Riddle Maintenance Is Cut Above Average

Students in the Aviation Maintenance Technology Division of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University have proved themselves 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 ERAU applicants for the FAA Airframe and Powerplant written examinations.

Two categories of data were selected for a random group (1,000) for the period January 1, 1977 to June 30, 1977 for comparison against student results for the same period. Selection criteria was based on the top five schools showing the highest FAA aeronautical science averages and the top five schools showing the highest numbers of enrollment for the same period.

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

Fourteen ERAU student 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 approved schools to gain certificatation under Part 147, Change 2 of the Federal Aviation Regulations. The outstanding performance of ERAU applicants reflect the continuing progressive efforts of the university in pursuing its goals of quality 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 essential for jet engine research and development. Mechanics hired 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.

Prior N & M graduates perform as both old and new employees. According to Olson, ERAU graduates were exempt from this formal nine month training program. All special training classes are held for various departments and ERAU students consistently perform very well in these classes.

What advice is there for the A&P student? Keep up the outstanding performance. For your reputation is growing in a very competitive world. Your efforts in class will be reflected in the industry and perhaps most important, Olson recommends specialization. If your A & D field is appealing, don’t be lost in learning or shun the classroom. Your know-how is definitely the ticket for success.

CAREER DAY

Friday

April 6. Students who will graduate any time through December of 1973 are eligible to attend.

Beginning at 10:00 AM in Rooms 108 and 208. Each company representative will be introduced to attending students. Representatives will be set up for both the morning (10:00 AM to 11:30 AM) and afternoon (1:15 PM to 4:50 PM) sessions as indicated below:

ROOM 108:
Eastman Air Lines
Captain C. A. Stimson

Systems: Ron Howell
FAA: Mr. Howard, D. H. H. Wellman
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Dave Dixon

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US Air Force: Capt. Bell
DAYTONA BEACH REGIONAL AIRPORT: Doug Wolfe.

ROOM 208:
National Airlines: Mr. D. L. Miller
Aero Commander: Mr. J. D. Kase
B.A.:Mr. Chambers
Cessna Aircraft Company: Mr. C. D. Miller
Jacksonville Port Authority: Mr. Noblitt
General Electric: Mr. Richards
Volusia County: Mr. Nagle
Fenner, St. John & Associates: Mr. St. John.
D. L.: Mr. Wickerham
U.S. Navy: Lt. Maller and Lt. Aug
Beacontronics: Mr. Wood

At the present time, no "jumbo jets" are expected in the near future. The consultants say possibly by 1977, L-1011's may be flown in a regular service schedule.
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.

All Graduates

Because there are others who deserve our recognition for the work they have done, I feel it is appropriate to extend them an invitation to our party. Therefore, if there are any faculty members or staff members that you would like to see attend your party, please list their names also.

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 unsung contributions to the student body.

News And Views

Many students have asked why the Dorm 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, and the planning of the building was made with the council's help. The tables will be added but not until the summer months. They will be put on 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 for 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 156.

Don't make any plans for April 14. The PGA has decided to hold their Annual Spring Trimmer Dance at the Desert Inn. Two bands will be playing through the night.

Calculation problems have created dis- content and misunderstandings which have led to a lot of empty space in this paper; our apologies.

Dear Graduate:

As our graduation draws near, I think it would be appropriate 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 unsung contributions to the student body.

Letters To The Avion

The Los Angeles Dodgers dealing is a 700 not a 707 as mentioned in the March 30 issue of the AVION. Although there seems little difference in the unaided eye between the two models, the 706 is shorter in length, has only one emergency exit, as opposed to two on the 707 model, and the 720 has only two turbojet engines in place of two of its four engines as opposed to three on the 707 model.

Peter Wilson

Flight Line

As an avid reader of "The Avion," I find many columns about the flight line here at school. It seems to me that the school does not care what the students think, and otherwise they would have written a rebuttal. If administration just opened their ears to what the students say about the flight line, they could have had the best flight line in the country. My suggestion is that this is one of the causes of the lack of students' interest in the University, along with faculty and staff interest.

Randy Fonzini

There is a correction to last week's AVION. The Alpha Rho Omega's officers are: Ralph Burnett (President), Oscar Chastain (Vice-President), and our apologies, Alpha Rho Omega.

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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 side shows drew the people and held their interest.

A few of the side show acts included a sword swallower, 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. Throttlebotton, the skipper of the Spitalny Dumpy Flying School and Duke Ranch for Boys, as he was jolted out of a dream by a sudden updraft.

"Now," he thought, as he crossed from land over clear blue water, "what Navigation kept 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 losing altitude rapidly, Ted dove his bird toward one of the many piers that jutted out into the ocean. One of his favorite tricks was to snap as many fishing lines as he could in one pass. At the time of day, the pier was strained to capacity with old fishermen piloting their kids' yellow drinking beer and stealing each other's bait. For a moment, Throttle managed to snap 53 lines, and since the die-hard fishermen would not relinquish a good catch, all 53 of them plus a few innocent onlookers were cast adrift toward the end of the pier. This excess obviously was above the weight bearing capacity and half the pier promptly fell into the ocean.

Eager to get rid of the immediate danger, by rescue forces and in no time at all every lifeguard on the beach arrived dragging their towers behind them. Every available cop could be seen screeching down the beach with sirens and lights blaring knocking tourists off their rented mini-bikes and blowing sand all over the ice cream trucks. The whole show turned out to be a real three-ride 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 airplanes 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 a close in 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 into the surf. Unaware of the proceedings above them, a group of surfers were soon entangled and carried out to sea and into the Gulf Stream leaving a throne of cheering bathers behind them. They were picked up thrashing off the coast of Cuba by a Polish Avro's of the "list price" or the "racers' not'.

Don't buy something you didn't come in for. You can wind up in lots of money on "hot setups" you don't even want. Get your tens, except sometimes decrease performance and economy. Be on the lookout for the "sincere" deals, as they won't blow your confidence and waits you out of your money before you know what happened.

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You Look Back And There Are Flashing Blue Lights

by C. M.

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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.