WILSON DAY SUCCESS

BY RICHARD T. WHITE

The day finally came, and Embry-Riddle was to show off its progress—both in physical plant and in its dedicated people. This was Friday, December 5—Gill Robb Wilson Day—the day Embry-Riddle would learn of its true acceptance into the aviation community.

The buildings and facilities were polished, the people who took part were groomed and prepared for the occasion. Embry-Riddle never looked so proud and tall.

The first event of the day commenced shortly after 1 PM at the Daytona Plaza Hotel with a buffet-style luncheon honoring General John P. McConnell, who was to receive the GRW Award that evening. Nearly 300 persons from students to trustees listened as General William W. Spruance introduced General McConnell.

General McConnell reaffirmed to the audience, the dedication and understanding that Gill Robb Wilson had for aviators, throughout the world. McConnell, like so many other friends of Wilson, was proud to be associated with a man of such high ideals for his country. General McConnell concluded by allowing Mr. Jack Gross, a close friend of both him and Wilson to read correspondence between McConnell and the late Wilson’s wife upon

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CAN YOU BELIEVE

Mr. and Mrs. Butch Sicotte, dutiful Embry-Riddle student and wife, were happily on their way to the GILL ROBB WILSON COMMEMORATIVE PROGRAM featuring a Paul Harvey Speech last Friday. They only made one small mistake—they thought the program was taking place at Peabody Auditorium. As Butch and his wife entered Peabody with Paul Harvey tickets in hand, an usher took the tickets, ripped them in half, and directed them inside. The Sicotte’s enjoyed a stirring performance of “The Glass Menagerie.” Later they showed up at the Daytona Plaza with ripped tickets in hand and heard the last two words of Paul Harvey’s speech. Better luck next time!
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.

Students:
I would like to thank everyone in the Student body for the success of the SGA Council this past trimester and hope that we can keep this movement rolling along through the next trimester.

Let me know how beautiful Embry-Riddle was honoring his own tragic accident in the Vietnam War, then stired by his tender and compassionate account of Gill Robb Wilson and the airman of his era - the pioneers of the jet age pilot - as he ended his days in his epitaph with page two... of news.

Following him through his schedule that day, I found myself watching a man who has the ability to display the excitement of youth, the finesse of a professional commentator, and the wisdom of maturity, all tinged by a mind and heart approaching greatness.

And thus, Friday, at Embry-Riddle, Paul Harvey passed away.

Also on Friday, Brigadier General William Spruance gave a talk on flight safety, incorporating his own tragic accident in 1961 in a T-33. The knowledge he was able to use about flight safety got him through the crash alive. See the first issue of next trimester for further details on this story.

Our apologies to Ralph Wicklund for failing to give him credit for his article last week, "Legible Writers-Non-Existing." We also apologize to any other writers whose names we failed to print.

The AVION extends to you our heartfelt wishes for a happy holiday season. May joy be upon you, peace in your heart, generosity in your actions. May your Christmas gifts runneth over and the Blue Bird of Paradise hang a stocking on your doorstep.

Savings on Theater Tickets

- Purchase Your
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Wilson's passing. The message confirmed for those present, what place Wilson held in the airmen's world.

After the luncheon, the visitors and other notables returned to the ER campus for an afternoon of discovering what Aviation Education is all about. The well run tours were the result of our 13 coed students, and many female employees. During the afternoon, this reporter had the opportunity to speak at length with Mrs. John Mitchell, the wife of the late Gill Robb Wilson.

Mrs. Mitchell, an amazing woman who looks but half her age and can mix well with any 20 year old ER student received her pilot's license in 1934 flying a De Haviland "Moth". Mrs. Mitchell expressed her great faith in the youth of this nation and felt confident that a responsible, well-educated generation will soon be running the nation's affairs.

When asked her opinion of the great strides ER has taken in aviation Mrs. Mitchell stated she was "very impressed with the dedication of our students and the foresight of our teachers and leaders." Adding that "people in aviation are just a different breed - just a little bit better."

