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BAKER COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

For commencement this year, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University will have as its guest speaker, Mr. John Baker. Here is a little biography on Mr. Baker:

John L. Baker has been named Assistant Administrator for General Aviation Affairs of the Federal Aviation Administration Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe announced today.

Baker, who has been serving in the dual role as FAA's Assistant Administrator for Congressional Liaison and Deputy Director for Congressional Relations in the general aviation post. Reynolds' new assignment is Deputy Director of FAA's South-west Region in Fort Worth.

In his new post, Baker will be responsible for serving the growing needs of general aviation, which include more than 130,000 aircraft. FAA forecasts that this figure will increase to over 200,000 by 1980.

Prior to joining the

DOT/FAA in October 1969, Baker held various executive positions with Grumman Aerospace Corporation in Bethpage, N.Y. One of his assignments at Grumman was on their merger and acquisition program. It was here that Baker became intimately involved with all facets of the general aviation industry, its economics and its potential.

Previously, he served as Minority Counsel for the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee and as Legislative Assistant to Senator Roman Hruska of Nebraska. He went to Capitol Hill from the Department of Justice where he was a trial lawyer handling aviation air crash litigation cases.

Mr. Baker began flying at the age of 15. He soloed in a Piper J-3 after two hours of dual instruction. Later he flew "everything they had" including a PT-19, T-6, the Porterfield and Stinson at a small airport near O'Neill, Neb., before entering the Air Force.

EASTER DANCE



Embry-Riddle's S.G.A. sponsored Easter Dance took place last Friday, at the customary location, the Desert Inn. Music was provided by Hallelujah Junction, and nationally known recording stars, The Steam.

Many of the students contacted, felt that the dance was not as well organized as past dances. Some did not particularly care for the brand of music played by Hallelujah Junction (rock with a country flair, and country western).

One nameless student was offended by some of the between-songs remarks by one of the groups: "It seemed to me that this man (the lead singer) was under the impression that, being a southern school, the students were rubes."

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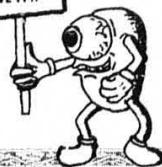


KAREN: "HEY ED THAT GUY TOOK YOUR CAMERA!"
ED: "WHAT CAMERA?"

SPEAKING OUT

The AVION reserves the right to edit letters as we see fit in accordance with good journalistic practice. All letters must be signed, although names will be withheld upon request from the writer.

THE EYES HAVE IT!!



PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Happyland Revisited

Bob Duden

Remember Happyland (Avion Vol. VI, Number 6, Feb. 19, 1971), that blossoming young community situated in the arms of a fertile valley somewhere near here? Remember the festival held each year in Happyland? If not return with us now to those days of yesteryear when wise King Jack of Pepperdine ruled with an iron hand & a band of faithful administrators.

Happyland hadn't progressed much since its last press coverage. It was still filled with peasants who didn't reap any or actually not much of the valley's fertile harvest, especially with the job situation the way it was in the communities around Happyland. Why the best shot a peasant had at a job was to return to Happyland and work as one of King Jack's administrators. Even this though was a dangerous proposition.

Festival time was still the most pleasant occasion. If you can remember, this was the time of year King Jack actually freed some of the peasants and turned them loose on the countryside. Of course the majority of the peasants had to stay behind and continue in their endentured servant role until they

WE SAVED PAGE 2 UNTIL LAST, BUT STAN DID NOT HAVE HIS ARTICLE IN. NOTHING PERSONAL, STAN, BUT IT WAS GETTING LATE.

too could be freed. Now each year the festival was held about the same time as the harvest. The peasants who were being freed didn't have to attend the harvest but the rest of the peasants did. For one solid week the peasants overlords would work them until they could hardly stand. Of course, as things in the valley went, once this harvest week was over there would be a short vacation.

Even with the upcoming vacation in mind the peasants still had to work and still had to attend the festival. This one particular year, the festival was being held the night before the harvest began. Remember, the festival was always a happy time but to force those peasants who weren't taking part to attend really didn't seem fair especially when the harvest started early the next morning.

Of course there wasn't much the peasants could do. No matter how loud they would scream, King Jack would still insist on their attendance. After all, "Happyland" had to keep up its image and what would the rest of the world say if, suppose they held a festival and nobody came!

Fints

LETTERS

To the Editor, Student Body, and the S.G.A.

