. Hunter, near Eglin, Fla. The plane left with 42 cadets from Daytona

International Airport around 4:00 p.m. on Thurs., Oct. 7. The one hour and thirty minute flight was quite an experience for those cadets who had never flown in a large cargo plane before. Cadet John Tubb commented, "This was an awesome experience." When the flight ended, the cadets were quickly introduced to military life when they arrived at the barracks.

In the barracks, the cadets were issued linen and instructed on the proper way to make a bed. This included the use of hospital corners and the dollar-bill tuck. The cadets also learned to help their buddies, as they were required to stockade all the racks that would be used. To stockade a rack, the blanket and two sheets must be folded to the same size as the end of the mattress, and the pillow case, folded in thirds, must be centered on the pillow which is centered on the sheets and blankets.

That night, some cadets were introduced to the duties of fire watch and arms guard. The fire watch is a guard position that patrols the floor all night for any fires. This guard rotated every hour, causing some cadets to be awakened at all hours of the night. The duty of arms watch was to protect the weapons that were stationed in the arms room. This guard was not rotated through the night, but between the two on duty, one must be alert at all times. This guard, unlike in the fire watch, was present whenever the weapons were in the room.

The morning came and the cadets were awakened early so they could take care of personal hygiene, before they cleaned the latrine and bay. After finishing these duties, the cadets marched down to the mess hall for chow. The food served was then quickly consumed before the cadets were required to go back out and fall into formation.

The cadets then started Friday's training. The first of three stations that cadets attended was waterborne operations. This consisted of a class



photo by Jaye Howell

An Army ROTC cadet "possums" as he goes over the edge of the rappelling tower during training exercises this weekend at Ft. Rucker near Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. The cadets overcame whatever fears they had as they plummeted down the 60 ft. tower.

on the F-4 Zodiac, a small landing craft. The craft holds a crew of twelve and all of their equipment. The cadets were told about the function of each crew member and then given a chance to board the craft and practice maneuvers and commands while still on land.

At the next station, the cadets were taught how to make a one-rope bridge. The process involved one person swimming across a river, securing a rope to both sides, followed by pulling the rope tight. Each member of the team then crossed the bridge. This exercise was done on land for training purposes.

The last station for the morning

was the rappelling tower. Cadets were shown how to tie a Swiss seat and the commands for rappelling down the tower.

All of the cadets then climbed the stairs to the top of the sixty foot tower. Once at the top, cadets were required to descend the tower in three bounds. One cadet even tried an Australian rappel.

After eating one of the military's Meals Ready to Eat (MRE), the cadets were taken to the banks of the Yellow River to practice waterborne operations and the rope bridge. Most cadets enjoyed this part of the exercise, because the cold water cooled them off from the heat of the Florida wilderness.

After the training was completed, the cadets returned to the barracks to begin pulling guard duty again.

The next day was spent patrolling. This activity included drills in ambush, reconnaissance, and assault techniques.

The juniors were placed in charge of the squads and were evaluated on their leadership performance. After the weekend was over, the tired cadets returned to Daytona via a C-130 that was supplied by the Oklahoma Air National Guard.

This weekend of training showed many cadets what the real Army was like, and what to expect when they go to advanced camp after their junior year.



photo by Jaye Howell

There is no place for a fear of heights at the top of the 60 ft. rappelling tower, especially after the command to go is given to the Army ROTC cadets. The goal of the rappelling training exercise is to descend the entire tower in three bounds, although fewer are acceptable.

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The Embry-Riddle soccer team inches out Savannah Art & Design College.

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News in brief...

Yearbooks are in!
The 1992-1993 Phoenix Yearbooks have finally arrived. Distribution will be held in the Student Center today, tomorrow and Friday during lunch and dinner hours.

Movie of the Week
Touch 'n' Go Productions will be presenting *Point of No Return* tomorrow at 8:30 p.m. in the student center. *Point of No Return* is an action-packed adventure that stars Bridget Fonda as a femme fatale

trained to become an assassin. The movie is based on the award-winning French film *La Femme Nikita*.

NTSB investigator to speak
Mr. Greg Feith, an Embry-Riddle graduate and accident investigator for the National Transportation Safety Board, will be speaking tonight at 8 p.m. in the J.P.R. Student Center. Mr. Feith will be speaking on the topic of "Aviation Safety: The Role of the NTSB." It is expected to be a popular event and seats will likely fill up quickly.



The Orlando arena was shaken by the new sounds of Depache Mode's Devotional Tour.

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Staff Commentary:

What is our purpose in Somalia?



Garrett Taylor
Staff Reporter

With the recent deaths of American soldiers in Somalia, the politicians and more than sixty percent of the American public (according to the latest polls) want our soldiers out of Somalia, and pronto. Complaints of "What are we doing there?" and "Is this another Vietnam?" echo from every form of media.

What many people don't realize is that we've been involved in Somalia from the beginning of the Cold War. We supplied communist opposing forces with surface-to-air missiles, anti-tank guns, heavy machine-guns, and other varied implements of destruction. We helped to create the need for the United Nations to go in and protect the relief aid workers from the

predations of heavily armed looters and clans. Once we stuck our nose into it, we might as well bury it all the way. We don't want to be called quitters, do we?

Do you remember our little quarrel with Iraq not too long ago? We actually supplied them with weapons to help counter the Iranian threat. A decade later, they were using some of the weapons when they walked into Kuwait. As a country, we have a habit of sticking our nose into other country's affairs. Then, when being there becomes unpopular, we run out like a confused, frightened child.

Many people take the "Our soldiers shouldn't be dying in a foreign country" attitude towards our involvement. Although it may be news to many, it is the job of the soldier to die. In our society we do not force young men into military service through conscription.

Our armed forces are a professional army, entirely composed of people who, when signing on the bottom line, should have realized that a soldier's job is to follow

orders and die.

"Okay, so grab a rifle and go there yourself, you bleeding heart liberals" is another slogan that has been tossed around of late. Well, whether I want to go or not is not the issue here. These people are getting paid to put their lives in danger. When police officers are shot and killed in the line of duty, I doubt anyone would pull them off the street. Besides, did the Pakistanis pull out when just under two dozen of their troops got slaughtered?

I find it distressing that we have capitulated to a warlord of looters that has openly and consistently opposed any U.N. and U.S. involvement in protecting the aid workers. After one soldier is captured we completely reverse our purpose. I hate to think how we will react to a real war.