Mrs. Mitchell, convinced that ER will play an ever-increasing role in aviation stressed the need for ER building "multiple-campuses" throughout the country so that this campus won't become overly large and cumbersome.

Mrs. George Donnison, Mrs. Mitchell's daughter was very impressed with how Embry-Riddle places prime importance on its students and how the students have responded by assuming positions of responsibility in the affairs of the school. General McConnell, who was so impressed with the program of the building program, spent the entire afternoon moving from classroom to classroom just observing how education is transferred to the student.

At 5:30 the quests reconvened in the VIP lounge.
and future could and would enter a world of aviation befit and worthy of the greatest traditions of America.
PERSIANS
VOLLEYBALL CHAMPS
BY PAZ LEE
Persians Uphalated throughout the season, well-organized and brilliant Persians prove again the ten other teams in the league to be defeated in the championship. They had plenty of competition, however, from the Ball Busters and Spiked Ballers who came in 2nd and 3rd in league competition respectively. Marty Stillings, Walter Fraser, Andy Potaczalski, and Joe Joejaz, and A jadxe Noghahi and Fred Sharifi are the men to be congratulated for the Persians winning season.
Intramural volleyball still again be offered next trimester but will be better organized. Each team will play all the others more than once to eliminate any disputes over who is the best. Watch for more information on the beginning of next trimester.

SOCCEP
BRIEFS
BY MARTY STILLINGS
The 1969 Embry-Riddle soccer team has finished their best season ever with a 3-1 victory over Santa Fe Jr.C. Again the team was lead by Zach Fademi and Tom Conte as Zach tallied his 3rd hat-trick of the season with three assists coming from the hard-running right winger, Conte. Allowing only the 5th goal in seven starts of the year, Paul Vargo played another fine game, making nine saves for the Eagles.

In the past four years the soccer team has participated as a major independent in Florida. Since the founding members first took the field back in 1966, the team has compiled an amazing 25-11-3 record. After this year's 10-2-0 record it seems Coach Mannfield's Eagles are ready for their big step.

SOCCER BRIEFS
Zach Fademi's 17 goal output this season places him second behind William Horne (23 goals) for total goals scored as an Eagle.

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BY RAY LEE

The Eagles are the new intramural football champions at Embry-Riddle after defeating a team of tough and determined Bombers. Both teams scored an equal amount of touchdowns but the deciding factor was the one extra point of the game received by the Eagles. The game ended with a score of 19 to 18. Both teams went into the game undefeated and seemed to really be up for the game. Both teams are to be congratulated on fine seasons and displaying good school spirit. Members of the championship team are; Captain "straight leg" Jack Emery, Don Guerra, Dave Roberts, Hugh McCoy, Chip Hoekc, Paul Carpenella, Bruce Mueller, Carl Cofie, Clay Alexander, Denny Page, Terry Schultz, Ray Palant, and Steve Sharstein.

Several of the teams in the intramural football league are already making plans for the spring trimester and the intramural sports that will be offered then which are softball, volleyball, and basketball. All students are welcome to participate in these activities for PE credit, trophies, to keep in shape and just have a good time. For more information pertaining to these activities when you return from your Christmas break, the intramural league to keep in shape and appear in the Intramural Sports column when you return from your Christmas break.

THE INTRAMURAL FOOTBALL CHAMPS for 69-70 are the Eagles.
'SOCCER CONTINUED'

N.Y. (AP) - St. Louis University is the national soccer champion among major college teams.

An 18 member coaching panel of the NCAA gave the unbeaten St. Louis team, 8-0, No. 1 ranking with Harvard (9-0) second and San Francisco (8-0-2) third.

Completing the top ten are: San Jose State (10-1-1), Maryland (7-1-2), Southern Illinois (10-0-1), Hartwick (6-1-1), Springfield (1-0-1-1), and Philadelphia Textile (12-0-1).