Recently I received a ticket for "Illegal parking" on the road that runs in front of the Student Center. After doing some research into the matter, I have made a most unusual discovery: My ticket, and any ticket issued to other students for the same offense are totally illegal in themselves, according to existing laws. In case the SGA wishes to counter this statement, I will put forth in condensed form examples and references from municipal and state statutes that will confirm my statement.

Embry-Riddle is situated within the limits of the city of Daytona Beach (code of Ordinances, City of Daytona Beach, Sub-Part A. Article 1, Section 2) and is therefore subject to all the laws of the municipality. Traffic Ordinance 186.010a (Code of Ordinances, Chapt. 45, Part II, P. 1737) taken from model state ordinances states that: "Where there shall be no curb or sidewalk...so that (no) more than 12 inches of paved roadway shall be occupied by any such parked vehicle." (Code 1955 38-61 (13)). This states in effect that you may park on a street with no curb as long as no more than one foot of length and/or width of your car is on the road. A good counter to this would be the statement that it is written in the traffic regs book of Riddle that you can't park there; however, this too is illegal. State of Florida Statutes Chapt. 186, Model Ordinances for Municipalities, published in 1969 also are quite specific on this. These model ordinances are for use as guidelines for municipalities in formulation of their traffic laws. Municipalities can interpret these ordinances

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VETERANS ASSOC.

as they see fit, but they cannot revise them, as Riddle has done. Riddle is not a registered municipality, nor does it own the road in front of the Student Center; that road

is a public thoroughfare and the S.G.A. has no authority to control traffic on or beside that road. Riddle students are citizens first and students second, and their rights as citizens cannot be second to their status as students. Model Ordinance 186.27 states: "The traffic engineer is hereby authorized to prohibit...parking of any vehicles on any street of this municipality, and to erect signs giving notice thereof.." (My own underline). There are no signs on that side of the road erected either by Riddle or the city. A pamphlet of rules is insufficient notice, and signs must be put up according to this ordinance. It further states that: "Such signs shall be official signs." Since we are under the control of the City of Daytona Beach, it is the city that should put up the signs. This ordinance also renders the signs on the Center side of the street as being illegal; they are not official signs of the city. Even if the city has made some special agreement with Riddle to the effect that Riddle is authorized to police that section of the road, there still are no signs posted on the side of the road opposite the Student Center, and according to the State and City statutes, students can park there, if they do not violate the distances in 186.0106a. I maintain that summons given for parking in the aforementioned area have been issued with no legal foundation, and are meaningless. If the S.G.A. has any respect for due process of law and the standing statutes, they can only recognize the error of the traffic division, and take steps to rectify the situation.

GRADUATION

Graduation announcements can be picked up in the Book Store - 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Those not picked up by April 13th will go on sale.

Here it is! The last activity of the trimester! This Sunday, April 11th, at Ponce de Leon Springs, from 12 noon-until? Come on out for a real swinging picnic. Three kegs of beer will be provided, plus grills, charcoal, beans and soda. Just bring your own food. There will be beerchugging races for the adults and an egg hunt for the kids, so bring your whole family or date. Admission fee can be paid at the gate: maximum of \$1.00 per adult and 50¢ per kid. Anything over that price will be paid by the V.A. A map and directions will be mailed to all members.

Last Friday our regular meeting was held at the Boars Head Lounge. Beer was again 25¢, and a bottle of wine was given away at the drawing.

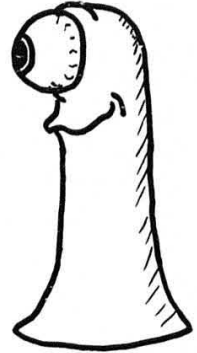
Movie tickets are now being sold at the Barber Shop in the Student Center still at \$1.25 per ticket.

Anyone who has not picked up their check for

book sales, please do so at the used book store. The trimester is almost over so bring in your books to the used book store and let us sell them for you!

See ya'll at the picnic this Sunday, April 11th at Ponce de Leon Springs.

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ALPHA ETA RHO

BY BOB DUDEN

The time has come once again to sit back and reflect on the weekend just past. As our combined headaches are still pounding loud enough to be heard all over the Rho House. The big dance last Saturday left a lot of red bleary eyes, but was another in the long line of great dances.