We no longer want to capture this bandit warlord but we are willing to elevate him to the same level as any nation by negotiating with him.

Like it or not, our military is the "big dog" of the neighborhood. By negotiating, we call to all third-

world bandit kings and proclaim that to force the big dog back, all that needs to be done is to thump it once on the nose, nothing more.

I like having the big dog in my yard and in return, I feed it well and hold it in the highest regard. The biggest benefit is that it keeps the trespassers out and they don't throw stones at me. But when the big dog is known to run from any resistance, what is the purpose of feeding the voracious animal?

Yes, we should be there, we helped to create the problem. Yes, we should stay there because our job, as part of the U.N., of protecting aid workers is not complete. At least until a situation occurs that allows for the withdrawal of all foreign military forces without unduly endangering aid workers.

War is never good. Neither is the whole idea of death. I hate for people to think that I'm a cold, unfeeling bastard, but frequently both war and death become necessary. Most of the time, they walk hand in hand, but sometimes a little of one can prevent a lot of the other.

Letters to the Editor:

Pizza Delivery!

I'm a second year student who lives off campus. In order to pay the utility bills incurred each month, I work at a local pizza delivery.

Like most drivers, I dread driving back to the store and finding my next destination to be the dorms. Is this because we hate Riddle students? Nope. Is it because I don't want my friends to see me in that ridiculous uniform I'm made to wear? Not exactly.

The fact is that Riddle students are notorious for not tipping. Of course, this doesn't apply to all students. However, all in all, around six out of 10 deliveries to McKay or Doolittle will result in wasted gasoline and choice profanities upon arrival back at the store.

I'm not oblivious to the fact that your average "College Joe" is poor. If you simply don't have enough to tip, that is perfectly understandable. But, this usually isn't the case. Usually, I return between \$7 and \$13 in change to the consistently kind tippers. After some time, this can become remarkably bogus.

In any personal service in the world, your service will reflect your tip. Any half-witted manager will deny this, but it's a fact.

Don't get me wrong; this doesn't mean that we looey on your food if you don't tip us. But, remember to take care of the people who brave weather, traffic and thieves to serve you.

I am an Associate Professor of Humanities and the Associate Dean of Academics. As a person who is concerned with communication, I must additionally express dismay at an editorial staff that accepts and defends such irresponsible journalism.

Supplying a modicum of information about CLAST, Mr. Augustus notes that only those students receiving Florida financial aid (FFA) are required to take CLAST on this campus. Unfortunately, he fails to mention that students attending all public, as well as a few private, colleges and universities in Florida are required to pass CLAST prior to receiving an AS degree and/or proceeding to junior-level course work. Mr. Augustus also neglects to state that unlike those institutions, Embry-Riddle does not require anyone to participate in CLAST. Those who elect to take CLAST, before or during the semester in which they earn 60 credits, continue to receive a considerable amount of grant money, from \$645 to over \$2,000 a term, from the state of Florida. Two of these financial aid programs are not based on need; all furnish recipients with grant monies that are not paid back.

As Mr. Augustus asserts, the administration of CLAST is fraught with regulations and procedures. Although these rules might seem arbitrary, such as students being allowed to go to the rest room only one at a time or the mandated registration deadlines and designated test sites, such policies have been determined by the state legislature. If Embry-Riddle wants to provide students the opportunity to receive FFA, we must heed those guidelines. In other words, although all qualified Florida students may receive grant monies, they must also fulfill certain obligations to remain qualified. CLAST is among those responsibilities.

CLAST response

Dear Editor:

As the CLAST Institutional Test Administrator (ITA) at Embry-Riddle, I feel compelled to respond to Scott Augustus's editorial, "CLAST exams mirror the rnaround." My duties provide me with the background to clarify Mr. Augustus's assertions and to offer corrections to the half-truths and untruths extended in the editorial. In addition to serving as CLAST ITA,

Brady bill gun control still isn't enough



Chris Farkas
Staff Reporter

Put in your own deadline, your own city. "Infant shot in drive by shooting." "Tourist murdered while on vacation."

We see these headlines so often that society seems to be desensitized to these atrocities. If we didn't have guns, would we experience such heinous elements in our society?

As soon as the subject of gun control is mentioned, the gun zealot jumps up yelling "unconstitutional!" Can anyone explain what the gang members and miscreants armed with automatic weapons who roam our streets have to do with "a well regulated militia?" However, let's ignore

the part about militia and claim that the second amendment allows for gun ownership. What does an amendment ratified in 1791 have to do with the weapons of today? Most guns in the late 18th century were three or more feet long, and fired a small iron ball slower than a .22 caliber gun today. What does this have to do with the automatic Uzis or "Saturday-night specials" of today?

A gun is purchased in Florida every eight minutes. During every class that you are attending today, at least six guns will be sold legally. This doesn't even account for illegal weapons that are available on the streets. According to recent media reports, Florida is the most violent state in the nation.

Florida already has very stringent gun control laws. In order to purchase a gun in this state, one has to wait three days in order to "cool off," swear that they aren't a danger to society, and allow for a back-

ground check to be done by the Department of Law Enforcement.

The Brady Bill that is pending in Washington, D.C. would do little more than change the waiting period from three to seven days. This would have absolutely no effect upon the fact that in the United States there are already two hundred million legal firearms. Nor would it have any effect upon the ever increasing number of weapons we have entering our streets daily.

At about this point my devoted redneck rejoinders with a few of his favorite sayings like, "I need my guns to protect me from all the criminals out there," or that ever famous bumper-sticker, "If guns are outlawed, only outlaws will have guns."

Let's compare how many headlines we get of the Bernard Goetz "hero," where a man avoids being mugged because he has a gun, to the tragic stories that are heard nearly

every day. "Parents charged with murder as their child shoots himself with gun in house." According to a new study done by the *New England Journal of Medicine*, the presence of a gun in the house increases the likelihood of a homicide by 300 percent.

Clearly, the gun is more of a danger to those in the house than to the perpetrator.

In addition, if all but legitimate "hunting" firearms were outlawed, in a few years even the criminals wouldn't have the guns. It's difficult to conceive of someone sneaking up on an unsuspecting victim with a three foot long shotgun.

If we didn't have guns, would we experience these heinous elements in our society? The answer is of course, yes. However, how much damage could be done? We have eight guns for every 10 people in this country and we are among the most violent in the world.

