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Riddle Maintenance Is Cut Above Average

Students in the Aviation Maintenance Technology Division of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University have proved themselves to be well above the average according to a recent study of data received from the Federal Aviation Administration Data Processing Center.

According to A. P. Barrs, Chairman of the Aviation Maintenance Technology Division, the study was made to determine the relative strength of EAU applicants for the FAA Airframe and Powerplant written examinations.

Two categories of data were selected for a random group of Embry-Riddle applications for the 1973 comparison against which student results for the same period. Selection criteria was based on the top five schools showing the highest scores on all school averages and the top five schools showing the greatest numbers of enrollment for the same period.

Study results based on FAA data for the random period showed that EAU applicants answered 1.5% more questions correctly on the FAA written test than applicants from other schools around the nation.

Fourteen EAU students made application for the FAA exams in February of 1973 and their percent correct answers on all exams was 78.5%.

The Aviation Maintenance Technology Division of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University was one of the first improved schools to gain recertification. Part 147, Change 2 of the Federal Aviation Regulations. The outstanding performance of EAU applicants reflects the continuing progressive efforts of the university in pursuing its goals of quality and higher aviation education.

Pratt And Whitney Rates A&P Graduates

Airframe and Powerplant students note: your reputation is growing stronger these days.

Since the P & W complex in West Palm Beach is essentially jet engine research and development, students are charged with considerable responsibility in making production decisions, technical alterations and performance analysis. They are required to work closely with engineers and their technical opinions and suggestions often become adopted operational policies.

Olsen was a 1970 A&P graduate of EAU. He has worked for three years in Research and Development Assembly for P & W.

As with most companies, P & W has a training program for new employees. According to Olsen, EAU graduates were exempt from this formal nine month training program. In special training classes, all students are held for various departments and EAU students consistently perform very well in these classes.

What advice is there for the A & P student? Keep up the outstanding performance in school for your reputation is growing in a very competitive world. Your efforts in class will be rewarded by industry and, perhaps most importantly, Olsen recommends specialization in the A & D field is appealing.
All Graduates

Because there are others who deserve our recognition for the work they have done, I feel it is inappropriate that we should recognize members of the staff and faculty that have given us support above and beyond the call of duty.

I propose that we identify these outstanding faculty members and administrators by presenting them with awards during our graduation party. For that reason, I would like to ask you to cast a vote for the faculty member and administrator that you feel should be recognized for their selfless contributions to the student body.

Dear Graduate:

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News and Views

Many students have asked why the Dorn Annex food area is so small compared to the space allocated for the game room.

The space was decided by a review of the dorm council, who plans the planning of the building was made by the council. It was then decided to put the patio directly in front of the building.

Since the annex has opened, the coffee machine has been removed from the dorm. This is an inconvenience to many, since the annex closes at 11 pm. If you want the coffee machine back, go to the dorm council with your complaints.

The AVION offers free classified advertisement to all students. If you need anything sold or need a ride home at the end of the term, drop us a line in box 731.

Don't make any plans for April 14. The BSA will be having their Annual Spring Triennial Dance at the Desert Inn. Two bands will be playing through the night.

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

Letters To The Avion

The Los Angeles Dodgers going to a 708 not a 707 as mentioned in the March 30 issue of AVION. Although there seems little difference to the uninformed eye between the two models, the 708 is shorter in length, has only one emergency wing exit, as opposed to two on the 707 models, and the 720s have only two turbofan inlets on two of its four engines as opposed to three on the 707 models.

Peter Wilson

Correction

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

- 1. OUTSTANDING
- 2. PROPOSED

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Absolute and utter frustration!

Disgusted, and with time run out, you hand in your paper and resign yourself to losing a few more points.

This happened to me not long ago and it started me wondering why so many students in an advanced class had been able to finish so swiftly. The answer, I found out, was that calculators, miniatures of electronic calculators. Since then, I have noted that too often students who use these "helpers" are the first finished with an exam or classroom exercise.

In the competitive world of education, where one's success is judged by his relative standing in the class, it seems to me unfair that a student who cannot afford a calculator is inherently at a disadvantage.

The primary role of education is not simply to accumulate the knowledge necessary to perform a particular type of job, but through various forms of mental problem solving ability (job-related), to enable the student to competently do work with previously unencountered problems and situations. In brief, it teaches the student to use his head.

I believe that we have lost sight of the purposes of education if we continue to allow some students to partially circumvent the mental exercise link in the chain of learning.

The punching of buttons on a machine is in no way comparable to the exercise derived from requiring that a student perform problem solving without the shortcut of electronic aid.