Early Saturday, Rho held its Awards Cocktail Party. The pins and certificates of membership were handed out to our new brothers. AHP also awarded Mr. Williard Bolton of the A&P Department, an Associate membership. President Hunt was on hand to give a short talk on the trip to Russia which he and a group of students took a year back.

Gary Anderson, our interim marine, was awarded the senior key. The key is given each trimester to the brother who has done the most to advance the aims of Alpha Eta Rho.

Sunday, once again befitting our reputation, our softball greats stopped the once ominous AVION with only two runs. The final score was 20-2 with Robert "Redneck" Anderson leading the offensive barrage. With the victory we closed out our season at 6-2 with a solid hold on second place.

Congratulations are in order for both Bob Smith & Johnny Vincent. The two recently became daddies. Bob's wife, Barbara gave birth to a girl on March 28th. John's wife, Judy, did the same trick on April 3rd; his was a boy. Lots of luck with the families, guys!

DELTA CHI

Easter is arriving early for us again this year as we were swamped with our Northern Easter break visitors. We are now in the process of finding enough beds, couches, and floors, etc...for people to sleep on. The old house is getting its last

fiasco before we move out and what a way to go.

Congratulations to the following new brothers who were initiated into Delta Chi this weekend. Dennis Gerle, Skip Stone, Ralph Rhodenbavgh, Pete Moyer, Dennis Miendersma, Rich Solen, Jock Kubica "Chino Colon" Pete Lanciers, Terry Garbig, Ken Titcombe John Ross, Scott Marcelle and Bruce Beeson. These guys can relax now and enjoy the Easter fun---they did a damn good job.

Rich Sollen had a catastrophe this weekend as all of his clothes were stolen from his house. Now Rich is visiting Omar the Tent Maker to make him up a new batch.

Art Ericson and Tara Degenhardt finally decided to change the status of their relationship. They were recently pinned but apparently that didn't satisfy them because now they're engaged. And to think he bought her at an auction!

Well that's it for now. Ya'll have a good week, hear? "P.S. The fist is still alive."

SIGMA PHI DELTA

Well, fellow students Spring is upon us and I must say Florida sunshine really lives up to its name; it's all wet! Not to much has happened around ole' Sigma Phi this last week. It seems everyone has been saving

themselves for the annual college take over of the beaches.

Due to a few minor foul ups and the Avions usual method of doing things, Riddle hasn't heard from us in several weeks. Even so, we've been pretty busy. We congratulate our pledges Dan Massaro, Frank Freeland, and Dave Connors. They've just completed another one of our little obstacles in becoming a brother. We also congratulate two of our brothers who are graduating this trimester. Thank you Bruce Rozett and Gary Kreitner for the time you have devoted to Sigma Phi Delta and a job well done.

A few of our alumni were down last weekend for activities held just for them. Everyone had a fine time and really enjoyed themselves. We hope we can do it again soon. Well that's about all from Sigma Phi Delta so we'll see you again next Friday.

"THE MAIN FRAME"

COPIES OF "THE MAIN FRAME", EMBRY-RIDDLE'S FIRST LITERARY MAGAZINE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE BEGINNING APRIL 8. COPIES SELL FOR .25¢ EACH AND MAY BE OBTAINED FROM LINDA COLGAN, GARY ANDERSON, STEVE ATHA, FRED SEEVERS ANN MARIE PIRES, IN MR. CAMPBELL'S OFFICE, THE S.G.A. OFFICE, FROM DR. NELSON, OR VICKY SMITH ON THE FLIGHT LINE.

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When asked to comment, Jean said, "It's a completely unique experience."



Phil Steffen and wife pose for Avion photographer



When you're out of Schlitz, you're blitzed!



My girdle is sitting me!



Steam plays, Na Na Hey Hey Kiss Him Good Bye, as Mike Hoyle stares at the floor

SGA MINI-MINUTES

RECORDED BY: J.A. RINKLE

EDITED BY: CHARLES HOOVER

April 6, 1971

The thirteenth regular meeting of the SGA Senate was held today in Room 108 with 21 members attending. The meeting was called to order at 12:20 by Speaker of the Senate Charles Hoover. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as written, 17 for, 0 against, 1 abstaining.

First Vice President. Dan Smock reported the National Leadership Methods school held this past weekend in Tallahassee to be a most worthwhile program. Anyone having an opportunity to attend a future session should take advantage of it. (There is a possibility that one will be held in Jacksonville this October.)