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Rollins wrapped up its finest soccer season ever by blanking the University of Miami 5-0. Unbeaten in 12 matches since losing their season opener, Coach Gordie Howell's Tars finished 10-1-2. The Tars will be opposing the Eagles in NCAA play next year.

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**Eagles drive for a score.**
There comes a time each trimester when all of the frustrations, anxieties and disappointments of the previous dozen or so weeks are cast aside and everyone goes all out to have a really good time. Such was the case this past weekend when the SGA put on perhaps the best dance in Riddle’s History. Needless to say, Alpha Eta Rho attended en masse and from the reports turned in at the debriefing session on Sunday morning, it appears that everyone had a real blast on Saturday night. For those Brothers who couldn’t account for all of their actions, there was always a sober Brother about who could set the story straight. Each story was constructed in gruesome detail.

The weekend festivities began on Friday night with our biannual Awards Banquet held at the San Remo. Tamm, instructor in Air Law, and Mr. Fred Krantz, a member of the Board of Visitors, both gentlemen are deeply involved in the Aviation Industry and we are proud to announce their induction as associate members of Alpha Eta Rho.

The traditional "Flying Pickle Finger of Fate" Award found its way into the hands of Bob Anderson for his stirring presentation of "Please don’t take me - I’m a sick man," as portrayed to the Kappa Pledge class during their search for Road worthy Brothers.

Following the Banquet a number of Brothers traveled to the Plaza Hotel to serve as ushers for the Paul Harvey ceremonies while the remainder continued...

SIGMA CHI DELTA

BY JIM BRADLEY

The Brothers of Sigma Chi Delta had an eventful and most successful weekend.

A cocktail party hosted by Brothers Steve Avery and Jim Bradley was held Saturday night before the Christmas Dance. All Brothers were present with dates and the evening was commenced in an appropriate manner. The entire fraternity then attended the dance and from all comments received, enjoyed themselves immensely.

On a more serious matter, Brother John Delafosse, who was in Jacksonville for the weekend, had a conference with Mr. John Smith, Florida’s Grand Praetor for Sigma Chi Fraternity. Mr. Smith seems to be highly impressed with our efforts to establish Sigma Chi here at ERAI. He has given us a great deal of support in his capacity as Grand Praetor. He has advised us that we may possibly have our charter within nine months, which is a great honor since the usual time for petitioning is between two and three years.

Sigma Chi Delta also has received a letter from Mr. Milton Caniff. Mr. Caniff, as well as being a nationally famous cartoonist, is a Sigma Chi Alumnus held in the highest esteem. ERAI students should be familiar with him since he is also a member of the Gill Robb Wilson Memorial Committee. Mr. Caniff, praising ERAI profoundly has offered his full support to our efforts in petitioning Sigma Chi for a national charter. The Brothers of Sigma Chi Delta are forever indebted to Mr. Caniff.

Last week in the AVION we published the names of our Brothers with the deletion of two tentative members. We are proud to announce the acceptance of these Brothers: They are Sid Barling and Terry Owens.

SIGMA PHI DELTA

BY BRUCE ROZETT

With the end of the trimester in sight, everyone is pretty busy. Last Friday was the day our pledges have been waiting for — Hell Night. Both pledges showed excellent spirit and Brotherhood, and finished the night in high spirits. Both Dan Smock and Mike Vuolo will be initiated as Brothers at the beginning of next trimester: Congratulations Men!

A cocktail party for our graduating Brother, Chuck Angel, was held Saturday night at the Fraternity house. We are really sorry to lose Chuck and his family and we wish them the Best of Luck in the future. Most Brothers left the cocktail party to attend the SGA Christmas Dance, and judging from the smiles in the house Sunday, everyone enjoyed themselves.

Our football team was outmatched on Sunday by the Jets. It was an even game during the first half but we were missing six players and had not enough guys to play the whole game. But they deserved their victory.

