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GRADUATION POLICY

For the calendar year 1972 the following policies with respect to graduation will be implemented:

a) There will be three segments to the graduation class of 1972: Spring, Summer and Fall. All students will pay their graduation fees at the beginning of the trimester in which they are scheduled to graduate. All diplomas and certificates will be dated as of the terminal dates for the three trimesters. Any student who desires to graduate "in absentia" must have permission from the Office of the Dean of Students.

b) In the College of Aviation Technology individuals who complete their requirements at mid-term may have the option of participating in the ceremonies next preceding their completion. If they choose this option they must comply with the time frame of the trimester in which they plan to conduct their ceremony with respect to cap and gown, announcements, etc.

c) Candidates for graduation from off-campus residence centers will have the option of attending graduation ceremonies or requesting "in absentia" status.

d) Candidates for graduation from the College of Aeronautical Studies must have completed all requirements as listed in the bulletin that pertains to their curriculum before participating in graduation ceremonies. For the Spring Trimester only individuals who will not complete until the mid-summer are given the opportunity this year of participating in the April graduation. Such individuals must make application to the Registrar's Office and notify the Dean of Students office prior to February 29, 1972. All students who anticipate participating in graduation ceremonies on April 17 have the same deadline for application to these offices.

e) Graduation for the August Trimester will be on the 14th and the deadline for application is the 17th of October. All diplomas will be dated according to the three dates herein announced and persons who complete their requirements prior to these dates will not receive their diplomas until the date of graduation.

f) All of the full time faculty will be required to participate in graduation/convocation ceremonies in April 1972 in proper academic regalia. The summer and fall ceremonies will be attended by Deans, Division Chairmen, and such other representatives of the faculty as are required by the Vice President of Academic Affairs.

g) The Dean of Students will continue to provide over-all direction for the graduating ceremonies. In conjunction with the SGA and the President of the graduating class, the Dean of Students will establish the place of graduation in sufficient time so that parents, friends and administrative echelons of the University will have ample time to properly plan for attendance.

BOLTON'S JET CAR

If you happen to be riding around campus sometime in the next couple of months, you may have a chance to see Mr. Bolton driving his brainstorm: a jet car. You'll know its a jet car alright; it will have that loud distinct whine familiar to all airplanes. The car will be followed by a large flame extending from the trunk. The whole idea of the jet car is to aid propulsion for ERAU. If it is successful, Mr. Bolton feels it will be of great news interest to at least the local papers and maybe carried further than that.

The car, a blue 1966 Plymouth, was donated by the Massey-Chrysler dealership here in town. The engine to be used is an auxiliary power unit. It was probably taken from an old ground cart, but Mr. Bolton is not sure of its origin. One modification Mr. Bolton intends to make is the addition of an afterburner. Mr. Bolton states, "I want them to see me coming, and in flame shooting out the trunk should help."

GAS BAGGED AGAIN

Pictured above is a replica of the great flying machines of the past. Although now out-dated, they come back to haunt us once a year, by stealing two-thirds of our parking lot. Read the Editor's column for related views!

GRADUATES TAKE NOTE

MARCH 8 IS THE LAST DAY MEASUREMENTS WILL BE TAKEN FOR CAPS AND GOWNS. IF YOU HAVE NOT HAD YOUR MEASUREMENTS TAKEN, YOU MUST COME TO THE HOUSING OFFICE BETWEEN 8 A.M. AND 5 P.M. FOR MEASUREMENTS. REMEMBER, YOU CANNOT GRADUATE IF YOU DON'T HAVE A CAP AND GOWN. IF YOU HAVEN'T HAD YOUR MEASUREMENTS DONE SO, COME TO THE HOUSING OFFICE BETWEEN 8 A.M. AND 5 P.M. FOR THIS, SO DON'T LET THIS STOP YOU.