Something has to change.

Student Forum

The Avion Asks: Which department at Embry-Riddle needs the most improvement?



Matt Castonguay
Freshman
A.M.T.

"The math department, because you can't get out of a class if you did bad on the placement test."



Meg Biddle
Sophomore
Aerospace Engineering

"Records and registration; it's very difficult for a student to learn anything and they take too much time."



Juan Gomez
Junior
A.M.M.

"Sports; more availability of facilities to get people more involved in sports."



Joel Thompson
Sophomore
Aerospace Engineering

"The recreation department because we need more racquetball courts and new refs for football."



Keith Hammond
Sophomore
A.B.A.

"Financial aid; all the money you get from them goes right back in processing fees."



Juan Morales
Sophomore
Aeronautical Science

"The administration; it's an advanced university and there's room for improvement in handling students."

Homecoming band search proves difficult

By Chris Farkas
Staff Reporter

Every year at about this time, the same question seems to present itself. What band or bands shall be contracted for the annual homecoming concert? This decision inevitably leads to complaints as to why a specific band was decided upon. How this decision is made, is a long and complicated procedure.

The first step in the decision process has to do with the salaries demanded by the bands. The Student Government Association (SGA) allocates a certain amount of money to pay for this free concert based on the number of students enrolled.

A percentage of the student government fee paid at the beginning of the semester is allocated for the homecoming concert. This year approximately \$27,000 has been appropriated for talent. A total of \$35,000 has been appropriated for the entire production including production, hospitality, beer, and other needed items.

Step two involves gathering a list of groups in the vicinity at the time of the concert. This however, is also tied to the issue of money. Due to our limited funds, the ability to entice groups to come to Florida specifically for the ERAU homecoming concert does not exist.

Once the list of available, affordable groups is compiled, the decision is made. It is based primarily on the popularity of the bands remaining on the list. The relative popularity amongst the student body is gauged either through direct questioning or survey.

This was the first year that a direct student sur-

...money is the biggest consideration in choosing a band for homecoming. This drops many of the current recording groups from consideration.

vey was tried and the response was very good. Based on the results of that survey, a proposal was submitted to Tears For Fears.

As many students have already heard, Tears For Fears declined the proposal made by Touch 'n Go productions. Tears For Fears received a bid \$10,000 more than our proposal to play in Miami the day of our concert. The Ramones and Smitherens are to be in the studio recording a new record. Neither band wished to leave simply to play a concert.

This decision on the part of the bands left Touch 'n Go productions in an extreme bind. With the date of the concert quickly approaching, there were no bands scheduled.

Touch 'n Go then went to the next name on the survey list, Bad Company. The biggest problem with attracting them had been one of cost. They had wanted payment for their week of inactivity prior to our concert.

When things looked about as bleak as they possibly could, there was a sudden breakthrough. Bad Company got another offer to perform in Tampa a few days before our concert.

Tampa's offer however, was facing the same financial woes as the offer from ERAU. They needed someone else to book a concert and in so doing, make the price affordable for all parties.

This was the breakthrough that was needed. A proposal could now be entered for Bad Company as well as an opening band.

After a scan of available bands were made, Cheap Trick came up as the most affordable, available and popular. A quick polling of the student body showed very strong name recognition for Cheap Trick. A proposal was quickly submitted, Touch 'n Go is currently waiting for a response.

Essentially, money is the biggest consideration in choosing a band for homecoming. This deletes many of the current recording groups from consideration. Jimmy Buffet, for example, only wants \$150,000 to do a concert. Newer groups demand even more, and that is if they are in the area.

To draw them into the area requires an additional payment. That means, in order to get a first run artist, every student would have to attend the concert, and the free concert would only cost about \$30.00 to \$40.00 per person at the door.

The next time one wishes to complain about the choice of homecoming bands, do something about it. Go to the finance board, and propose an increase in SGA fees to pay for first rate bands.

Falling an additional SGA charge, just enjoy the concert.

Campus News Briefs and Notices

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.

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.

AIDS Awareness festivities

There will be an AIDS and STD (sexually transmitted diseases) awareness rally in the Student Center on October 18th at 8:30 p.m.

The festivities will include skits by the dormitory resident advisers, as well as guest speakers.

These activities are meant to be a lot of fun while teaching students how to be aware of this deadly disease, AIDS. For more information contact Barbara Blair in Health Services at ext. 6081.

Attitude Adjustment

Comedian Craig Anton will grace our stage this Friday, October 15, 1993 at 5:30 p.m. in the Student Center. Anton out of Omaha, Nebraska received Showtime's "Funniest Person" award in 1985. He was nominated campus entertainer of the year in 1992, as well as having performed in the Middle East.

BEVERages will be served. Bring an ID with your age on it. Riddle IDs are unacceptable.

Aerospace Studies shows diversity with the introduction of new programs

By Dr. Geoffrey Kain
Special to the Avion

The most formidable obstacle confronting students enrolled in Embry-Riddle's newest degree program, Aerospace Studies, appears to be the limited understanding that people in other Embry-Riddle degree programs have of it. Perhaps some further information will allow the larger university community to see more clearly the nature of this program, and the educational philosophy that has drawn students from many other programs and currently enrolls approximately 200.

Aerospace Studies is an interdisciplinary major, emphasizing relationships between and among various minor fields of study, and

emphasizing academic breadth as a means of providing students with perhaps greater professional flexibility and adaptability than they might realize as graduates of other, more specialized, degree programs. And such an effort to provide students with the potential for professional flexibility should certainly not be taken lightly; as Pat Duggins of Orlando's National Public Radio member station WMFE pointed out on October 6, during the local segment of the program "Morning Edition," the "national economic buzz word has definitely become flexibility." He indicated further that the average American professional can be expected to change jobs five times, and that willingness to retrain, along with a solid foundation of various abilities, provide the

bases for adaptability that are proving to be critical in a rapidly changing and unpredictable economy.

In addition, a recent article in the journal *Academe* stresses, there is a striking convergence between the national academic and economic communities around four clusters of educational goals: basic quantitative and verbal literacy, intellectual breadth, cultural breadth, and sensitivity to the needs of others. These are precisely the emphases to which Aerospace Studies addresses itself.

