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E R A U HOSTS R U S I A N S

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University recently hosted five Russian civil aviation educators. The Russian visitors arrived at Daytona Beach at the invitation of ERAU President Jack Hatch to see how civil aviation education is conducted in the United States. Visitors from the USSR included Mr. A. Nazarov, Ministry of Civil Aviation, Mr. N. G. Legoi, Nazarov, Ministry of Civil Aviation, and Dr. V. N. Gazetov, Chief of the Eastern Civil Aviation Administration of the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

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Letter to the Avion "Change"

In the past two years, since I came to Embry-Riddle, I have heard many people, myself included, complain about the military establishment that runs this school. The most popular phrase is "This is an Air Force Academy, not a military academy." The administrative personnel involved are retired military officers. They have impressive military records and have proven themselves very competent. The practical lesson is one word: CHANGE. Some of these people have not been willing to accept the change from a military society in accordance with a civil society and a younger generation with their ideas and principles. They mean well in what they do, but they are trying to do it the way they would have in the military.

The young American generation is a completely new type of people with entirely new psychology. They are not only willing to accept change, but they are making changes. The older generations are just going to have to accept these changes or be thrown under by them.

In my unit in the National Guard, we have many old aviators who have had difficulty in accepting the change to new aircraft. The operations officer recently told the flying student corps, "I feel that it applies not only to flying, but to life in general and I would like to share it with you. Let it sink in; some of you will take it to heart." This is the story of an old aviator. He had been in flying since its earliest days. He had flown in the heaviest combat and had proven himself to be a fine pilot. He could fly anything in any condition. In fact, to him the more rickety the aircraft, the greater was the challenge, and the more he liked it. He was a hero, and everybody tried to listen to his tales of flying in the good old days.

Finally, the day came, as it does for everyone, for him to go on to the next life. He had lived a good life and he was selected to go to Heaven. In fact, he had lived such a good life that when he arrived in Heaven, St. Peter offered him the best and newest aircraft. The airplane shined like a star. It was perfect, like one he had ever seen on Earth. But the old man, St. Peter, "Our airplane in Heaven is perfect. However, if you like you may go down to Hell and if you like you may have anything you like." The old man went down to Hell and explained the devil just what he wanted. The devils took him to an old plane. It was dirty, covered with oil, had holes in the fuselage and one flat tire. Most of the instruments and radios didn't work, and there was excessive play in the controls and in all the critical bearings. In short, the plane was a wreck.

"You can have the old plane," said the devil, and he was happy. This was the way it was in the good old days."

There is a moral to this story. If you can't accept change, you know where to go.

David Bonfield

On November 28, at 9:30 P.M., a security guard noticed the smell of smoke as he entered one of the offices on campus. An investigation revealed that a coffee pot had been left plugged in. After the pot had boiled dry, it had heated up to such an extent that its bakelite base bulged and cracked and a plastic mat upon which it rested was noticeably charred. This situation presented a definite fire hazard which could have produced drastic consequences had it remained undiscovered. The hazard did not originate with the coffee pot itself, but with the person who neglected his responsibility to plug it.

Such an insignificant incident may not seem entirely noteworthy. Yet it points out the need for all students and faculty to define their responsibilities and then act accordingly.

In very broad scope, we may split responsibility into six main categories: responsibility to God, to our families, to our nation, to our fellow students, and to our university. Each of these areas of responsibility carries with it a set of laws or a code of ethics which enable us to be productive individuals in society.

At Embry-Riddle, we are particularly concerned with laws and ethics, as any student of F.A.A. Regulations, Business Law, or Aviation Law will readily testify. The aviation field is perhaps the most regulated industry in existence. In comparison, the regulations that are placed on campus are relatively few and are easily complied with.

I earnestly encourage everyone who is connected with Embry-Riddle to become familiar with all campus regulations. They are designed for protection, not for harassment, and they have been derived to prevent incidents which have resulted in injury to students as well as the campus society in the past.

Walter B. Hansen
Assistant Chief of Security

HELP IS ON THE WAY?

The Avion needs your help, and it is you who are responsible for the size of this week's paper.

If you are interested in joining the staff as a writer, photographer, typist, artist or layout (no experience necessary), please drop by The Avion trailer or drop a note in Box 1688 at the Student Center.

The opinions expressed in this paper are not necessarily those of Tallahassee University or all members of the student body. Nor do letters appearing in The Avion necessarily reflect the opinions of this newspaper or its staff.
Perfect Record Spoiled
by Rory Donnelly

Last weekend, the ERAU soccer team faced a surprisingly tough squad from Florida Institute of Technology. Although Embry-Riddle raced to a 3-0 lead after the first 11 minute period, F.I.T. came back scoring 3 goals and tying the score at 3-3.

The final score marks the first non-winning game of the regular season. The Embry-Riddle Eagles had been undefeated previously with eight wins in a row. Embry-Riddle, confident of winning after the first period, replaced all of its regular players with subs. As a result, an enthused F.I.T. team spoiled the Eagles' brilliant season record.