Since this is the last column of the trimester we want to wish everyone a happy Holiday Season.

See you next trimester from the Professionals.
This last weekend the Vets had a very successful dinner and held its first annual Awards Banquet. Richard Martucci was given numerous awards as Founding President. Other founding officers, Gene Le Clair, and Jerry Berndt were also given special recognition. Certificates of Awards went to Sherm Bruce and Dave Croakman for their outstanding work in the Association. Along with this, the officers were installed for next year. Don Kuhfuss is the new President, Bob Stambowski Internal VP, Matt Greer External VP, Kent George Secretary, and Rich Acee is the new treasurer.

After an eventful dinner with such dignitaries present as Mr. Ness, Dean Spears, Mr. & Mrs. Mansfield, it was off to the Desert Inn for what turned out to be "the best damn dance this school has ever had." The music was "loud" and the booze ran freely. In general, a great time was had by a capacity crowd.

Maybe now that the water is over the dam, and the SGA is working with each other instead of against each other, their efforts can be appreciated by the Student Body. Congratulations on a fine job SGA.

Announcements of meetings for the spring trimester will be posted when school starts again in January.

Merry Christmas to all from the Vets Association.

Administration Denials

Daytona Beach... (Humor-FP)
The Embry-Riddle Efficiency Department charge of "gross overstaffing throughout the administration" was fervently denied today by the spokesman for Vice-President in charge of Administration Denials. Wally Beechcroft, a special administrative assistant to the Dean of Intra-departmental Relations, read a list of counter-charges in a prepared press release. Later Beechcroft commented, "Anyone who thinks the administration is overstaffed, has never seen the Pentagon." Strangely no person could be found to refute Beechcroft's claim at this writing.

Meanwhile the Efficiency Department announced the hiring of three staff workers to complete the investigation of overstaffing at ERAF.
SHEPHERD HAS AN ATTITUDE PROBLEM

BY GARY ANDERSON

One of the Fraternities on campus bought a German Shepherd to keep them company and to provide a fearsome mascot that they could take to athletic events.

The other day while I was walking downtown, I ran into one of their members who was walking Bullwhip (that's the dog's name).

"Hi, Wally, is that Bullwhip?"
"Yes, that's him."
"How old is he now?"
"Four months."
"Purr."
"Did you say something?"
"No."
"I think your dog purred."
"No, you must be mistaken."
"Purr."
"There it is again; your dog purred; he really purred!"
"Well, he's had a cold and..."

About that time, Bullwhip saw another dog walking down the street and he headed for the nearest tree and started climbing. Wally was horrified.

"Bullwhip, come down here."
"Meow."

"Wally, your dog thinks that he's a cat."
"I guess the secret had to come out sometime. He's a little confused. I think his mother was scared by a Siamese or something."
"How are you going to get him to come down?"
"He won't; he knows how to climb but not how to get down."

About fifteen minutes later the fire truck got there.

"We understand that you have an animal in the tree. What is it a cat or a monkey?"
"It's a German Shepherd."

After a while, they got Bullwhip down.

"Gary, you wouldn't tell anyone around school about this would you? He needs understanding, not ridicule."
"Are you kidding? This is the funniest thing I've ever heard of. How could your Fraternity ever keep a dog who thinks that he's a cat? I'll tell the whole world about it."

When I got home, our Fraternity cat was waiting for me at the door.

"Chirp."
"Hey, George, the cat's out of his cage again!"

MERRY CHRISTMAS, FELLA!~
MARTY'S TEN POINT PLAN

Ed. The opinions in this article do not reflect those of the majority of the AVTON staff.

BY MARTY STILLING

The damned Commie faggot hippies are trying to take over this country - and nobody's doing anything to stop them.

What's happening to America? Nobody respects anyone else's rights anymore? Except the little guys, like me. I believe in the United States Government. I'm not like those radical Commie long-haired queer hippies and yippies, who are trying to destroy everything this country stands for.

