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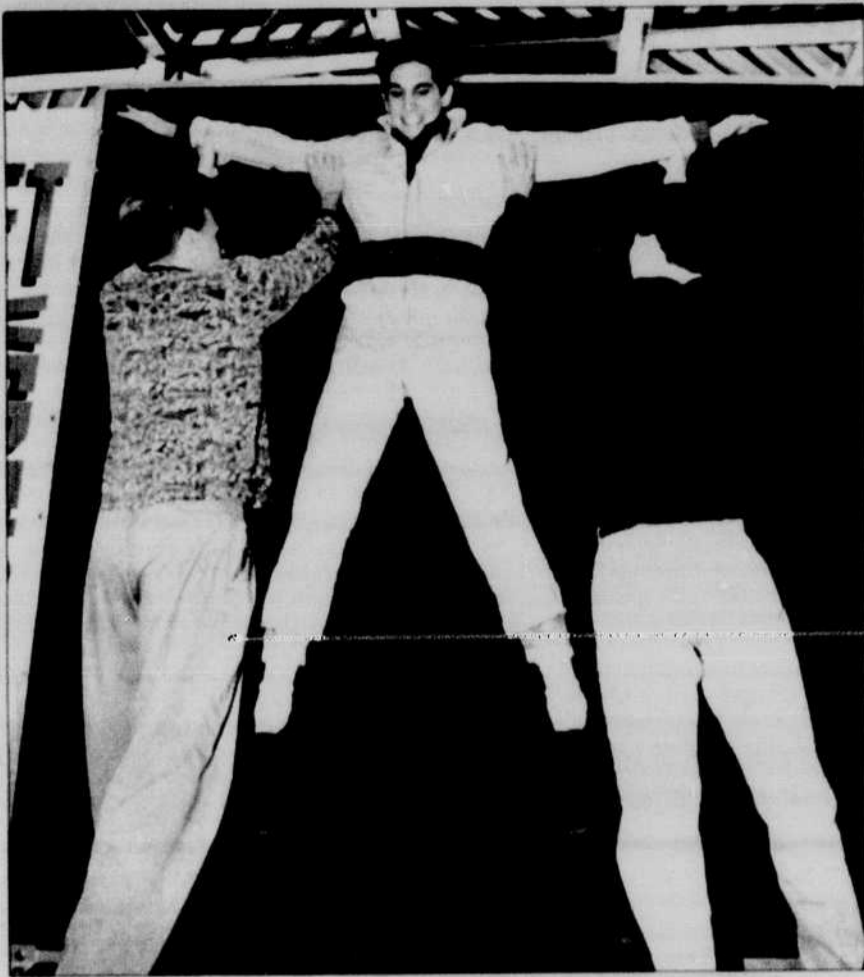


Photo by Michael Shindler

Undeclared freshman Peter Vellutini discovered the gripping power of Velcro. Velcro wall-jumping was a feature attraction at the EMU Main Desk's open house Friday. "It was a once in a lifetime experience," Vellutini said. "I can't wait to write home to my parents about it."

TWA jet plunges 20,000 feet

ATLANTA (AP) — A TWA flight from New York to Atlanta plunged 20,000 feet in a controlled dive after the jet lost cabin pressure.

None of the 79 people aboard Flight 191 Saturday were injured, and the Boeing 727 landed safely and on schedule.

The pilot, who did not give his name, told passengers — including an Associated Press reporter — he had been forced to drop from 33,000 feet to 13,000 feet after losing cabin pressure.

TWA officials in Atlanta and at the company's headquarters in St. Louis did not return repeated telephone calls from

the AP requesting information.

The plane had been flying smoothly when it suddenly began a steep dive about 1 p.m.

Moments later, after passengers began glancing nervously around, oxygen masks dropped from the overhead bins and cabin attendants shouted, "Put them on! Put them on!"

After leveling off about four or five minutes later, the captain told passengers they could remove the oxygen masks and explained that the cabin had lost pressure.

Experts dispute claims that Army discovered flying saucer in 1947

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Both sides in a UFO debate remain light years apart nearly half a century after the Army briefly claimed it had recovered a flying disc in New Mexico.

About 200 experts and enthusiasts at a weekend conference agreed the 1947 announcement about an unidentified flying object in Roswell, Texas, was a big mistake. They disagreed heatedly over how the mistake was made.

"The many rumors regarding the flying disc became a reality yesterday when the intelligence office of the 509th Bomb Group ... was fortunate enough to gain possession of the disc," the Army release said.

Skeptics say there is no hard evidence the wreckage was anything other than the remains of a military balloon. That was the Army's final explanation.

"It was a big embarrassment," UFO debunker Philip J. Klass said at the national meeting of the Committee for the Scien-

tific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal.

CSICOP, based in Buffalo, N.Y., encourages the critical investigation of paranormal and fringe-science claims from a responsible scientific point of view, the group said.

The release was issued on the authority of an intelligence officer who was unable to identify the wreckage, said Klass, former senior editor of *Aviation Week and Space Technology*.

But some researchers believe the government goofed in 1947 by calling attention to the find — and has had to cover it up ever since.

"It was no ... weather balloon," was the deathbed declaration of an eyewitness, said Donald R. Schmitt, co-author of *UFO Crash at Roswell* and director of special investigations at the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies in Chicago.

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