Besides completing a solid body of general education and core requirements (which entail more course work in the Humanities and Social Sciences than other degree programs on campus require), Aerospace Studies students complete three academic minors, rang-

ing from 15-20 credit hours each. At least one of those three minors must be aviation/aerospace-specific—which means a minor in either Space Studies, Aviation Safety, or Air Traffic Control—while the other minors can be chosen from a list that currently includes Computer Science, Computer Applications, Mathematics, Humanities, Psychology, and Aviation Business Administration. In the foreseeable future, additional minors are anticipated in Secondary Education (through a cooperative arrangement with the University of Central Florida), International Studies, and Professional Communication.

To cap off the program, and to emphasize its interdisciplinary character, students must complete either the senior thesis course or 3 to 6

credit hours of cooperative education. Co-ops must be demonstrably related to at least one of the student's minors, and a journal, midterm report, and substantial final paper are required of co-op students in the major.

The Senior Thesis seminar, a series of discussions organized around the general heading of "Global Society," involves students in conversation with various professors from across the disciplines who come to speak on topics ranging from the increasing global integration of political and military affairs, to scientific and economic developments of global significance, to changing cultural and social relationships in the global society. President Shiwa has been a guest speaker, as well, centering on the

topic of entrepreneurship and the changing roles of aviation in the post-Cold War global economy. Students must also complete a substantial documented research project, under the guidance of a thesis advisor, and present the results of their research publicly at the end of the term. Their projects must be clearly involved with at least two of their academic minors.


Students come to Aerospace Studies for various reasons. For most, the personal choice and flexibility the program offers is especially attractive. Senior Donna Coy has become among the most active of Aerospace Studies students, and serves as the program's SGA representative. Recently returned from a

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Letter

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Unlike Mr. Augustus, who admits that he "sat around waiting to hear what I'd have to do to sign up" and then protests the regulations associated with the exam, most Embry-Riddle students take their CLAST obligation seriously. Although no one savors taking the test, reasonable adults realize that benefits entail responsibilities.

In addition to offering clarifications about CLAST and its administration, I must correct several half-truths and untruths submitted in Mr. Augustus's editorial.

Mr. Augustus, for example, expressed dissatisfaction with the CLAST registration process. Although he stated that he was informed about CLAST registration at the last moment, each FFA recipient is notified of the CLAST requirement and of the existence of my office during the first term in which he/she receives aid. A poster, noting CLAST registration deadlines, is always displayed at my office door. In addition, I send a personal letter to each aid recipient at least one term prior to their needing to take CLAST. I also notify students of the requirement during the term in which they reach 60 hours.

Mr. Augustus was, in fact, among 20 students receiving this last notification letter later than others required to take CLAST this term. He declined to state in his editorial that he knew why the delay occurred. As my notification letter indicated, the problem was caused when the mainframe computer went down during the query process. As soon as the error was discovered, I sought special permission from the State to extend the registration deadline, and I notified all affected students. Mr. Augustus complained that he had only one day's notice of the deadline, but if he had checked his mailbox three days earlier, he would have discovered the registered letter at that time.

According to the editorial, Mr. Augustus was unaware that he was scheduled to take CLAST on this campus. This is a groundless assertion since the admission ticket, which he received during registration, clearly noted the time and place of the exam. When he realized that

he would be inconvenienced by the exam date, as it conflicted with his plans to attend a concert, Mr. Augustus further protested that he was not allowed to take CLAST at the University of Florida. As he recounted, I spoke to him about his request at least a week after he registered, but he did not report that all requests to take CLAST at other institutions must be processed at least a month prior to registration deadlines.

The orientation short-course is another aspect of CLAST administration that Mr. Augustus attacked. I have since learned that he attended one general session, along with 49 other students. Although he declared that he recognized only a "few people" at the test, it is logical to conclude that the remaining 14 examinees had attended the other orientation session. Many also took practice tests offered by CLAST advisors.

Despite his assertion, Mr. Augustus was never informed that calculators were allowed during CLAST. On Friday, October 8, I received a letter from him stating that the word "not" had been inadvertently omitted from this section of his piece. Although I realize that editing errors can occur, his explanation makes no sense. If the information he supposedly received in the orientation did not contrast with details provided on the admission ticket, there would have been no reason to include it as an illustration of the CLAST "runaround."

Although Mr. Augustus implied that the orientations were not beneficial, data reveal that student pass rates have risen since this service was initiated. During the Spring 1993 administration, for example, 70% of those students attending at least one orientation session passed CLAST. While some who did not attend also passed CLAST, that percentage was only 41%. Summer 1993 administration data also demonstrate that orientations increased the likelihood of students' passing CLAST and thus helped many to avoid the extra time and expense of remediation and retesting.

The last grievance that Mr. Augustus lodges about CLAST involved the admission of a late comer. The test proctor has since

informed me that a person arrived shortly after 8:00 a.m. and was allowed to take CLAST. Determined to report only his displeasure with the exam, Mr. Augustus does not relate that the test had not yet begun. As the Test Administration Manual clearly indicates, "late arrivals may be admitted at the discretion of the room supervisor, provided that the actual test administration has not begun." Mr. Augustus was undoubtedly unaware that another student was not allowed to test because he arrived after CLAST had started.

While I have been able to clarify some misrepresentations extended in Mr. Augustus's editorial, I am concerned about a broader issue. Anyone writing an editorial has the right to air his/her opinions. I argue, nonetheless, that such a right necessitates accepting certain responsibilities.

Although he protested in several places that no one told him about a procedure or that he was not told why CLAST could not accommodate his particular needs, Mr. Augustus did not bother to call anyone officially involved with CLAST on this campus—not me, not the CLAST office staff, not the CLAST advisors—to clarify exam policies. Neither did he present a fuller picture of the exam and its role on this campus, a goal that certainly would have been accomplished had he contextualized his own experience.

Mr. Augustus, as well as his editors, should care about accuracy and editorial integrity. Instead, he was satisfied to express his rancor in a mean-spirited editorial that was filled with half-truths and untruths. His editorial was a vindictive screed, certainly not an example of responsible communication.

Sincerely,
Donna Kessler, Ph.D.,
CLAST IFA
Associate Dean of Academics

Last week's editorial mistakenly stated that CLAST test takers were informed at the orientation session that calculators were allowed during the test. This should have said that calculators were NOT allowed during the exam. The purpose of the paragraph was not to accuse CLAST administrators of lying. The purpose was to suggest that the orientation session was not necessary.