WORKING ON BOLTON'S JET ENGINE
The SGA President’s Corner

We received from Dr. Daniel J. Nelson, Associate Professor at Auburn University, a congratulatory letter on our delegations that attended the Model U.N. I will extract two sentences from the letter that will give you the impression these delegations made at the Model U.N. “We were delighted you were able to join us and that your delegations contributed so much to the strength and vitality of the program. It may be good that Embry-Riddle University did not send more delegations; there may have been no awards.” So, again, the student body wants to congratulate the students on your turn out and conduct at the SGA dance. I feel under the circumstances that everybody had a good time and a special effort on Dick Reimann’s part to bring the dance to reality.

The shear poetry of a machine in motion, the symmetry of its silvery body and the absence of rust, even the fact that you drive all this with compliments from Good-year. This wasn’t the first time though. For three straight years the Goodyear gas bag has descended on our parking lot at the conclusion of "Speed Week." Each time the results repeat; no parking spaces and a lot of parking tickets. Apparently there is a question of priorities here. The Administration feels that loaning this space is an extension of their “goodwill” policies. If the practice continues too many more years, the student body may start to consider it a “harassment” policy. One that will take its place among the ranks of tuition increases and dress codes.

A short note of thanks to Mr. Washington, who saw fit to lead our in-fantile nation and give us a holiday on his birthday. This was the first year that I can recall, in which the administration took notice of that holiday and let the student body off. Most appreciated, after the long weekend we needed the extra day.

When was the last time you drove a full fledged U.S. Army regulation tank? Probably never, but everytime you drive on the roads behind Dorm I and II or Building Three you get the distinct impression you are. These 3 dirt roads have degenerated to little more than foot paths. Some road grading work is a definite must if their use is to continue.

It seems your SGA was “better late than never” in order to promote last Friday’s Post Valentine’s Day Dance. The Social Functions team did an excellent job in the one week they had to prepare.

There is no truth to the rumor that Al Somers is actually an A&P student in disguise.

Frank A. Mayer
SGA President

Interested in forming a Debating Team? Leave your name in Box #804 for further information.

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NEWS & VIEWS
From the Editor’s Desk

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We ordered from a well-rounded menu and received good service. The salad was adequate, but nothing fantastic. The entree was fantastic.

We had Italian sausages and spaghetti came with it. It was great, and there was enough of it to satisfy the biggest appetite (like my wife's, for instance). It was a real first-rate meal.

Chin's Chinese-American buffet was on our list this week also. The feature of this place is the fact that the most you can spend is $2.50 per person. For this price you get "all you can eat." We went and found this to be true. The buffet is loaded with well-prepared Chinese food and you may go back as many times as you like (there are no waiters). You can get egg rolls, soup, sweet and sour dishes, rice and everything else you can think of.

The buffet is in a large dimly-lit but not to the advantage of the atmosphere) room that is utilitarian and nothing else. The food was very good, but we just felt like we were missing something. Even at a regular Chinese restaurant we always have "all you can eat " because the portions are always tremendous - we order three meals for four persons, and it turns out to be just about right. The price is a good point for Chin's, but Chinese restaurants are never very expensive anyway. Chin's is exactly what it claims - a fast, cheap place to eat your brains out for $2.50. We might go there for a meal, but never to dine.

One of the first realizations was of the apathetic attitudes of the students and the apparent disinterest for the school. This, to me, is contradictory; when one isn't interested in changing the school, then one isn't interested in making life more bearable while attending.

The whole purpose of this column is to "get it together" and I hope, and change this "institute" for our needs as much as possible. Somehow, I will try to do what this column implies but I will definitely need additional opinions, and HELP to bring about beneficial change. Please try to spend 2 or 3 minutes of your life to write any disagreements, complaints - ANYTHING - to Box 4498. I'm getting depressingly desperate! I hope, eventually, this column will be the key to communication between students and between students and the administration, and also the advent of needed change. This can only be accomplished with a large amount of involvement!
Dear Avion:

JOHNNY MAKES ANOTHER C

Look at that title again, tell me why Johnny makes another C. He has to make a C because when higher grades are available, many answers would be forthcoming: any one might be true. He could be stupid; he could be on dope. He is possibly apathetic and not studying. His parents may have forced him to attend; he may be dodging the draft. I admit all of these possibilities, yet I suggest one more. ERAU could be at fault.