You see these hippies and yippies complaining about everything. They're trying to help the colored people. They run around naked at their music festivals. They even criticize our boys fighting overseas. Why, if I were 30 years younger I might go over to Vietnam and fight myself.

My neighbor's son got killed in Vietnam, fighting for his country. I don't think there's a greater sacrifice a man can make than giving up his son's life for his country.

I know I'm not as smart as some of those long-haired college professors who encourage the students to riot and destroy our college campuses, and don't offer anything constructive for helping our society. But I've been thinking, and I have a constructive plan to help get rid of the communists and undesirable elements in America once and for all:

TEN POINTS

1. Anybody who says anything publicly against our government should be thrown in jail. The President and Vice-President are doing the best job that they know how. And if the Left-Wing press guys like Walter Cronkite and David Brinkley keep speaking out against them, they should be kicked out of the country.

2. Take away the guns from all of the black people who are shooting at our police and causing internal dissension, and don't allow any of them to buy any weapons.

3. Have the police or Army undercover agents keep a secret 24-hour watch on anybody they think might be a traitor or planning something subversive. They could just move right into apartments or dormitories without the students or hippies knowing.

4. We could get rid of all the hippies taking pot and LSD by just having police raid the student dorms and apartments by surprise.

5. If any hippies or Communists like this conspiracy & get acquitted, after we all know they are guilty, then the government should find a court that WILL convict them.

6. If the police know any hippie is a troublemaker but they can't prove it right away, they should just lock up the hippies anyway.

7. The politicians could make sure we have judges who feel like we all do about the hippies and yippies. The judges could just handle everything then.

8. The SDS Hippies who go around rioting should be fined so much by the judges that their rich suburban parents would go bankrupt. Then they could lock up these undesirable elements and throw away key.

9. If at any time we decent citizens think the government is falling down on its job, we should be able to get together and force out anyone in the community who works against the majority rule.

10. In times of emergency or internal strife, like now, the Government should be able to order all citizens to obey it no matter what it asks. We should help our government - not work against it.

My ten point plan would really work to clean up the student unrest and hippies rioting. After we put it into effect, we could send all the radicals and freaks to Russia. See how they like it there, with no individual rights. Then they'd respect America and what it stands for.

God Bless America
Save it from those who try to destroy it.

Love---Marty Stilling---
BFTS HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

BY HAROLD KOSOLA

On November 5th, the annual dinner meeting of the BFTS No. 5 personnel was held at the Sweden House in Miami, Florida. The BFTS No. 5 (British Flight Training School, No. 5) is the Flight School Embry Riddle operated during World War II, at Riddle Field in Clewiston, Florida. The attendance was made up of approximately forty ex-Embry Riddle Flight Instructors who taught British Fliers during the war. These British Fliers were from England, New Zealand, Australia, Jamaica and other British possessions and were given basic, primary and advanced flight training from 1941 to 1945.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Frank Veltri, the secretary of the American side. Some of the guests in attendance were Mr. John Paul Riddle, founder of Embry Riddle, Mr. Len Povey who was ER general manager during WW II, and who is famous for "inventing" the Cuban Eight, Aerobatic Maneuver. Also in attendance was Mr. Jack Hunt present President of Embry Riddle, and yours truly, Harold Kosola.

The main topic for discussion was organizing the reunion of the ex-RAF Fliers from England who are planning on coming over next October. Present plans are that forty ex-RAF Pilots will be arriving on October 3rd, 1970 and return two weeks later in a letter from Tony Lindfield, the organizer from across the creek, he suggested that if the ER Alumni Association should have their convention during the time that they're over here, a good date would be October 10, 1970.