Help is available for Chemistry students

By Wayne Newby

Campus News Editor

For students with Chemistry problems, there may be a solution.

It is pretty well accepted that the chemistry classes are, for some, rather difficult. PS 110 is a heartless monster vacuum cleaner that has a hose so long that it can reach your bank from thousands of miles away, and will have its filthy way with you if you are not careful, and sometimes even if you are.

There are a number of things a student with similar feelings can do to make chemistry more enjoyable. The key is in understanding the subject (which is easier said than done).

It is a little known fact that there is chemistry software available to take home and study, or if you don't have a computer, to the computer lab.

One of these programs was developed by a company called Falcon Software, out of Wentworth, New Hampshire and covers fifteen separate topics from "The Elements" and "Nomenclature" to "Chemical Bonding" and "Thermal Chemistry." The lessons are layed out in an easy to follow progression of specific topics. The lessons may be a bit oversimplified, but that is probably a good thing.

Other than some really poor screen color choices this software is helpful, and could make the difference between a smile and instant nausea when grade reports come out.

Besides the Falcon software, there is other software available in the chemistry tutor lab located in B-518.



Marlena Caslow and Lit Lee, lab assistant, perform tests for electrical conductivity of different solutions during a routine Chemistry lab assignment.

This lab seemed to be well staffed with friendly people, and not at all crowded. The lab is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Fridays, as well as 1 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sundays.

Also, in an effort to make the lab more automated, the chemistry department is working on a proposal to get nine computers and appropriate software.

These computers (if indeed we get them) would be used to monitor measurements of temperature and pH, they would interface with a spectrophotometer, and show a graph of

the readings. Once installed these computers would save the student from having to monitor minute changes in data as occurs during titration experiments.

The data procured from these readings would be far more accurate. Readings taken at more strictly regulated time intervals make our beloved graphs more perfect, hence the calculations derived will be more accurate. It follows that students who do not miss the lab when they are at home will only need 2 aspirins when finally they are able to leave.

University sponsors relief fund for earthquake victims

By Amy Vidovich

Staff Reporter

The Indian students at ERAU have joined together to organize a relief fund to help the victims of the earthquake that occurred on September 30 in southwest India.

The quake killed more than 10,000 people and left approximately 120,000 homeless according to Indian government officials. It left cracks several inches wide and up to 70 feet deep, virtually destroying the farm land and collapsing or cracking structures.

Relief camps were set up and officials distributed bundles of blankets, cooking utensils and other items from U.S. Air Force cargo planes.

The highest elected official of the state of Maharashtra, Chief Minister Shree Pawar, stated that US\$32 million have been donated by businesses and individuals and \$11 million in Foreign aid.

Judy Aswad, International Student Services, assisted the Indian students in their efforts along with the Student Activities Department, the Dean of Students, Academic Computing, WERU and the Avion. The students would like to extend their appreciation to these departments.

Your contribution is greatly appreciated by the Indian students. Checks may be made to ERAU and marked for Earthquake Relief. They can be sent to International Student Services or the Student Center Annex, Room 266. Checks will be accepted throughout October.

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Eagles win first NCAA game by a hair

By Kerwin McKenzie
Copy Editor

Last Sunday, a handful of spectators gathered to see the Eagles soccer team play Savannah Art and Design (SAD). They were not disappointed, as the Eagles secured a 3-2 win.

The game started on time as opposed to the last game's early start time. The fans and team were pumped up for a good game. After all, SAD is NCAA Division III rated. Within the first minute midfielder Mike Fey (22) made a great pass to forward Kervin Johnson (23) who pushed it into the right corner of the net.

The fans as well as both teams were astonished. The pressure was on. The Eagles, thrilled by this performance, dominated the first half of the game. The second goal was scored with the same type of vigor. Johnson made a decisive kick to goal, which ended up hitting the crossbar, but forward Jay Stout (10), was playing his position and headed it in for the goal. The fans were excited and relieved that we had scored on SAD who had come into this game with a 2-1 record.

Goal number three came from the three-man combination of Johnson,

Roberto Ruales (24) and Stout. The goalie really had no clue at this point. He kept diving for the ball, no matter which way it came. The Eagles had SAD on the run.

The half-time show deserves mention. Two local girls soccer teams, Dr. Chopin's from Port Orange, and Port Orange Bombers faced off. It was great!!! Although the final score was 1-0 in favor of Dr. Chopin's the game was sheer entertainment. One player who goes by the name of Holly stood out the most. Riddle should watch her growth and recruit her when she is eligible. She is currently a seventh grader. On to the second half.

SAD was determined to close the 3-0 gap they faced. Coming out in full force they kept up the pressure to game's end. In no time, midfielder, Italian Renzo Rivolta (11) scored the first goal for SAD. The Eagles seemed to have slowed down at this point, apparently satisfied with their lead.

N. D. Jones (17) kept breaking through the Eagle's defenses but failed to score each time. Leonardo Gonzales (9) did succeed and scored the second goal for SAD.

Jones kicked a good one to Danny Sessler, Eagles' goalie, but it was stopped without prejudice. The Eagles must thank Jones for missing



Tony Eynon (center) and his teammates try to gain control of the ball from Gonzales during Sunday's 3-2 victory.

SAD's last minute attempt at scoring the equalizer. Jones' expression was clear, he had messed up royally and he knew it. In a minute the whistle blew and the game was history. The Eagles had won their first NCAA game.

The next game will be this Friday, October 15, 1993, against Brewton-Parker College, at the local field. The game starts at 4 p.m. This is an NAIA game, therefore the Eagles must win this one. Come out and support the team.

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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 Phone 252-1949. This week's winners are Richard Woodland and Christian Barbieri.

Where The Eagles Feast!



Members of the basketball team having fun at a Barbecue honoring the Friends of Athletics on Sunday.

ERAU Sports Shorts

Sailing

On October 9, the sailing team participated in a regatta held by the University of Central Florida at Gainesville.

Although most of the team was unfamiliar with the boats they were using they placed fifth out of six teams.

On October 30, the sailing team will participate in the Dixie regatta held by the Halifax Sailing Association in Daytona.

Baseball

The baseball team split in a double header on Saturday against Brevard Community College.

The score of the first game was 10-2 in favor of Brevard.