To all readers, I ask this. How many times has this happened to you? The first day of class, the professor introduces himself; he makes an attempt to call roll and ask questions. He also specifies the text book and in the same breath apologizes for the poor content of the book, the outdated ideas found in it, and for the fact that he really is not a math, or English, or law or economics teacher. Now does Johnny feel new? He is faced with a poor text-according to the teacher; and a teacher ill-fitted to the task-according to the textbook.

Johnny hangs on through, through the trimester. The teacher reads out of the book (Johnny could do that with an ICS course), answers the questions at the back of each chapter, and when test day arrives, Johnny finds out that material coverage is complete. Herein lies a big problem: what was not covered in class is sure to be covered in the test.

This same professor gives maybe three to four hours of homework each night-yet graded results are sometimes two weeks behind. How could Johnny spot his deficient areas? The homework that does come back many times has no write-up comment-just a grade. If Johnny wishes to find out where he goofed, he must "tackle the bear in his own cave" during office hours. If he is lucky enough to find his mentor during posted office hours, little usually results; even a little does fights big when in his own back yard!

If I have painted a bleak and grim picture, let me hasten to add two things: this is a hypothetical conglomeration of ERAU experiences; most of Riddle's teachers are better than this.

With that apology out of the way, I press on. I offer this criticism: Motivation on the teacher's part is lacking in the case painted here. To sell a product, a salesman must believe in it. A teacher-in essence-is a seller of a product:education. If he doesn't like the text, get another. If this is impossible, lie for effect-say it's a great book. Don't mention that his teacher qualifications for the course are lacking. Test on what has been covered; do not do what the professor does-go to a private set of complementary texts to get questions. Give reasonable (?) amounts of homework. After all, his is not the only course Johnny is taking. Return homework at the next class session-graded, with comments. (This rule, religiously applied, would be sure to cut down on the volume of homework required.) Be available during posted office hours. Listen and explain; bend a little when applicable. If, after following this checklist, Johnny still gets a "C," it certainly is not due to lack of teacher motivation.

After listening to this tirade, it's a good bet that you're thinking: "the author of this tale of woe sure feels sorry for himself." Let me state emphatically that my GPA is above 3.7.

So, why do I make a federal case out of a grade that carries a rating of average? I'll tell you why. Grades, in today's competitive job market, are "What it's all about." And you better believe it!

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I have been working for quite some time now, to secure flight coverage on the student health insurance plan. I now have results, however I would like to secure student opinion before I make the final decision. Over 50% of our present student body currently subscribes to the student insurance program. These are the students who I am now contacting. Out of this group, roughly 50% are actually enrolled in flight courses and 10% to 20% more are rated pilots. Thus, the need for flight coverage on this insurance plan should be of concern to about 70% of those students subscribing to the policy. I have studied two possibilities for approaching this problem. First, flight insurance could be attached as a rider, at the students option, to the present policy. The cost of this would be prohibitive, as it would nearly triple the present rates. Second, the flight exclusion could be removed from the present policy, thus giving flight coverage to all students. This is the best solution, since the cost would be spread over all the policies and would be minimal. At the present time, the published cost of the student insurance plan is $35.00 per year, or $11.67 per trimester. Nearly all students pay on a trimester basis and are charged $12.00 by the school in order to round off the price. To remove the flight exclusion would cost an additional $4.00 per year per policy. This amounts to $1.33 per trimester which would cost $39.00 per year or $13.00 per trimester. For the majority of students who pay on a trimester basis, this would be only a $1.00 per trimester increase. In my opinion this is a very worthwhile addition when I think of those students who suffered thousands of dollars in injuries last trimester. However, I do not wish to railroad this increase down the throats of 500 other students. I will present these results at the next meeting of the Student Senate, for a vote of confidence, or lack of it, and my decision will be based on that vote when I make my final report to the Board of Trustees. I urge all students who subscribe to the policy to voice their opinion one way or the other on this matter. Please talk to your Senator (whose picture is in this page), or me, or drop a note in the SGA office.

The Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees has proposed a $30 increase in tuition. This is due to the fact that the school operated at a slight deficit last year. This is not unusual for private schools at this time. In fact, Embry-Riddle is better off than most. This increase would make the school $300 per year than the school back in the black. The members of the Finance Committee are well-to-do business men and to them this increase of $30.00 per trimester is only a measly sum. I do not think they realize the burden that it places upon the students who have a very minimal income and very high expenses. I personally stand opposed to this increase as long as other student costs remain high, such as food costs for those who live in the dormitory. Incidentally a recent survey shows that the average student in dorm 1 spends over $450 per trimester, or nearly $1,500 per year on food at local restaurant prices. A cafeteria probably would reduce this by 30%. Your SGA President, Frank Mayer, and I are both members of the Board of Trustees. Frank also has expressed to me an opposition to the tuition hike. We will do our best to represent the best interest of the student body when the tuition hike come up again for vote at the next Board of Trustees meeting.

by David Bonfield
SGA Vice President

There is no truth to the rumor that Sherry's is ERAU's Field House.

 Sigma Phi Delta

This weekend was really a break from the busy days of school. To start things off, just wish really enjoyed the dance Friday night. The music was good, and I think all the brothers danced their heads off. Congratulations to all who won a door prize. Especially congratulations to Richard Sheripa for winning his first bottle of champagne. Our fun didn't end at the conclusion of the dance. Sunday all the brothers and their wives or girlfriends packed a lunch and took off for Bush Gardens in Tampa. We enjoyed the monorail ride, the shows, gardens and especially, the tour through Anheuser Bush. You couldn't pull us away from the free beer stand. In all this was a real nice weekend. I wish we could have more George Washington's birthday's.

Congratulations to Lambda Chi Alpha for acquiring their charter on campus.
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**SPORTS WORLD**

**TENNIS**
by Bob Argila

The ERAU Tennis Team played its first match last Thursday at Florida Technological University in Orlando. The ERAU Team played one of the best small college teams in the state in the Florida Tech Squad, which provides full scholarships to its first six starting players.

The final score which was 9-0 did not illustrate the play of each individual match as our #1 and #2 players both played one of their best.

Coach Carl Brown is more optimistic about the team this year which is the strongest since the sport evolved on campus four years ago. The following players are the ones trying to lead ERAU to its most successful season yet.

Tony Akobou, Bob Argila, Mike Merrey, Arthur Hubs, Ed Goff, Dick Smith, Steve Bell, and Tim Hess.

**SCHEDULE**

Feb. 25 - St. Leo
March 1 - St. John's
2 - St. Leo
15 - St. John's
16 - Stetson
18 - DBCC
24 - St. Leo
29 - Florida Tech
April 4 - Florida Tech
13 - Seminole CC

**BASEBALL**

by Coach Brown

The Embry-Riddle varsity baseball team opens tomorrow, Sat., at the home field of Bethune Cookman. Game time is 2:30.

The 1972 version of the varsity ball team has been harried at work for the past five weeks in preparation for this opening game. Although the team will not be at full strength due to injuries and sore arms, it has enough depth to over come their difficulties.

The starting nod for tomorrow's game will be between Corky Greenwood and Fritz Pederson.

**DAYTONA RESULTS**

After many years of trying, A.J. Foyt finally captured his first Daytona 500 victory in the Woods Bros. '71 Mercury. After the 200 mile mark, it was an easy race for the Texas driver, as his youngest competitor, charmin' Charlie Glotzbach, was at least a lap down while under the green.

But the earlier part of the race was another story. For the first 15 laps the lead changed between Bobby Allison in a Monte Carlo, & pole sitter Isaac in a Dodge and Foyt. Meanwhile, Petty and Baker were coming from 31st and 32nd positions by drafting each other.

On lap 17 Petty and Baker got by Foyt and Foyt by Petty on lap 18. Then on lap 19 Walter Ballard, 1971 Rookie of the Year and Baker tangled off the 4th turn. Baker hit the wall and headed for the infield. Ballard rolled on his roof and slid towards the grass in the tri-oval. Upon hitting the grass he rolled several times but hopped out, O.K., bringing cheers from the spectators.