A pointed letter has been written to the Florida Student Congress, asking why ERAU wasn't informed earlier of the upcoming convention, which coincides with our finals, and why we have received no communication from either the FSC or District III since November 1970. Our dues ran out March 31; once the FSC secretary brings us up to date, we can decide whether or not to pay the \$15 annual dues for another year of membership.

The Senior Party will be held the evening of April 17 at the Desert Inn--probable starting time is 9 pm. Seniors will receive invitations through their mailboxes early next week. Please remember that the invitation must be presented at the door.

More Ill Will. Dan Smock stated that most of the students he has talked with are not in favor of the current good will policies, particularly the four weeks of diaper service. Dave Harvey suggested limiting good will to students only--not their wives or families. Louis Arroyo suggested including the question as a referendum on the ballot in the next election (May 24).

Second Vice President. Jerry Nichols reported that the ring company representative will be in the Student Center April 14 to exchange incorrect rings. Students may order rings at that time, or they may order through the SGA office on Thursdays between 11:30 and 12:30. The company representative will also have samples of diploma plaques for those interested.

Secretary. Connie Strine reported that the Blood Drive trophies have been ordered.

Student Union. Sue Peck reported that the administration planning committee has met with the architect. The architect's plans include all the ideas submitted by students, and the administration seems to approve.

Publications. The MAIN FRAME should be on sale this Thursday (April 8). There has been a minimum of communication between the PHOENIX and the SGA, particularly on money matters. For some time, President Widak has been reluctant to release further subsidies until he sees some finished work, and Editor John Delafosse has been reluctant to bow to President Widak's ultimatums. Jerry Nichols stated that he has signed on as Business Manager for the yearbook, and hopefully, communications will improve shortly. Mr. Nichols commented that student interest in the yearbook is very low--the two sales campaigns have netted only 160 sales.

New Business. Many complaints have been heard about the school medical insurance policy and the local doctor many students are referred to. A committee consisting of Mark Lashua, Doug Phillips, Fred Arbab, and Gary Spangler was appointed to investigate this matter.

Many complaints have also been heard about the maintenance department, which seldom seems to follow up on work requested of it. For instance, the SGA requested parking signs last fall and still has not received them. The parking lot in back of the Student Center was supposed to be paved but hasn't been. Lawn sprinklers at the new complex are still spraying everybody who uses the sidewalks, despite repeated requests for correction of this problem. The only time the unwanted shower baths are stopped (and then, only temporarily) is when an administrator gets doused.

Blood Drive. Dr. Sain was unable to attend today's Senate meeting because of a faculty meeting. However, he has indicated that the administration is forming a policy committee for future Blood Drives. It is hoped that the SGA Senate will be represented on this committee.

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MINI-MINUTES CONT'D

Open House. Stan Widak reported that the April 18 Open House has been moved from the morning to the afternoon--2 to 5 pm, following the Gill Robb Wilson groundbreaking ceremonies. The Board of Visitors is making every effort to make this a memorable occasion, and the full cooperation of the Senate in the role of hosts and guides is requested.

Accutrons. Tom Cook Jewelers has purchased a supply of Bulova Accutrons with the ERAU emblem on the watch face. The SGA has the opportunity to sell discount certificates for these watches to students. More details will be given at a later date.

Easter Seals. ERAU won the Easter Seal campaign again this year. \$180 of the \$300 collected came from Embry Riddle.

Next week's Senate meeting will be the last of the trimester.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:25.

EXAM SKED

EMBRY-RIDDLE AERONAUTICAL UNIVERSITY College of Aeronautical Studies Final Examination Schedule Spring Trimester 1971

Examination Period -- April 19 to 23

Exams will be held in the rooms in which the classes meet unless other arrangements are made by the instructor.