In the second game, Rick Gray went three for four with three runs batted in to help Riddle bounce back and crush Brevard 12-3.

The next home game is this Saturday at noon at the Jackie Robinson Ballpark on Beach Street.

Golf

On October 16-18, Riddle will host the Embry-Riddle Invitational golf tournament at the Palm Harbor Golf Club in Palm Coast, Florida.

Eighteen universities and college teams will compete in this event. Students, faculty and staff are all welcome to attend these matches.

Intramural Deadlines

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Somalia operation threatens to become quagmire for military

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — One of the first signs that Somalia risked becoming a quagmire for the U.S. military came even before President Bush sent in the Marines last December. A once-secret diplomatic cable from the U.S. ambassador to Kenya advised the president not to "embrace the Somali Tarbaby."

The ambassador's point was to leave Somalia to its own devices, even though famine had killed tens of thousands and it looked as if two

million more might die.

The advice was rebuffed. But as Americans look back at 10 months of bloody and frustrating U.S. military involvement in Somalia, the ambassador's message serves as a vivid reminder of how dangerous the mission was from the start.

"Somalis... are natural-born guerrillas," wrote Smith Hempstone, U.S. ambassador to Kenya at the time. "They will lay ambushes. They will launch hit-and-run attacks. They will not be able to stop the (humanitarian) convoys from getting through. But they will

inflict... and take... casualties."

They did lay ambushes. The deadliest, in which 24 Pakistani soldiers were killed June 5 while guarding a food distribution center in the Somali capital of Mogadishu was one of the turning points in the Somalia saga.

One week after that assault, which U.N. and U.S. officials blamed on forces loyal to Somali warlord Mohamed Farrah Aidid, American-led U.N. troops began retaliatory raids against Aidid's militia.

The violence rode an upward escalator, and U.S. forces never were able to get off.

That wasn't the way it was supposed to go. And Defense Secretary Les Aspin admitted as much after President Clinton announced Thursday that more emphasis would be placed on achieving a political reconciliation in Somalia before U.S. troops withdraw.

On Friday, Clinton signaled that he would be willing to drop a demand for Aidid's capture if he agreed to a cease-fire. U.S. special envoy Robert B. Oakley, dispatched to Ethiopia on Thursday, was given a wide range of instructions aimed at ending the fighting in Somalia, according to administration officials. They included the overture to Aidid, one official said on condition of anonymity.

Aidid on Saturday reportedly ordered his troops to stop attacking peacekeepers and indicated he wanted an end to the bloodshed, the Cable News Network reported.

The mission that Bush defined in December when he ordered 1,800 Marines to land on the beaches outside Mogadishu had seemed simple, ensure that emergency food supplies get through to the starving.

At first, things went relatively smoothly. Food convoys began moving, the starvation began receding. And few Americans noticed when 23-year-old Marine Pvt. Domingo Arroyo of Elizabeth, N.J., became the first U.S. casualty. He



photo by Terry Mitchell, USAF

U.S. Marines commence a raid on Mogadishu's Bakara Market. The raid, dubbed Operation Nutcracker, swept the large market in Somalia's capital for arms and munitions of all sorts. One large cache yielded enough to fill a two and one half ton truck.



photo by Terry Mitchell, USAF

U.S. troops sweep through the Bakara Market in the Somali capital of Mogadishu as part of Operation Nutcracker. A known haven of militia loyal to Aidid, the market served as a cache point for arms and munitions.

U.S. Soldier dies in Somalia

Associated Press

CHARITON, Iowa — U.S. Army Private First Class Matthew Anderson wanted nothing more than to write.

"He loved adventure, and he lived to write about it... Writing was his greatest love," said the Rev. Pearl Sams, who led a memorial service for the soldier Saturday.

Anderson, 21, of Lucas, died Sept. 25 when his helicopter exploded over Mogadishu. It was the first helicopter shot down in Somalia's capital during the multinational aid mission.

Fond of poetry and prose, Anderson had hoped to write about military issues after he left the service. That was one of the reasons he accepted the assign-

ment in Somalia, his mother said.

Family, friends and fellow soldiers came to Chariton, near Anderson's south central Iowa hometown, to recall his love of writing and adventure.

Anderson was drawn to danger for the sheer joy of experiencing it, Sams said. Not long before he left for Somalia, Anderson had climbed cliffs in Texas.

"He had no fear of heights," Sams said softly. Several soldiers from Anderson's unit nodded at the reverend's words.

Anderson was a door gunner on a U.S. Blackhawk helicopter that blew up when Somali gunmen loyal to warlord Mohamed Farrah Aidid hit the craft with a rocket-propelled grenade. Two other U.S. soldiers died in the explosion.

Lieutenant Colonel Randall Cochran said Anderson always

approached his assignments with pride.

"He never complained," Cochran said. "Whenever he was asked to do something, his response was always the same: 'No problem, sir.'"

Anderson's family was presented before the ceremony with posthumous awards of the Purple Heart and Meritorious Service Medal.

The 1990 Chariton High School graduate had originally hoped to fly with the Air Force. But when he wasn't accepted into the Air Force Academy, he decided to study electrical engineering at Iowa State University, his mother said in an earlier interview.

Anderson joined the Army in May 1992. He was assigned to the 101st Airborne Division in Fort Campbell, Ky., in Oct. 1992.

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Rabin visits communist China

BEIJING — Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin on Sunday became his country's first head of government to visit pro-Arab China, which established diplomatic relations with Israel last year.

Rabin was met at the Beijing International Airport by Liu Jiang, who is both minister of agriculture and chairman of the Foreign Ministry's reception committee. He headed immediately for the Diaoyutai State Guesthouse.

Rabin has no official activities scheduled until Monday, when he meets with Chinese Premier Li Peng and signs a bilateral aviation agreement.

The agreement, a highlight of Rabin's five-day visit, will allow El Al and Air China to begin regularly scheduled flights to each other's capi-

als, El Al, which currently has only charter flights to Beijing and no flights to other East Asian cities, plans to use Beijing as a hub for flights to Bangkok and Tokyo.

Rabin also is expected to brief Li on Israel's recent moves to allow limited Palestinian self-rule and ease tensions with its Arab neighbors. Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat visited Beijing last month on a similar mission and gained Chinese assurances of support for rebuilding Palestinian areas.