To summarize, I am asserting two points:

1. The electronic calculating aids bypass an important function of education, the exercise and development of an individual's problem solving capabilities.

I propose that to solve this inequality and reaffirm the primary purposes of education, electronic calculating aids should be prohibited for use in tests and exams. The students who are not fair or desirable that those who are financially able should decrease your relative success, should be sure the valuable goal of education in general.

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Come One, Come All:

Come one, come all! That was the cry you would have heard if you attended the Bells and Gray three ring Circus sponsored by the Holy Hill Lions Club. The circus was held on Sunday, April first at 3 pm.

Kids from ages one through ninety joined in on the fun, which of course included feeding the elephants.

Before the actual big top opened, the sideshows drew the people and held their interest. A few of the side show acts included a sword swallow, fire eater and even a man that could blow up his stomach with a tire pump.

After the big top opened, you got to see tight rope walkers, juggling acts, followed up by the performing elephants.

The show was very entertaining with all three rings keeping you constantly entertained. Thanks goes to the Holy Hill Lions Club for sponsoring the show.
The Adventures of the Black and Blue Baron

by Terry Gardner

Last week we left Theodore J. Throutebottle, the slightly bendable pinky of Dumpy Dumpy Flying School and Dade Ranch for Boys, as he was poled out of a dream by a sudden updraft.

"Now," he thought, as he crossed from land over clear blue water, "what Navigation hit the Atlantic right on the head that time." In fact, Ted was so sure of his prowess as a navigator, he just knew that he could reach the Gulf of Mexico, and probably without a map.

Banking hard left and lowering altitude rapidly, Ted dove his bird toward one of the many piers that jutted out to the ocean. One of his favorite tricks was to snag as many fishing lines as he could in one pass. At the time of day, the pier was straining to capacity with old fishermen, golden-haired kids, all drinking beer and stealing each other's bait. The Throttle managed to snag 53 lines, and since the die-hard fishermen would not relinquish a good catch, all 53 of them plus a few innocent onlookers were dragged toward the end of the pier. This excess obviously was above the weight bearing capacity and half the pier promptly fell into the ocean. It was Peruvian, Ted explained, largely by rescue forces and in no time at all every lifejacket on the beach arrived dragging their towers behind then.

Every available cop could be seen screaming down the beach with sirens and lights blaring, knocking tourists off their rental mini-bikes, and blowing sand all over the ice cream trucks. The whole show turned out to be a real three-ring circus running around and bumping into each other and not knowing quite what to do. At this point the grand old men of aviation were doing back flips in their gravel trays over Ted's antics.

In the meantime, Theodore initiated a steep climb and turned north along the beach in pursuit of more fun and games. Spotting some dollars basking in the hot sun, Throttle righted them at the front in a cool look. Hot cognizant of his flight path, he crossed just in front of a sign carrying bi-plane, which immediately descended to avoid Ted and simultaneously disappeared from view. Unaware of the proceedings above them, a group of surfers were soon entangled and carried out into the ocean and into the Gulf Stream leaving a throne of cheering bathers behind them. They were picked up breathing deep off the coast of Cuba by a Polish refugee, whose crew had just heard rumors of a great white whale.

On his last pass, Ted's engine began to sputter and curving every fuel driver ever to be employed at Dumpy Dumpy, he began a frantic search for a place to land.

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**Don't miss next week's final adventure of the Black and Blue Baron.**

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The American "Ripoff" by Bill Morse

There has been a lot of talk recently about people being "ripped off" when dealing with automotive mechanics or auto parts outlets. Be assured that we are speaking of a small minority of the auto service industry and not the majority of people.

First, let's deal with mechanic price. When you take a car in for service, if you know what is wrong before you walk in, you are a step ahead already. In this case, the best thing is to shop around for price, because the work will be about the same from all reputable firms. Be careful when the mechanic starts telling you things you didn't come in for. Get several opinions before you have this type of thing "repaired." Many poor souls have spent thousands of dollars on needless repairs.

If you need your car door shut during buying parts. Buy only what you need. Watch out for "super deals," these could be more expensive than list price. There are several different auto parts outlets. Ask to see the "list price" or the "race's not." These are usually outlets.

Don't buy something you didn't come in for. You can spend a lot of money on "hot setups" that won't do a thing except decrease performance and economy. Be on the lookout for the "sincere 4-cylinder." The ripoff will have your confidence and wait you out of your money before you know what happened.

If you are a careful discreet buyer, you can get quite a bit of quality merchandise for your dollar.
You Look Back And There Are Flashing Blue Lights

by C. W.