Classes meeting on Monday,
Wednesday, Friday or daily
beginning at:

8:00- 8:55
9:05-10:00
10:10-11:05
11:15-12:10
12:20- 1:15
1:25- 2:20
2:30- 3:25
3:35- 4:30

Will have the exam on:

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| Wednesday | Apr. 21 | 8:00-10:00 |
| Monday | Apr. 19 | 10:30-12:30 |
| Thursday | Apr. 22 | 8:00-10:00 |
| Thursday | Apr. 22 | 3:30- 5:30 |
| Thursday | Apr. 22 | 1:00- 3:00 |
| Wednesday | Apr. 21 | 10:30-12:30 |
| Wednesday | Apr. 21 | 3:30- 5:30 |
| Thursday | Apr. 22 | 10:30-12:30 |

Classes meeting on Tuesday
and Thursday at:

8:00- 8:55 or 8:00- 9:25
9:40-11:05 or 10:10-11:05
9:04-10:00
11:15-12:10
12:20- 1:15
1:25- 2:20 or 1:25- 2:50
3:05- 4:30 or 3:35- 4:30
2:30- 3:25

Will have the exam on:

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| Tuesday | Apr. 20 | 1:00- 3:00 |
| Tuesday | Apr. 20 | 3:30- 5:30 |
| None | | |
| Wednesday | Apr. 21 | 1:00- 3:00 |
| None | | |
| Friday | Apr. 23 | 8:00-10:00 |
| Friday | Apr. 23 | 10:30-12:30 |
| None | | |

Departmental Examination will be given for multi-section courses as indicated below.

Course

Time for Exam

HU-001, 100, 101, 102, 204
MA-001, 100, 110, 111
GA-103
GA-405, HU-209
HU-212

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| Monday | Apr. 19 | 8:00-10:00 |
| Tuesday | Apr. 20 | 10:00-12:00 |
| Wednesday | Apr. 21 | 7:00- 9:00 p.m. |
| Thursday | Apr. 22 | 7:00- 9:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday | Apr. 20 | 7:00- 9:00 p.m. |

Sports

SOFTBALL

With girls in the outfield and little more else where, the AVION, looking like last year's team, dropped their third game in a row, losing 20-3 to Alpha Eta Rho. The loss evened the AVION's record at 4-4.

Rho still has an outside chance for a first place tie. The first place Bombers, are only one game ahead of Rho, and still have to play Delta Chi (the Spoilers).

In the only other game played on Sunday, the Ballbusters toppled the Vets and have a chance for first place also.

USAF HOME TOWN NEWS CENTER

John C. Patten, son of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Patten Jr., 250 High Road, Newbury, Mass., has been commissioned as second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force upon graduation from Officer Training School (OTS) at Lackland AFB, Tex.

Lieutenant Patten, selected for OTS through competitive examination, is being assigned to Craig AFB, Al., for training as a pilot.

**THERE IS NO EASTER BUNNY!
-SANTA CLAUS**

From the Dugout

by Scooter

After a long five week drought, the old Scooter can report a win. Yes sportsfans, the varsity ballteam crushed Edward Waters 7-2! It was an extra inning game originally slated for seven innings. After the seventh, the score was tied 2-2.

Roger Fischer and Brian Owens batted well for the Eagles, helping to turn the tide. Steve Sullen-trup and Bill Wurster used extremely fine glove-work to stop a couple of potentially dangerous grounders

Embry-Riddle exploded for 5 runs in the top of the ninth and held Waters in the bottom. Pat Binek was the winner for the Eagles.

The win gained a certain measure of revenge for a loss to Waters 2-1 last Saturday. There are two home games left on the schedule. One is tomorrow afternoon against Santa Fe Jr. College of Gainesville at 2:30 p.m. and the other is a grudge match rerun with F.I.T. next Friday, April 17th, at 3:30 p.m. Maybe if some

of you clowns come out and root for them, they'll win. It would be nice to play a home game where there are more home team fans than visiting ones.

Zeppo's of Daytona, is giving the team a dinner at the end of the season, and he doesn't even go to school here.



AN OLD PICTURE OF THE ERAU BASEBALL TEAM, WHO WON THEIR LAST GAME WITH EDWARD WATERS 7-2.