The final game of the season will be played at the Airport Field this Saturday at 2 p.m. The Eagles will then play host to a tough Florida State University team.

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Golf News
by Gene Wages

ERAU golfers have been unable to get a consecutive 18 holes finished due to heavy rain during the past few days. Coach Spears finally admitted defeat, not necessarily due to his golfers' standing in water up to their ankles, but evidence indicates that he was having extreme difficulty keeping his cigar lighted.

Results of this week's match between ERAU and Florida Institute of Technology, at Melbourne, will be in next week's news.

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EAGLE BASKETBALL TEAM
VICTORIOUS IN HOME OPENER

Last Saturday night at Mainland Junior High School, the Embry-Riddle basketball team opened up their home basketball season with a victory over the highly touted Florida Bible College of Miami.

Florida Bible College opened the game with a hot hand and jumped to an early lead. The Eagles from Riddle then rallied and at half time the score was knotted at 33 all.

Florida Bible started the second half similar to the first half and jumped to an early second half lead. Riddle tried to come back early but missed some key lay-up shots and fell further behind. With only three minutes to go in the game Florida Bible was ahead by nine points.

The Eagles then went into their man to man press and came up with some valuable steals to tie the game with one minute to go. And then to the delight of the enthusiastic crowd, the Eagles ran off five straight points before their opponents could score again, and Riddle won it 75-72.

It was clearly a team effort and team victory with five players in double figures and all the players coming in from the bench playing super basketball.
Today's Music--Quicksilver

I spent the Thanksgiving holidays visiting friends in Columbia, South Carolina. Quite unexpectedly, my path happened to cross that of touring Quicksilver Messenger Service, who was performing on Sunday night. Also, with a bit of fast talking and name dropping I got myself invited to the post-concert party for the group.

As far as the concert was concerned, it was almost good. The quality of Quicksilver's performance was as good as would be expected in the two thousand seat auditorium. The only drawback was the length of time they spent playing.

Due to poor weather andalendar failure at Columbia Airport, the group's flight was delayed by two hours. As a result of the late start, they only performed barely one hour's worth of music.

The group, realizing the time limit, put forth an honest effort to give the audience their money's worth. Unfortunately, the shortness of time made this virtually impossible.

Quicksilver started out hot and stayed that way throughout the entire show. "Who Do You Love" was the lead off song and it immediately put the crowd in the mood. Ironically enough the best performances, with one exception were from cuts off of their first album Happy Trails. The exception "Fresh Air," was the closing number and came from one of their more recent albums.

How to say that we didn't get a chance to talk to two members of the Quicksilver group and to say the least, they made a lasting impression on me. They appeared hypercritical. Their personalites just didn't fit their style of music. This is all to say nothing about their "I'm cool" attitude.

As disappointing as it may seem, the party, except for the group, was much more of a success than the concert.

Christmas Community Culture

1971 12" x 60" Concord Mobile Home. Air conditioning, furnished, G.B. washer, nails, etc. Lx 10' tool shed. Must sell. $5,000. 767-9675

Air conditioner, 2700 Kool-Air. Works fine. Will cool the whole house. $200.00

GE vacuum cleaner, new house, no attachments, attachment included. Priced to sell. $15.00

1948 Olds Toronado, black vinyl roof and interior, full power, factor al front and rear windows, tilt-away steering wheel, good tires. All receipts for work done. Sharp! Make offer.

Moving soon, must sell! Contact Don Regalado at 255-6674.

Gilbert Summers Joins Flight Line

The welcome mat goes out to Mr. Gilbert L. Summers who joined the EAU staff and faculty on October 25, 1972 as Chairman, Flight Technology. Mr. Summers is the focal point for all activities associated with Flight Technology programs.

Mr. Summers hails from Missouri. He graduated from high school in Smithville, Missouri, and received his B.A. from University of Colorado and his M.A. in international Affairs from George Washington University.

Mr. Summers was the assistant chairman of the Flight Automation Technology Division. Mr. Summers is a Licensed Private pilot and is a licensed Flight Instructor. He is the author of several papers and has two sons aged 16 and his two sons aged 16 and 18 who are currently in Boulder, Colorado.

Spotlight

Mister Adams

"Open up a can of beer on Main Street and you'll hear a 10 minute speech immediately, given by the police of course. That statement is the usual resort given by Mr. Adams when his speech is cut short because of how or where to attend a formal speech, one of the course requirements.

Mr. Adams, who joined the EAU staff two years ago, teaches a variety of humanities subjects which include art, music, speech and English. He was born in Ocal, Florida, and is a Navy veteran. He attended the University of Florida in Gainesville, and received his Masters degree from Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton.

Mr. Adams finds EAU and its students challenging. He explained that, in his opinion, EAU is very specialized from the start. "But," he added, "I feel it's good, and I enjoy the students to something different."

Mister Adams about how he gets his subjects across to the students, and he stated, "I try to create an interest in the subject. I feel if I'm interested they'll be interested." Mr. Adams can not only talk of poetry and art, but can produce it himself. In fact, he's had six of his poems published and is very good with a brush and palette.