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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 airmen, 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 COMMENCEMENT 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.

the president's corner

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. Have a happy Holiday Season and anyone returning to Christmas Country let me know how beautiful a fresh snow fall still is.

Jerry Berndt
President
Student Government
Association

Suggestion Boxes

A LIVE LETTER

Being an observant person, I have noticed a 'steady decline in the quality of food served at a certain restaurant-cafeteria, not to mention names, of course. It is not unlikely that upon returning to my humble domicile, after gulping my craw with this wholesome food, mild stomach pains wrack my comfort. I also find that I frequent the toilet much more often usual. Headaches seem to occur in shorter intervals. At first, "It is only me," scoffed I. But I noticed that other gents who visit the same kitchen have been complaining of the same symptoms. I don't know, maybe it's a small plague, maybe it's nothing. I only wish I had a choice in "Naming My Poison."!

Mad Russian

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TO THE AVION

I believe that the students have a responsibility to let the people in power know exactly how we

By Linda Larsen

"Just when a fella gets to feeling blasé, something comes along to make things all right again". So said Mr. Paul Harvey after his ride around the Daytona Speedway Friday, December 5. "Now I know what I want for Christmas," he continued, "my own race track".

Embry-Riddle was honored to have Mr. Harvey in our midst Friday for the Gill Robb Wilson ceremonies and to hear him speak at the Presentation that night. The hour and three minutes he spoke were quickly passed as he held an audience at his will - aroused by his facts and appeal to "clean up Main Street, U.S.A." and his opinions and statistics on the Vietnam War, then stired by his tender and compassionate account of Gill Robb Wilson and the airmen of his era - the pioneers of the jet age pilot - as he ended this 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 our way.

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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.

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

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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 bypple.

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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 McConnel, who was so impressed with the program of the buildings 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.

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and proceeded to the site of the new GSW Aeronautical Science Center. The dedication was short and simple and lasted but fifteen minutes.

Perhaps the most frivolous, yet most sincere event of the day was the cocktail party - social hour which took place at the Daytona Plaza just prior to Paul Harvey's speech. The atmosphere at the party nearly escapes description of a young student, for so many of the guests present were old timers in aviation - men and women who were flying when "Slim" Lindberg crossed the Atlantic, or when Amelia Earhart first learned to fly.

As I roamed about the room conversing with many historians I soon found myself amidst a reunion of airmen who had been students at Embry-Riddle in Cincinnati in 1926! Furthermore, several were "quiet Birdmen", members of that organization of real old-time airmen. Many students present Friday night felt that listening to a few words of wisdom from these ancient airmen was more educational than any chapter in a modern textbook.

At 8:30 the crowd moved into the Auditorium to hear Paul Harvey's address. Nearly 1300 persons were fortunate enough to attend, for Paul Harvey is even more dynamic in person than on radio or TV. Mr. Harvey's ability to capture his audience in an aura of understanding befits his tall stature, which dominates the stage. The underlying theme of the evening was "When America ceases to be good, America will cease to be great." Mr. Harvey pondered the fate of the three problems we are faced with today: the unwon war, inflation and crime and peppered the audience with his doctrine of beginning with a mop, broom and hoe to clean up Main St., USA before cleaning up the rest of the world. To this presentation, the audience responded with two standing ovations and 18 rounds of applause.

When it was all over, the Embry-Riddle community felt reassured that the students of ER, present
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 Hokeck, Paul Carpenella, Bruce Mueller, Carl Hoffer, 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. Watch for more information pertaining to these activities when you return from your Christmas break.

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**PERSIANS VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONS**

**BY PAT LEE**

Persisting undefeated throughout the season, the well organized and brilliant Persians arose above the 10 other teams in the league to capture the championship. They had plenty of competition, however, from the Ball Busters and Tumbled Ballers who came in 2nd and 3rd in league competition respectively. Marty Stillinger, Walter Fraser, Andy Potaczala, Hiljan Trojace, Abade Naghsudi and Fred Sharifi are the men to be congratulated for the Persians winning season. Intramural volleyball will again be offered next trimester but will be better organized. Each team will play all the others once than once to eliminate any disputes over who is the best. Watch for more information at the beginning of next trimester.

**SOCCEP BRIEFS**

**BY MARTY STILLING**

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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: Jan Jose State (10-1), Michigan State (7-1-1), Maryland (7-1-2), Northern Illinois (10-0-1), Hartford (6-1-1), Springfield (1-0-1), 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, and each story was constructed in gruesome detail.

The weekend festivities began on Friday night with our biannual Awards Banquet held at the San Remo. First on the agenda was the formal presentation of certificates and wings to our four new Brothers: Jim Frye, Ed Briggs, Bruce Cook, and Dick Angel. Following, Associate Memberships were bestowed on Mr. Tamm, instructor in Air Law; 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 on page 8.

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**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.

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**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 reports turned in on 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.
V.A. EVENTS

BY DAVE CROAKMAN

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 4wlrds 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 all.

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.

ALPHA ETA RHC CONT'D

tributed to the audience population. The festivities went smoothly and Mr. Harvey’s distinctive style and insightful views provided a very enjoyable hour of listening.

Sunday night was the annual United Nations pageant at Peabody Auditorium and once again the Brohers donned usher badges to top off the week’s schedule of events.

Upcoming:

A lot of studying, a long drive home, and a lets get the hell out of here party on Saturday night.

Since this is the last issue of the AVION this year, the membership would like to wish everyone a safe and speedy trip home and the happiest of Holiday Seasons. See you all next year.

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ADMINISTRATION DENIALS

DAYTONA BEACH... (HUMOR-FP)

The Embry-Riddle Efficien-

The Embry-Riddle Department charge of "gross, overstaffing throughout the administration" was fervently denied today by the spokesman for Vice-President in charge of Administration Denials. Wally Beechcraft, a special administrative assistant to the Dean of Intra-departmental Relations, read a list of counter-charges in a prepared press release. Later Beechcraft commented, "Anyone who thinks the administration is overstaf-

fenced, has never seen the Pentagon." Strangely no person could be found to refute Beechcraft's claim at this writing.

Meanwhile the Efficiency Department announced the hiring of three staff workers to complete the investigation of overstaff-

ing at ERAI.

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ERVA WIVES

BY MRS. DAVID CROAKMAN

This Sunday, December 14th, the Veteran’s Wife Auxiliary will have in the Embry-Riddle Student Center a Christmas party for the 105 Headstart children of Volusia County. We have numerous gifts, candy cookies and stockings graciously donated by the merchants of Daytona Beach Holly hill, and Ormond Beach. It will be a hap-

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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 ferocious 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'S
MARTY'S TEN POINT PLAN

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

BY MARTY STILLING

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

What's happening to America? Nobody respects anybody else's rights anymore? Except the little guys, like me. I believe in America once and for all.

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 Winchell 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 Stillings——.
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 near World War II, Riddle Field in Clewiston, Florida. The attendance was made up of approximately forty ex-Embry Riddle personnel. It was brought up that a trip to Clewiston for a visit to the old airfield (Airglades 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 BFTS, 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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Christmas, HUM-MUG, Last year some old man put a puppy in my stocking. Trouble is I was still wearing it!
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, learning. 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 freshman Dean of Students Foster 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 guerrilla 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.

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THE NIGHT BEFORE FINALS

By TERRY STEVENS & PAUL VARGO

'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 Castle 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 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; New 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 be 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!!

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By Jan Collins

Daytona Tower...request you tell the little fat man who just out in from of us with the red sleigh that we were number one to land!