This brought on a rash of pit stops and when racing resumed, the Matador of Mark Donahue wasn't there. Then the battle was between Petty and last year's winner, Richard Petty. The lead changed many times within laps and more than once they ran side by side. Meanwhile, Isaac was out of it and Allison was having his problems. At one point, Petty went extremely high thru the cri-oval and almost lost it in the dirt. Red Farmer was out of it on lap 38 laps. Popular driver Dale Yarborough was ducking in and out of the pits too.

The battle continued until the pit stops on the green in which the Woods Bros. crew proved to be superior to Petty's and A.J. had an 11 second lead. But Richard was slowly cutting that lead. Then 10 laps later on the last lap around, Petty let go and he was out of it. About the biggest excitement from then on was watching Glotzbach trying to up lap himself. He never did and Petty drove on but never slowed down. At the 300 mile mark, Petty was still averaging better than 182 MPH. Allison was still having troubles. By this time only 19 cars were still running.

The next 200 miles were uneventful and they finished as they ran. Glotzbach finished second, Jim Vandiver of Charlotte, N.C. finished third, and Benny Parsons of Ellerbe, S.C. finished fourth. Allison nursed his Chevy to the finish line.

Comment: Whether we like or dislike Petty, when he rolled out, a Con't. Page 11

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There's a new music--newer than--than Joni Mitchell, Vanessa, the Taylor Family, and Mrs. King's rock Queen Carole. There's a new neon-lighted music that makes Janis Joplin seem like just another pretty voice and makes Frank Zappa the boy next door. The new multi-dimensional music is gaining impetus like the sound of umbilical cords snapping all around the country.

In an era of environmental health, health foods and mental health, it's only natural that there should be Health Music. Music often has been used as a means toward health. For more than twenty years, psychologists have used music as a tool in treatment of mentally handicapped patients. Opera is well-known for its Mad Scenes. And many songs--from Deutschland Uber Alles to On, Wisconsin--have provoked an emotional reaction in their listeners. But now, music is changing its tune.

Two new songwriters are writing creatively cathartic music as they revel and reveal through musically "meaningful" experiences. It all began about five years ago with Arthur Janov's controversial Primal Scream therapy. Neurosis, Janov says, is frozen childhood pain. All neuroses are symptoms for releasing that primal pain. And about by unfulfilling childhood experiences relating to parents. He points to a single cure: The neurotic person must dismantle his defenses and return to where he made the decisions to others rather than to his own feelings. Janov's theory is complex but, briefly, the Primal patient must re-live pain to remove the "curse" in order to understand his neurotic tensions. But now, Primal Scream.

But now, Primal Scream. Mothers and Fathers have found their way to the phonograph. Dr. Janov's best-known patient is John Lennon, former Beatle. Lennon's two albums underscore his therapeutic involvement. In a song called "Mother," he musically writhes in pain, screaming: "Mother, you had me, but I never had you. I wanted you, but you didn't want me... Goodbye." He ends the album with a short and snappy song to the tune of Three Blind Mice: "My Mummy's dead/I can't get it through my head/I can't explain/somuch pain/my Mummy's dead."

In his album, Lennon has creatively attempted to work out his Mother Thing, yelling at and for her at the beginning of the record, putting her to rest forever at the end. There is a blurred photograph of Lennon as a young boy on the album cover.

Dory Previn's music is of the same genre. When her husband Andre Previn left her for Mia Farrow, Dory's psyche cracked. She was institutionalized. "While I was in the hospital," she has said, "I started writing to get some order out of chaos. What I've tried to do is bring the madness out in the open."

And she's succeeded. Maybe too well. Her albums contain more Mad Songs than all opera combined. In one song, she relives her four-month, long sanitarium experience. But mostly she sings about her parents.
DID YOU KNOW THAT?

Hair is an appendage of the skin. It is a slender, thread-like outgrowth of the skin and scalp of the human body. There is no sense of feeling in the hair of the head or body, due to the absence of nerves in the hair.

The chief purposes of the hair are adornment and protection of the scalp from heat and injury.

Hair is chiefly composed of a protein called Keratin. The chemical composition of hair is carbon, 50.65%; hydrogen, 6.36%; nitrogen, 17.14%; sulphur, 5.18%; and oxygen, 20.85%.