China, which long has had close relations with the PLO and Arab countries, established diplomatic relations with Israel in January 1992 as part of an effort to broaden its international contacts. Israeli President Chaim Herzog visited China in December 1992 and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres came in May.

Israel said that Peres won China's promise not to sell missiles to Iran and Syria. China never publicly confirmed the promise.

Israeli Embassy spokesman Eyal Propper said Rabin will meet with Chinese Defense Minister Chi Haotian and reiterate Israel's wish that China not sell arms to Iran.

Propper said he did not expect Rabin to discuss sales of Israeli arms to China. Israeli newspapers said Israel already has sold China millions of dollars worth of weapons and military technology, but both governments refuse to comment on the reports.

Rabin is accompanied by the governor of the Bank of Israel and businessmen. China's official Xinhua News Agency said at least one deal is expected to be concluded during the visit, an agreement to build a 400-million-potash plant in China.

Yeltsin dissolves city and town councils across Russia

In a move reminiscent of hard line communism, Yeltsin disbands local councils.

Associated Press

MOSCOW — President Boris Yeltsin dissolved city and town councils throughout Russia Saturday, exerting his authority in a manner reminiscent of his dissolution of parliament, which sparked a bloody showdown with opponents.

Also Saturday, the government extended the state of emergency and curfew in the capital until Oct. 18. The measures had been scheduled to end Saturday.

Yeltsin said in a decree that disbanding the councils, which handle local government across the country, was necessary to "ensure genuine people's power."

Many Russians outside Moscow have felt far away from the president's long power struggle with parliament, but Saturday's decree touches officials in even the smallest village. Disbanding the councils will make it difficult to continue local government and administration in many areas.

Local councils are often holdovers from the Soviet era and have resisted some of Yeltsin's

economic and political reforms.

Government tanks and troops stormed the parliament in Moscow Monday to end a stand off with hard-line communist and right-wing lawmakers opposed to the speed and scale of Yeltsin's economic and political reforms. Yeltsin dissolved parliament Sept. 21 and ordered elections for December to end the impasse with his opponents, but hard-line lawmakers occupied the parliament building.

Yeltsin's consolidation of power and crackdown on opponents has stirred concern that the president will become too powerful, posing a threat to democratic reforms.

Aleksei Notorin, a liberal lawmaker on the St. Petersburg council, said Saturday the councils should go, but abolishing them before there was a replacement was a mistake.

"Dispersing them (councils) across the country today is a tactical mistake. We need bodies that can organize elections and run the country until then," he said.

Apparently aware of the criticisms of some of his recent actions, Yeltsin stopped short of disbanding the larger regional councils and the legislatures of Russia's 21 republics.

He did strip the regional councils, however, of their right to pass budgets without the approval of regional administrators, whose jobs are dependent on Yeltsin. He urged republic officials to reform their own structures in accordance with

his decree.

Yeltsin said local administrators, such as mayors, would keep their jobs and assume the responsibilities of the disbanded local councils in Russia's far-flung cities, villages and towns.

His decree also orders the government to establish a federal commission that will study how to create representative bodies and encourage municipal self-government through elections.

In an address on nationwide television Wednesday, Yeltsin criticized the local councils and urged them to disband.

"I have no doubt that if the rebels had been successful, the majority of councils would have supported them," Yeltsin said.

In an article written in anticipation of Yeltsin's decree, the newspaper Nezavisimaya Gazeta said Saturday that the president will not be able to sweep away the local councils "painlessly."

"We may assume that the process of liquidating council power will be costly for the population of the country," the newspaper said.

Police and soldiers with assault rifles continued Saturday to patrol Moscow. Police warned that anti-government protests would not be tolerated, but there were no reports of any incidents.

The confirmed death toll from the two days of violence was 187, with 437 wounded, and more bodies likely to be found, city officials said.

Congress eases fed abortion aid rules

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The House approved a compromise Thursday that slightly eases restrictions on federal aid for abortion, but falls far short of what lawmakers favoring abortion rights had hoped to accomplish this year.

By a vote of 311-115, lawmakers approved legislation that would allow Medicaid to pay for abortions for poor women whose lives are threatened by their pregnancies, or who have been victims of rape or incest.

Until now, federal assistance for abortions went only to low-income women whose health was in danger.

The provision was included in a measure providing \$256 billion for health, education and labor programs in fiscal 1994, which started last Friday. The overall bill now moves to the Senate for final congressional approval.

President Clinton's capture of the White House last fall ended a dozen years in which Republican Presidents Reagan and Bush threatened to veto any liberalization of federal abortion restrictions.

Clinton's election, plus an influx of additional women into the House and Senate, led some abortion-rights legislators to believe that the 17-year-old ban on federal aid for abortions could be lifted

Provisions	
■	A total of \$256 billion for health, education and labor will be spent in fiscal year 1994.
■	\$105 million for Clinton's Goals 2000 effort to improve elementary and secondary schools, well below the \$420 million he wanted.
■	\$11 billion for the National Institutes of Health, \$300 million more than Clinton requested.
■	\$88.8 million for summer jobs for youths, \$35 million more than the president sought.

completely. But anti-abortion forces rallied behind the modest easing of the prohibition in a successful effort to prevent a more dramatic lifting of the ban.

The House rejected an attempt to completely eliminate the restrictions by a 255-178 tally last June; the Senate voted likewise last week, 59-40.

Somalia

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was killed Jan. 12 by Somali gunmen in an attack near Mogadishu's airport.

Although Operation Restore Hope, as the mission was called, did not proceed as quickly as Bush had predicted, the United States on May 4 handed over command to the United Nations.

That, too, was a turning point. The American military presence was reduced, from a peak in January of about 25,000 to about 4,000 by May. And only about 1,100 U.S. combat forces were kept there. The rest were communications and logistics specialists.

Then came the killing of the 24 Pakistanis, and the decision by the United Nations to put a bounty on Aidid's head. The focus became Aidid, and the U.N. mission became one of rebuilding Somalia economically and politically — without Aidid.

The U.N. Security Council passed Resolution 837, which authorized U.N. forces to use their firepower to make the "arrest and detention for prosecution, trial and punishment" of "those responsible" for the June 5 attack.

"It just became a question of whose military was winning" rather than a more balanced approach that stressed the importance of resolving the political problems which lay at the core of Somalia's civil strife, said Peter Rodman, a National Security Council staffer in the Bush and Reagan White Houses.

