

Paper pilot wins sportscar

Flies six planes through sun roof

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Of the Emerald

After finals, one University student will celebrate by driving a 1983 Datsun 280-Z off a local new car lot.

University junior Abbas Sayah may not ace all of his exams, but he apparently earned a "four point" in the art of folding and flying paper airplanes — and winning sportscars.

Using techniques he learned as a boy in Iran and more than \$90 worth of paper, Sayah landed six paper airplanes through the sun roof of the sportscar sitting in the middle of McArthur Court in the Muscular Dystrophy "Fly-In" Saturday.

Sayah's win foiled predictions that an expert in origami, the art of paper-folding, would be the first to sail a plane through the sunroof.

The 11-hour "Fly-In" brought in more than \$3,000, which will go toward Muscular Dystrophy research and patient service, said Robert Anders, a representative of the organization.

Anders said the day-long event was "absolutely fantastic."

"Next year it will be a whole different routine," said Ander, because Saturday's contest, which drew more spectators than paper-airplane pilots, was a first annual event.

After a slow start and a small stream of airplane flyers trickling in and out of the basketball arena, the tempo quickened, when someone landed a plane under the sportscar.

Minutes later, news cameras caught Marist High School student Mike Rademacher

as he glided the first paper plane onto the car's red velvet seat.

After 20 airplanes hit the bull's eye Saturday night, the names of the plane flyers were placed into a hat, and a 9-year-old girl watching the event from the sidelines drew the winner, Anders said.

Last year in a similar contest in North Bend, a man from Coos Bay spent \$100 and won a brand new car, said Laurie McKendrick, a Muscular Dystrophy representative.

Hutchins Datsun of Springfield provided the \$17,000 car, and representatives said the winner must pay state and federal tax on the car as well as the \$29 fee to transfer the title.

Muscular Dystrophy will pay for the car using an insurance policy, McKendrick said.

Only contestants who purchased paper for \$1 at McArthur Court or 7-Eleven stores, one of the "Fly-In" sponsors, qualified to enter the contest. KZEL also supported the event.

Some participants "scoped out the situation" from the second balcony of McArthur Court, calculated the distance and even pinned their hopes on a long-shot throw to the target below.

A University computer science major said his high-tech background didn't help. "I couldn't get my computer to give me any statistics," he lamented.

Others plunged in immediately hoping their childhood memories wouldn't fail them.

"It's only been 26 or 27 years since I've built one of these," said one plane-flying hopeful as his last throw stalled and nose-dived 10 feet away from the runway.

Russian, physics profs awarded

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Two University faculty members praised by their students for rigorous academic standards and for an enthusiastic, yet strict, approach to teaching will receive the 1983 Ersted Awards for Distinguished teaching.

Paul Csonka, physics professor, and Fruim Yurevich, Russian senior instructor, will receive the awards at the University's 106th commencement set for 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Hayward Field.

The Ersted Awards are given annually to encourage and

reward exceptional teaching. Winners receive a \$1,000 cash prize made possible by a trust fund created by the late A.J. Ersted of Atherton, Calif.

Csonka teaches both non-major and advanced graduate courses. He is a member of the Institute of Theoretical Science and directs graduate studies for the physics department.

Yurevich, a native of the Soviet Union, is a tenured senior instructor. He immigrated to the United States in 1975 and joined the University faculty the same year.

In 1977, he developed a course on Soviet life and culture which has since taught three terms per year.

Hotchkiss tabs reporter for Emerald board spot

ASUO Pres. Mary Hotchkiss has appointed Richard Burr, a senior majoring in political science and journalism, to be an ASUO representative on the Oregon Daily Emerald Board of Directors.

Burr fills one of two vacancies left by board Chairer Jim Edmundson, who graduated from law school in May, and board Secretary Ann Portal, whose term ended May 25.

Hotchkiss has not selected a second two-year appointee to the 10-member board.

Burr was Emerald associate editor for student government this year and a freelance writer in the same area last year.

He joins Dane Claussen, who was elected to an at-large board position during the student body elections, as the second of three ASUO representatives on the board.

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