BURGER KING

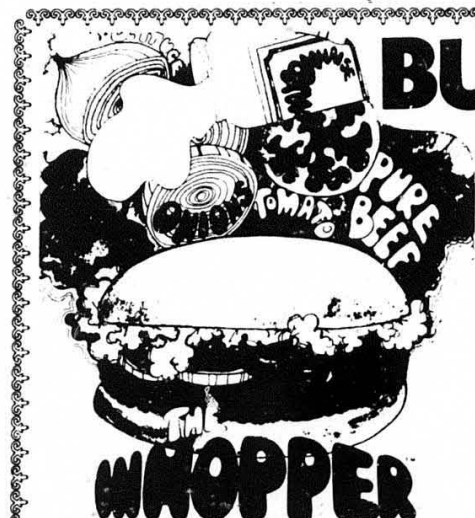
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JACK EGGENSCHWILER



Being a 'Narc' is a Bust

by Gary Anderson

Recently, I heard that one of our most beloved and respected local narcs left his service revolver in a class where he was keeping an eye on one of his leftist instructors. When I stopped by to speak with the instructor, I found that the rumor was true and that the teacher still had the gun. I volunteered to return it so I could do an interview.

It wasn't too hard to find the guy at the dorm, he was the only "Agent X" on the dorm list. When I walked in the room with the weapon in my hand, he dropped his G-Man comic book and threw his hands in the air.

"Please don't shoot! My mother's out of town and she'll be upset if I don't call soon."

"I'm a reporter from the AVION, and I just want to talk to you."

"Boy you sure scared me! I thought you were one of those pervert drug addicts coming to get me."

"How many addicts are there at Riddle?"

"Thousands...just about everybody at school. You'd be surprised. Why just the other day I caught my roommate and his moedl airplane sniffing glue together."

"What did you do?"

"I busted the little pinko on the spot...then I wrecked his airplane."

"Who else have you got?"

"I have it on good information that Jack Hunt's a helium freak... I hear he got high on it in the Navy."

"Sure, he was a blimp pilot."

"That's what they all say...my mother was the same way. She used to claim that she only used oregeno to cook with... dad used to think she was selling tupperware when she was actually having a pot party. Fortunately, I busted her last Christmas. She'll have 10 to 20 years to think it over."

"Wow, being a narc must be real lonely."

"Yeah, it's a lonely job all right, but it's rewarding to know that you have made the school safe for decent people...even if there won't be anybody left after we've finished. ..see that license plate on the wall?"

"Yes, what about it?"

"Mom made it at Leven-worth."

"Usually I don't accept gifts from pinko junkies but I made an exception in her case."

"Yes, I think you've saved a lot of people from themselves."

POW Protest

PROTEST OF AMERICAN PRISONERS IN VIETNAM

The National League of Families of American Prisoners in South East Asia are urging the American people to help the prisoners of war in North Vietnam. If you care, please send your letter of protest to the torture and starvation of American prisoners to:

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Every serviceman, veteran and relative of a prisoner of war will appreciate it very much.

Donald Kuhfuss
Pres. ERVA
(by request of Terry Minor)



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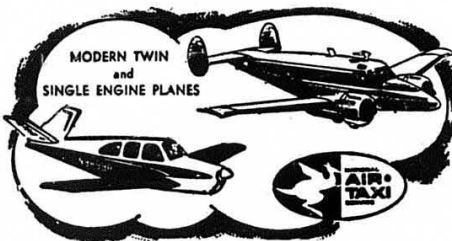
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"Sure, Herbie, but keep the noise down, we'll wait until the clouds cover the moon."

"Sorry Killer, I should have known better."

"That's all right Herbie just stick by me and I'll take care of everything."

"Gee, Killer, you sure are good to me, but just one thing."

"What's that Herbie?"

"I wish you would get rid of those sandals Killer your feet are really super dirty!"

"Oh shut-up Herbie!"

"Sure Killer, tell me again about the time you were a green beany and did all those super-cool things."

"Herbie, shut-up or I'll take away your soccer ball!"

"Oh please, Killer, anything but that! I'll be good."

"All right then Herbie, let's synchronize our watches. What time have you got?"

"Okay Killer, just a minute."

"For crying out loud, Herbie! When Spiro's arm is on the twelve and his hand is on the six, it's six o'clock, you dummy!"

"Sorry Killer, I keep forgetting."

"Let's go Herbie, but be quiet."

"Hey Killer, what's that light in front of your eyes?"

"That's my cigar you idiot!"

"Why's it lit, Killer?"

"Dunno Herbie, I've been eating them so long, I decided to see what it would be like to smoke one for a change."

"How is it, Killer?"

"Ugh! Damn thing tastes terrible, but at least it keeps the flies away."

"Hey, Killer, why are we doing all this Sneaky Pete stuff, anyway?"