It had been expected that the U.N. peacekeeping force in

Somalia, comprised of troops from nearly 30 countries, could cope with the Aidid forces without relying heavily on American firepower. But it didn't turn out that way.

Public outrage rose when four U.S. soldiers were killed Aug. 8 in a bomb blast in Mogadishu. The Pentagon and State Department blamed Aidid's men.

Four days later, Clinton sent to Somalia a contingent of 400 Army Rangers trained in attacks on political targets and a variety of other tactics of unconventional warfare. Their obvious, but undeclared, orders: Capture Aidid.

The American public began wondering: What happened to the humanitarian mission? Is this war? How many more American soldiers will be killed before it's over?

The administration sought to counter the impression of an open-ended commitment in Somalia.

Aspin, in an Aug. 27 speech, said U.S. combat troops would withdraw once three aims were met: establish "reasonable security" in Mogadishu, get heavy weapons out of the hands of the rival warlords, and set up credible Somali police forces.

None of those goals has been met yet, but when at least 15 U.S. soldiers were killed and 77 wounded in a firefight in Mogadishu on Oct. 3, and the corpse of one American soldier dragged through the streets by cheering Somalis, the Clinton administration decided it had to do more than hope for an early exit. The president announced Thursday that U.S. troops would leave no later than March 31.

Studies

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summer co-op with Mobil Aircraft Corporation at Dulles International Airport in Washington, D.C., she feels that the Aerospace Studies program, with its multiple focuses, provides her with a choice of direction and leaves her "more marketable in the industry."

Senior Sarah Brierly, with minors in Space Studies, Mathematics, and Psychology, is co-founder and has served as president of the Embry-Riddle Future Space Explorers and Developers Society, which currently has 63 members. Presently, members of the Society are constructing a ground station to communicate with and track the SEDSAT 1, which will be launched in March 1994. Aside from a host of other activities, the Society is now look-

ing into the possibility of designing and building its own rocket. Reflecting on the Aerospace studies program, Sara notes that the major "offers me more freedom to concentrate on what I'm interested in, such as math and space science. Psychology offers me a chance to look at the human factors involved in the aerospace industry. I'd like a physics minor to be offered, as well." The Aerospace Studies degree program boasts an active and imaginative student body, as well as an experienced and cohesive group of academic advisors. The program emphasizes responsible choice, and it recognizes the importance of integrated studies. And that's what it's all about.

Dr. Geoffrey Kain is the Department Chair of the Humanities Department.

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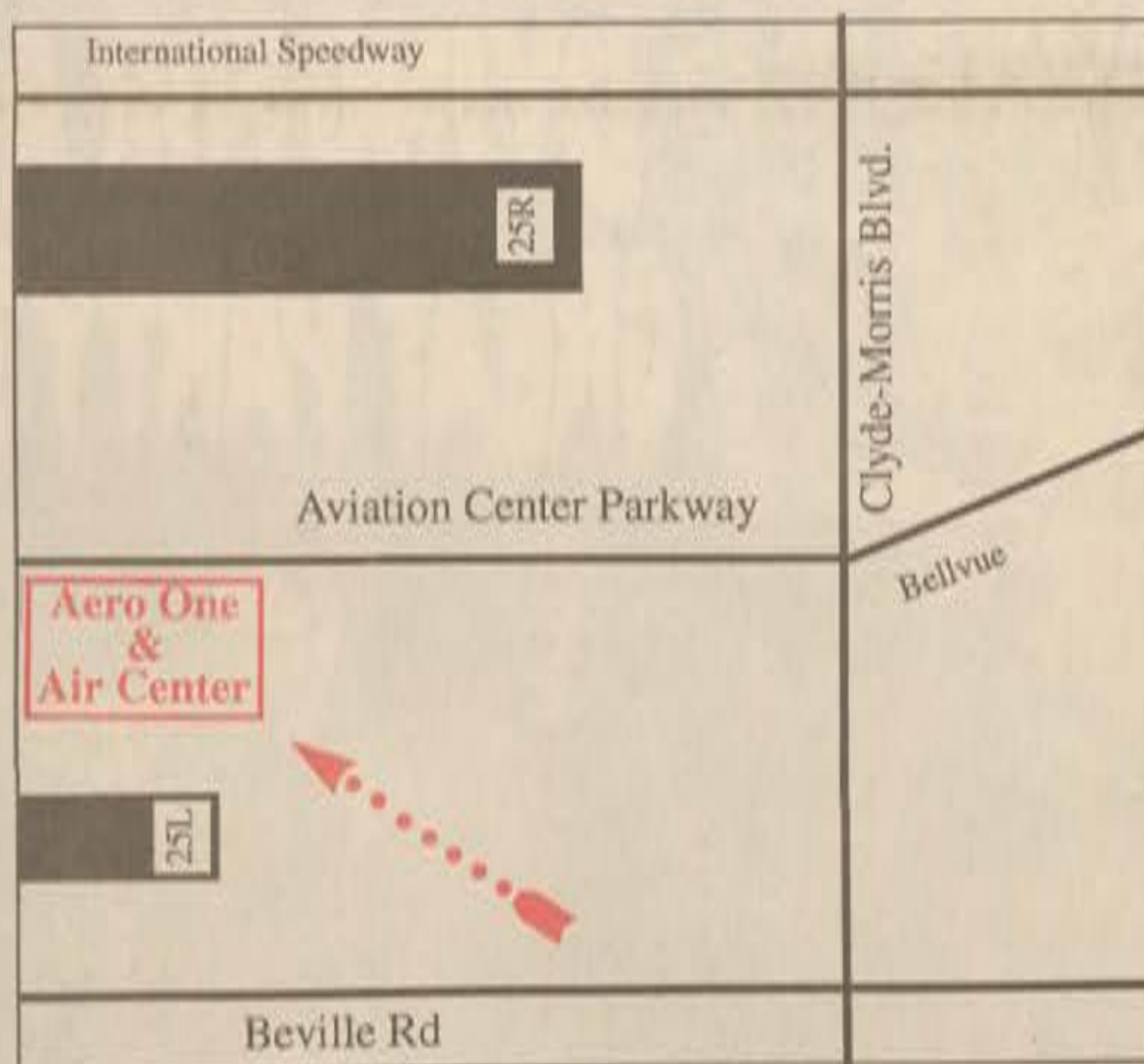


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