Light hair contains less carbon and hydrogen and more oxygen and sulphur.

The arrector pili is a small involuntary muscle attached to the underside of the hair follicle. The presence of heat or cold contracts it, causing the hair to stand up straight, and giving the skin the appearance of "goose flesh".

If the hair is normal and healthy, each individual hair goes through a steady cycle of events which include, growth, fall and replacement.

The average growth of hair is % inch per month. The average daily shedding is estimated to be hairs.

Eyebrow hairs and eyelashes are replaced every four to five months.

The formation and growth of hair cells depend upon proper nourishment and oxygen which only the bloodstream can supply. A proper daily diet is very important to the growth of hair. Hair growth is influenced by seasons of the year, nutrition and hormones.

It is a well known fact that climatic conditions affect the hair, in that:

1. Moisture in the air will deepen the natural wave.
2. Cold air will cause the hair to contract.
3. Heat will cause the hair to expand and absorb moisture.

by Fred Willems.

There is no truth to the rumor that: ERAU is negotiating to purchase the state of Florida.
Con't. Baseball

and Steve Simonsen are competing for the opening slot. Over in right field, we have a large number of prospects, each with some different talent to offer. Sam McGee has a fine arm and is possibly the fastest runner in the camp. John "Sonny" Fioran is a big, strong hitter, with the ability to knock the ball out of any park. Pete Borch, recently sent to the outfield, is a young, hard trying player who lacks some experience. Finally, out opening right fielder, Brian Owens.

Anchoring down the third base position will be Roger Fisher. Roger has a quick pair of hands, and one of the hardest workers in camp. Backing up Roger will be Ray Belcher and Jim Shereden. First base is being hotly contested between Bill Wurter and Ron Johnson. Both of these men are hard hitters.

After Saturday's opener at Bethune Cookman, the team travels to Tampa on March 1, to play the tough University of South Florida. Although our first "home" game is not until March 14, we do play our arch rival, Daytona Beach Community College "away" for a big double header on March 3. Put that date down in your book!

Race con't.

noticeable amount of people left the grandstands. Comments were heard to the effect that "we don't care who wins now, at least it won't be Petty." Anyway, without the competition in there, even the greatest driver creates a dull race. It would have been interesting to see what would have happened if the other big guns hadn't dropped out.

ATTENTION ALL 1972 GRADUATES

There will be a meeting on Feb. 29 in room 108 to discuss the senior party.

April Graduates: last chance to get measured for cap and gowns. Deadline is March 1st. Measuring is being done in the Housing Office.
FOLLOWING IS THE 1972 BASEBALL SCHEDULE OF THE EMBRY-RIDDLE EAGLES:

SAT. Feb. 26 Bethune Cookman A 2:30
WED. March 1 U.of S. Florida A 3:00
SAT. March 4 F.T.U. A 3:00
TUES. March 7 Rollins A 3:30
THURS. March 9 D.B.C.C. A 1:00(DH)
SAT. March 11 F.I.T. A 1:30
TUES. March 14 Central Florida H 1:00(DH)
FRI. March 17 Atlantic Baptist H 2:30
SAT. March 18 D.B.C.C. H 1:30(DH)
TUES. March 21 Edward Waters H 3:30
FRI. March 31 F.T.U. H 3:00
THURS. April 6 Florida Southern A 3:30
THURS. April 13 U. of S. Florida A 3:30

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by Jim Gibbs

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Through monsoon rains and blowing dust.

Plastic pilot, steel machine
Routed to a tragic scene;
Choose up sides and kill each other.

In a spiral curve descending,
Churning air and leaves crescending,
Bleeding plastic cargo loading,
Looks of fear and anguish noting.

Churning air and leaves crescending,
In a spiral curve ascending.
Turbine whine, stacatto chatter,
Plastic pilots tear and tatter.

Higher now, away at last
From plastic foe and muzzle blast.
Through a hail of bullets flew
To save the plastic, cold and blue.

FRANKLY SPEAKING
by Phil Frank

"HEE HAWN THAT MY CAR
THAT ME JUST BROKEN!"