"Well, Herbie, we gotta keep in practice."

"What are we keeping in practice for, Killer?"

"Surely you jest Herbie! We have to be in top condition if those long-hair sandal wearing, hippie degenerates try to take over this place."

"Sure Killer, but why would they want to take over this place?"

"You know Herbie, I don't know. I just really don't know. It's time Herbie. Let's go. All together now, ana one, ana two!"

"FIGHTING SOLDIERS FROM THE SKY....."

Open Letter to Spears

This letter is being written by the Veterans of the Armed Forces and students who feel that the trial of Lt. Calley was unjust. As the result of being Veterans we are not completely ignorant of the type of brain washing that goes into the military. You train a man to kill, as you would train a dog to roll over, but instead of murder, it is called a mission for your country. The meaning of the word changes immediately as soon as it makes your country look bad and is now called murder.

Can you call the atom bomb which was dropped on Japan a mission or should it be termed murder? When will these people be brought to trial? As you recall, this mission involved women and children also.

From the results of this one-sided trial and outrageous charges, brought against Lt. Calley can you truthfully say you would obey the orders of your superiors? Would you carry out another mission, knowing that the ultimate result of your endeavors to protect the land of the free, freedom and justice for all, would be the reward of slander against your family's name a possible life imprisonment or even the sentence of death?

Instead of a jury composed of six military officers who have to contend with their superiors, military tradition, the "how will it look ideal" and whatever, why not let the silent majority be the

judge of a man's life and jury of his future.

For this, would be a court consisting of the Veterans that once waded through rice paddies in Vietnam. The jury of mothers and fathers who have lost their sons and next but not last, the people that just give a damn about the land of the free and justice.

Justice cannot be expressed in such a vicious attack on a man, one of our servicemen, just for the sake of obtaining a scapegoat, for the sake of giving into a political fantasy or for the sake of soothing a military traditional dream.

You call this freedom? These are some of the reasons why. Look over the facts, the history, the files and then and not before ask yourself the question, "Why Lt. Calley?"

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Safety Tips

by Curtis Poree jr.

One probably would hesitate to hazard a guess as to when the first aircraft accident occurred that was directly attributed to the pilot's over indulgence in the joy juice. However, fairly well-founded facts hath it that World War I pilots as well as many of the irrespressible barnstormers of the '20's got almost as much mileage out of a pint of Schnapps as they did the petrol that powered their aerial bang-tails. They had accidents ...and a lot of them.

While times have changed, one thing has not. Alcohol and gasoline do not mix. The hazards of trying to prove otherwise increase as the square of the complexity and speed of today's aircraft.

The Flight Safety Foundation knows of no scheduled airline or corporate pilot problem in this area but there is a rising concern in private aviation. Hence, this information is good to know...even for those not involved in flying.

Writing in an issue of AEROSPACE MEDICINE (OCTOBER, 1970), Ralph S. Ryback of the USAF School of Aerospace Medicine at Brooks AFB, reported on the "Effects of Alcohol on Memory and its Implications for Flying Safety." Referring to the results of experiments, he states that alcohol severely disrupts men's short-term memory. In other words, after three or four drinks at a cocktail party, the imbibor might have a problem remembering what the other fellow said to him.. or where they were in conversation that had been interrupted by the host or hostess offering another drink. This forgetfulness is referred to by Mr. Ryback as STM or short term memory resulting from a rise in blood alcohol concentration (BAC). To put it another way, after the first three or four drinks what is learned or heard in the conversation at one BAC or drug state. And if the cocktail party is the long-lasting variety with the liquid refreshments flowing freely, the imbibor may be on the way to a prolonged lapse of memory, or alcohol amnesic effect, which can

last for 24 hours or longer.

To quote from Mr. Ryback's article, "Occasionally, a clinical syndrome occurs in seemingly ordinary people after drinking small amounts of alcohol which do not make them particularly drunk in terms of gait or speech. They appear somewhat confused and unreliable in behavior and mood. They may be aloof, depressed, or aggressive while in this state, and may even commit crimes..this state may last for a few minutes or a few hours, and there is usually a complete amnesia for all the events that occurred during it... followed by feelings of sleepiness and exhaustion.