One of the transportation problems in coming to America were high costs. Mr. Len Povey and other officials of Eastern Airlines, Pan American and National (all former ER personnel) suggested that they well check into getting the cost down on air transportation. It was also suggested that the people in attendance to this meeting (mainly from the Miami area) put up the ex-RAF in their homes when they arrive. It was brought up that a trip to Clewiston for a visit to the old airfield (Airplanes on Miami sectional) would bring back many memories. It would consist of a one day affair with a barbecue and tour of the old campus (it's still there and some buildings in use) and topped off with a dinner at the once popular Clewiston Inn. The Clewiston Chamber of Commerce, Jay-Cee's and the U.S. Sugar Corp. of Clewiston would be contacted for their support.

One of the members brought up that the first part of October might be a bad time, weather-wise, since it's the later part of the rainy season. This was agreed upon and Tony Lindfield would be contacted to see if he could change the dates to the later part of October or first of November.

Mr. Veltri brought up that among the membership of their group, there were two books being written about the years at Riddle Field in Clewiston. One written by Tony Lindfield about the RAF side of the story, and one written by an ex-Embry Riddle instructor about the American side of the story. This American side of the story book is now at the publishers and should be out at the end of December.

Tony Lindfield sent a box of ties to be sold among the members of the American side. They are dark blue in color and have the insignia of the No. 5 RAF, in white, on the tie.

Frank Veltri will be sending the ER Alumni Association a copy of their mailing list.

It would be desirable in having the ER Alumni Association's Annual Convention during the time the forty ex-RAF Embry Riddle Alumni have their reunion with their instructors in 1970. Any ideas or thoughts concerning the convention will be welcomed.

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Grades are basically a means of evaluating a student's progress, but in recent years marks have become so important they have become an end in themselves. Competition for grades has become so intense that many students and educators feel we have lost sight of real goals of our educational system. Because of this feeling, many colleges and universities are experimenting with the pass/fail system.

Princeton has gone beyond the experimental stage. A student is now allowed to take one course a year without getting the usual number grade. Princeton uses this system to get students to take courses they would normally fear. Students can take courses in fields not related to their major without fear of a low grade hurting their average.

CalTech has its entire freshman class on the pass/fail system. With the pressure of comparative grades removed, the freshmen dropout rate has gone from 20 to 14 percent. The freshmen Dean of Students.

Poster Strong commented, "Students are developing into self-made scholars rather than grade getters."

Industry has become interested in the new system. The Ford Foundation has sponsored a program at six schools, where select students study without required courses attendance, credits or marks.

The pass/fail system is spreading and many educators believe that marks are unnecessary and that the future will bring an end to the numerical grading system. One of these educators is Linden Summers, a Professor of Education and a University counselor. "Grading is an outdated, hoary tradition, said Summers. "Professors play a game of grades, a guerilla war with their students...if a man can't become a student on his own we shouldn't be in the position of whipping him into being one."

Directions...for best results this article should be read at three o'clock in the morning while the student is cramming for his next final exam.
THE NIGHT BEFORE FINALS

By TERRY STEVENS

Twas the night before finals and all through the dorm,
Every student was cramming
In true Riddle form.

The crib sheets were strewn from the desk to the floor,
And in the time that was left there were bound to be more.

"This course is a bitch!"
Said one guy in dismay.
"Keep writin'" said his friend
"Or we'll all flunk today!"

At quarter past three they sent out a scout
to Royal Catstle and Mac's and all round about.

Four burgers, three shakes, two fries and a coke;
They'd had dinner at six, but that was a joke.

Stuffed peppers with noodles and cold hash in a cup
From Holiday Inn would take anyone to throw up!

The teachers were snuggled all warm in their beds
While visions of grade curves passed through their heads.

True-False and matching, those anyone could pass;
Now essay tests, boy, that'd get their a_-

Now rings the alarm clock - no time left to study!
Into the test room go the victim and his buddy.

Like Christians to the lions they go to their doom;
No one can save them once they enter that room.

And all of them know that next tri it'll be better -
They'll work and they'll study and real eager go-getters.

But you know and I know they'll still have to cram,
'Cause when next term roles around, they just won't give a damn!!
FINALS

"I'm afraid you have symptoms of the flu!"

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