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NEWS FLASH!

The talk about the shift in the starting and ending dates of the tri-mesters is TRUE! BUT! These are plans and are only in the proposal stage. There is a committee, appointed by President Hunt, which meets Friday to discuss the proposals. The committee is faced with these three problems: (1) The money which is being lost by the present tri-mester calendar, (2) Co-ordinating our schedule so students at E.R.A.I. can take advantage of courses offered by Stetson and Bethune Cookman (at no added cost), (3) The problem of the January and June high school graduates who wish to attend E.R.A.I. but can't because of the present tri-mester starting dates.

The proposal is essentially this, the fall trimester would begin in October and end in late January. The Christmas break would not be cut. When the student body returns in January, there would be 3 or 4 weeks of school remaining in the fall trimester with finals. The winter trimester would begin in February and end in late May. There is also the possibility of an Easter break of possibly 10 days. The summer trimester would begin late in June and end in September.

If there is a split-trimester summer plan, it will be for incoming high school graduates and for 6 or 7 particular courses only.

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THE STUDENTS VIEW

In order to really air out things, we also present the objections of the student to the above proposal. We talked to Harold Page, one of the originators of the petition. Mr. Pate said that more than 200 students have signed the petition. We have included both the petition and the objections to the proposal.

Objections:

1. Students have to come back to school after Christmas in order to complete finals.
2. Students lose the advantage in obtaining summer jobs because of leaving school at the end of May instead of January.
3. The change in graduation date for students who have made job applications.

Petition:

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We, the undersigned students of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Institute, who have heard that there is a proposal to change the starting date of the fall trimester from September to October, thereby changing the closing date from December to January, do hereby indicate that we object to this change and recommend that the date not be changed but be left as they are now.

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BOOKSTORE

Millie says no news on Personnel Management books. They're looking! Phase two books are in, Prop and Pilot, and others. New paperbacks and other great reading material for the goof-off set, coming soon!

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DORM NEWS

We finally had a dorm meeting at #1. Building representatives were elected to dorm council. We're listing their names, so make note of it.

Building	Room	Name
A	11	Richard Cook
B	2	John Schmidt
C	8	Bill Redick
D	4	Chris Larsen
E	2	Pat Murphy
F	2	Bob Weber
G	4	Rick Bodine
H	6	Allen Watters

If you disapprove of the way your roommate crumbles his crackers or the way your neighbor plays his guitar, see your representative. If he happens to be the biggest student around, you have nothing to worry about.

There is going to be a meeting of the council this coming Tuesday, February 28, so be sure and get all your suggestions in before then.

SPECIAL NOTE!

Those of you who run out of toilet paper need only to stop at the front office and get some more. You needn't suffer in silence; toilet tissue is plentiful.

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NUTS ON THE LOOSE

Some socially maladjusted screwball is going around doing a customizing job on the cars in back of dorm #1. If anyone knows who it is or sees this nut (or nuts) tearing up the cars, we would appreciate having the information here at the "Informer". If we catch him, we'll see about having him drawn and quartered.

Speaking of nuts - I for one would really like to know who celebrates the coming of night with the small sized sticks of dynamite. He must be rich because judging from the sound, they must cost a couple of bucks a piece.

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A MESSAGE OF IMPORTANCE

From the dark primeval departments of room 114 in the Engineering Building comes this urgent note. "Tell those characters to answer their notes they receive in the mail." We're not saying who said it but it was a female and very pretty.

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PRETTY VISITORS INVADE E.R.A.I.

If I were an eyeball collector, I would have had a field day in the Engineering building Wednesday. Eyeballs were popping out all over the place. E.R.A.I. had a surprise visit (and quite a nice surprise it was) from 18 Mainland High Senior girls. I naturally decided that it was time for an interview. The girls toured the Flight Department, A & P labs, Jet Propulsion lab, and even wrangled a ride in the simulators (I'll bet that wasn't hard to do). From what I could find out, it seems as though the girls were having a jolly swinging time; and if they weren't, it couldn't be from lack of attention.

We would like them to know that we enjoy the visit and only hope that if any other group comes that they are only half as pretty as this one.

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FREE ART SHOW!

Mrs. Rita Shumaker, art teacher at E.R.A.I., has a two man show of paintings during this month at the Maitland Research Center in Maitland, which is near Orlando. It ends March 19th.

DEBATING TEAM

Anyone interested in working on a debate team should contact Ron Beardsley. The team would form and practice on its own. Then try to arrange matches with other schools.

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COMING SPORTS EVENTS!!!

Friday, February 24

Riddle wrestlers take on Vero Beach at Olympic Club in Vero Beach, 7 p.m.

Friday, March 3

Embry-Riddle Varsity Golfers to compete in Florida Inter-collegiate Golf Tournament at Daytona Country Club. Riddle's entries are:

Vann Cleveland, Sam Steadman, Tom Robertson, and Earl Myers

Embry-Riddle Golf League to start. This is a Friday night league which will be played at 6:30 p.m. at the Par 3 Golf Course on route 92. Cost is \$2.00 each Friday (\$1.00 is being channeled to the prize fund). Any faculty, staff, or student golfers are invited to participate. Register any weekday afternoon at the athletic office, room 233 in the old dormitory.

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NOTE FOR HUNGRY STUDENTS

The E.R.A.I. cafeteria facilities will move to Sid's Place Restaurant effective on Monday, February 27th. Sid is offering his regular menu to students who already have meal tickets and will make a special meal ticket available to all students who wish to enroll in the new plan for the remainder of the trimester. The cost of the "Sids Special" for the remaining eight weeks of the trimester is only \$90.00. This is just \$2.25 for three meals a day. This is a real bargain. Please contact the cashier at Sid's.

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MAIL ROOM SPECIAL!

The Mail Room in the Student Center is open for business. All students are requested to stop by the mail room at least once a day. All mail, school messages, telephone messages, etc. will be held at the post office. This summer we will streamline the post office operation by installing individual boxes with combination locks.

You may now purchase stamps at the mail room.

WATCH FOR THE GRAND OPENING OF THE SNACK BAR IN THE STUDENT UNION BUILDING.

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EDITORIAL

There are problems that exist in this school and the biggest one of all, in our opinion, is the "credibility gap" that exists between the administration and the student body. Another one is the lack of pride in this school on the part of the students.

We cannot in conscience blame only the administration for these problems but we recognize that they are partly responsible as are the students.

The administration does not inform the students in the manner it should and the students jump to conclusions at the slightest hint of a rumor. These things only create a great deal of confusion and resentment among everyone.

We ask only that the student use some of his intelligence when he hears a rumor and to realize that to operate an institute of this size is quite a job and changes are sometimes necessary. Of the administration we ask this! Treat us like the adults we are, have a little respect for our intelligence and feelings and above all let us know what is going on. We do not think this is too much to ask as the future of 749 of us is at stake.

With a little effort on both sides E.R.A.I. could, in fact, become one of the best schools in this country.

Q.L.H.

Yearbook Photos

The undergraduates' photos will be taken without cost to the students by Martin Gross. He will be here starting the First of March. He will be located next to the mail room. Those of you who find this location convenient, please place your name on the list located on the bulletin board. Please wear a white or a solid color light shirt and necktie, and dark sport or suit coat.

Latest Notes

Stay tuned to WNDB for an ERAI special in the near future.

Graduates can look forward to belonging to a world-wide alumni association when they graduate. Jackie Fitch and her two assistants are working hard to set it up, and it looks promising.

Congratulations are in order for Marc Nathanson who became a private pilot on his 20th birthday.