Considering the implication of the effects for flying personnel, the author states, "if a non alcoholic individual had been drinking even moderate amounts of alcohol, he may have difficulty remembering even simple instructions for more than five minutes. If these instructions relate to take-off or landing, he may inadvertently endanger the lives of others because he forgot what he was told. Moreover, if he has no checklist, he certainly will make numerous mistakes because he will have forgotten what he did five minutes earlier, especially if (as in one experiment) he drinks while he actually is flying, a rather rare but unfortunate situation. Of course, a significant number of flying accidents are due directly or indirectly to mistakes by maintenance

crews, and the dangers to flying safety because of the disruption of STM by alcohol equally applies to them (i.e., forgetting to adjust or tighten something).

"In a recent unpublished work by Rozard, Winer, and Ryback, it was demonstrated that moderate doses of alcohol which would disrupt STM also would detrimentally affect time perception. This is not surprising in that memory and time perception are closely related entities. The decrease in time perception with alcohol...may be a factor in impairment in flying ability and a cause of some plane accidents. The speed of an oncoming plane runway or other object (or its velocity), depends upon the pilots' subjective judgement of the time rate of change of displacement of the other object. In short, the disruption of STM produced by alcohol has directly, or indirectly through the disruption of time perception, many dangerous implications for flying safety."

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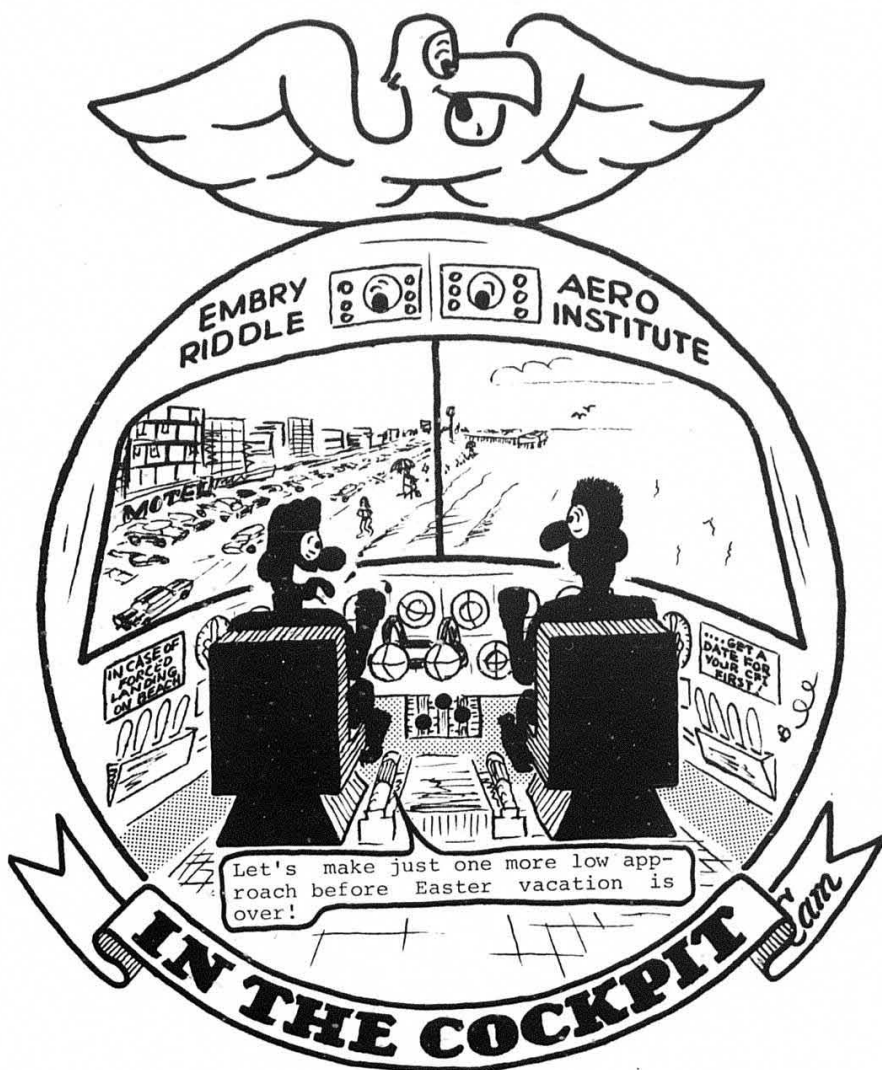
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