Many students drive their cars home and back during trimester breaks, with the proportion of those living far up in the cold lands. As a veteran of at least a dozen of these 20 hour crusades, I would like to pass along some words of advice concerning the relationship between you and the police, should you ever encounter them. These tips are a composite of police interviews along with personal experiences:

First, be cool. You are not on the South Carolina flashing light tour. Follow this simple technique:

Pull over safely and turn on the emergency flashes if you have them. The man will park behind you. He is beneficial to turn off the engine, since this demonstrates that you will not attempt a run for it, and being an impatiant driver. Moreover, consider what you consider to be an urgent matter.

Next, get out and walk back to the police car. This step is very important. If it accomplishes several goals, it will tend to put the cop at ease. It shows him what you look like, that you are unarmored, that you will not "cut out" at the last moment, and finally, if you walk straight) that you are sober.

Have your license and registration ready so that he doesn't have to ask you for them. Remember, you have said nothing yet. Let him tell you what is happening. Finally, you will average Georgia cop to inform you. The cop will tell you what statute you violated, watch you perform a field sobriety test, and wait for an answer. If you answer a short, seemingly sincere excuse; pleading ignorance doesn't hold much weight. In fact, if the offense was rather serious, say "sir", and on the other hand, never admit guilt.

Throughout it all, treat him like God. It is better that you not

He will end the conversation. Get in, remember that you are in your car and drive slowly away. If you have other people in your car, have them stay inside and keep quiet. Each state has its own laws concerning car searches, so it's better to travel without controversy.

In conclusion, save your composure and you will have a much more exciting story to tell at home.

Notice Of Openings

For Campus Security

Position: Part time evening Security Guards to work on the Embry-Riddle Campus.

Primary Duties: Providing protection for campus and student property during other than normal working hours. Enforcing regulations as set forth by the ERAU Administration and ERAU Student Government Association.

Requirements: All applicants who are registered students at ERAU and who are in good standing with the university will be considered. Preference will be given to those students who are 21 years or older. Prior military experience is helpful, but is not a prerequisite.

Salary: Starting salary commensurate with minimum wage. Regular salary increases are given for merit and length of service.

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Starting Date: Indefinite

Applications: Apply to: ERAU Security Office, Administration Building, Attention Mr. Roger Moody - Security Chief or Mr. Walter Hanson - Assistant Security Chief.

Costa Rica Is Far From Puerto Rico

by Rogelio Navas

I came to Embry-Riddle in 1972 to get my B.S. in Aeronautical Science, and it has been interesting to note that when I answer "Costa Rica, most people don't even know where it is, and many think it is the same as Puerto Rico. Of Costa Rica, about the size of South Carolina, is like any other Central American country; it has its own natural attractions. Among these are its volcanoes (one of the largest in the world), mountains, and the year round tropical weather. The mean temperature is 75 degrees the year round.

Our population is about a million and a half. There are no big differences in classes of people, belonging to what can be considered to be a class.

Costa Rica is mainly an agricultural country with coffee and bananas as main sources of income. Industry has grown quite a bit since the last decade. The government has always followed a policy of welcoming foreign companies and corporations such as IBM, ALOA, Sears, McDonald, and Coors, which have been found there.

The dating system is quite different in the sense that you go out with different girls as in the U.S. Most of the time, a guy has only one girlfriend and goes to her house to visit her. If a girl wants to go out, custom usually requires a chaperone.

There is no drinking age and alcoholic beverages are produced at a low price by a government owned factory. The reason is to avoid smuggling of alcohol in the country.

As in any other Latin American country, there are always rice and beans lunch. Of course, the "sistema" is a must.

Costa Rica is a special democratic country. Why? We don't have an Army. It was abolished in 1948. It is a member of international organizations such as the United Nations, the Organization of American States (OAS), and the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).

The OAS has a program of scholarship and I was lucky enough to get one. This is my fourth trip at ERAU and I plan to graduate in the Spring of '74. The OAS requires me to go back home for at least two years. Most probably, I will fly for LACSA, the Costa Rican airline, LACSA flies to Central and South America and into Miami. They use the British BAC-111 jet.

I do appreciate the interest in me and my country shown by so many people. I am looking forward to yet another year at ERAU and, of course, graduation.
Pot Pourri
Around E.R.A.U.

"There's one more item you should work on for straight and level..."

"First of all, you're a bit east of your course..."
There's no truth to the rumor that there are no tickets available for the 1973 Chevy Nova! Stop by the SGA office and scare up some to sell or keep for yourself.

Ticket money & receipts for the Halifax Area boys Club car raffle should be turned in to Chairman Whitson the 26th of April at the SGA office. We need more individuals to sell tickets for the $50.00 prize money.

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