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PRE-SEMESTER STATUS REPORT

PHYSICAL STATE: NORMAL

EMOTIONAL STATE: NEUTRAL LEANING NEGATIVE

ENVIRONMENT: CLEAN





FUN FACT: THE STRONGEST INDICATOR OF WELL-BEING IS THE STATE OF MY HANDS

GROUP PLACEMENT THE DAYTON AVIATION HERITAGE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK



THE PROMPT

The Wright Brothers were once inspired by the "puddle jumper," a hand-propelled flying toy. Contemporary versions of this toy are now handed out to the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park visitor to demonstrate some aspects of the principles of flight. Yet, those puddle jumpers are made of single-use plastic and do not promote sustainable practices. How do we continue educating about flying principals, share the heritage of the Wright Brothers, and mass produce a sustainable product?

NOTE: After our first meeting, Ryan (our partner) was amiable to a broader prompt NEW PROMPT

HOW MIGHT WE DESIGN SOMETHING FOR THE PARK THAT INSPIRES VISITORS ABOUT AVIATION? ROUND ONE:

FIRST VISIT

Once we got our assignments, Maria and I decided to visit Dayton and the park right before the semester really got started. We both wanted to experience the park as normal visitors before going in as researchers or designers. We figured it was important to get to know the park in as many roles as possible.



Selfie in front of Wright Brothers' porch

Looking at interactives in Wright Dunbar and Huffman Interpretive Centers FUN FACT: We also visited the Air Force Museum

THE RESEARCH PLAN

I really didn't know what I wanted to do for this project going in. This was before we met with Ryan so all I had to go off of was, 'Create a new eco-friendly flying toy.' In some ways I found making a plan so early really unhelpful because I knew it would change drastically as we got further into the project. At the time of creation, I was more curious about the environment in which the park exists. I had been to Dayton before and it always felt like such a ghost town, I was surprised that there was this sprawling park hiding in plain sight. In my mind it was important to know the people that interact with the park if we were to make something for the park.

NOTE: The documents will be linked to the header

THE SURVEY

Per our first meeting with Ryan, I remember asking if speculative design had any place in this project, and somehow I wonder if I subconsciously kept that sentiment with me through this entire project looking back. Since I was still very untethered I decided to include questions that focused on both experiences outside parks and museums and experiences in parks and museums.

I wasn't focused on a certain group of people, just anyone who has gone to a park, zoo, or museum.

I distributed through facebook groups, tumblr, and friends and family.

I was blown away by the amount of responses I got. And I was especially proud of my data poster. Poster and results <u>here</u>.

NEWSPAPER/RESEARCH DOSSIER

Again I was frustrated because it felt like we were putting the cart before the horse. I still didn't have a topic/focus so many of my articles were picked at random. I made sure to look into aviation, museums, and souvenirs. Looking back, I am grateful we did start doing secondary research so early in the process. I kind of liked the freedom to research whatever I wanted so long as I related it back to the prompt.



My conjectures from each section. I tried to have a balance of ideas that were in the park and ideas that could be taken outside the park

SECOND VISIT

We went back to the park for our tour with our partner, Ryan showing us around. It was incredible to hear from an insider what it takes to run the park, seeing the offices and employee spaces, and just being able to pick his brain about all kinds of small facts about the ins and outs of the park. This was the first time I saw the Dunbar House and the Wright Estate.



HERE ARE THE NOTES I TOOK ON THAT TRIP





Some pictures from the visit

DESIGN BRIEF

By this point I had noticed the topic of manpower come up a lot from talking to Ryan about current attractions in the park and the ones that had to be shut down. If an attraction was shut down, it was either the lack of rangers, the outdated system the attraction ran on, or the inability to get their partners to agree to fixing it. Making something that could run without the need for a ranger was something that started to take shape in my mind. I also fixated on storytelling, and if there were other ways to tell the Wright Brothers' story without the need for so much reading and watching. It just seemed so dull for the story of flight.

You'll notice a huge jump between my first and second draft in terms of topic. It was thanks to my further exploration that I was able to narrow my topic down.

INTERMISSION AT OSU GALLERIES AND FRANKLIN PARK CONSERVATORY

By this point I was starting to sweat a little at having no clear vision for this project. We were recommended to not just visit the park but other parks and museums as well to get a feel for different interactions and experiences within the same contextual space. So we visited Orton Hall's Geological Museum, the Thompson Library Gallery, and the Franklin Park Conservatory.













ORTON GEOLOGICAL MUSEUM

FUN FACT: WE WENT TO EVERY DIFFERENT PARK/MUSEUM IN THE SAME DAY. IT WAS A LONG DAY. CAN'T SAY I FELT ESPECIALLY INSPIRED AT THE OSU LOCATIONS.





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THOMPSON GALLERY





MIDDLE OF PREPARING FOR AUTUMN. EVERYTHING WAS ABSOLUTELY STUNNING.





FRANKLIN PARK CONSERVATORY











I WAS FASCINATED WITH THE CHILDREN'S PARK. THEY HAD SO MANY GREAT EXAMPLES OF ATTRACTIONS FROM MUSIC GARDENS TO AROMATIC HERBS TO NATURAL PLAYGROUNDS.











THIRD VISIT

Now that I had some kind of idea I decided to turn to the other rangers to get an idea about attendance, types of visitors, and their personal perspective on working at the park.

I had the opportunity to interview two rangers. I was fortunate in unknowingly setting up an interview with the ranger in charge of the pop-up programs, the focus of my entire project.

I also had an impromptu interview with one of the volunteers in Carillon.





QUESTIONS FOUND <u>HERE</u> NOTES FOUND <u>HERE</u> AND <u>HERE</u> AUDIO <u>HERE</u> AND <u>HERE</u>

THIRD VISIT cont.

Seeing as we were designing something for the visitors of the park and we (My peers and I) were too deep in the project to be unbiased, I took my parents to the park and followed them for ethnographic style research. This trip was the most enlightening, it felt as though the fog had lifted from my mind. The pieces just suddenly all fell into place: the lack of manpower, the dismal after-visit experience, the confusing visuals and directions, and the feedback that echoed these sentiments.









ONCE I GOT BACK FROM THE VISIT I LAID OUT MY FINDINGS ONTO AN EXPERIENCE TIMELINE. I THEN HIGHLIGHTED ALL THE PAIN POINTS IN PINK AND ALL THE GOOD MOMENTS IN BLUE.





GANTT CHART

I understand the importance of the chart and being able to look at every task for the rest of the project at a glance but again this was difficult for me to do because I know I change my mind on the dime. Regardless I did it and tried to pay extra attention to the time I'd take for concept development because I knew that mattered a lot to my project.



This is the first version

This is the second version for the mid-point review



This was fun to write and more helpful to my personal workflow because I was able to fully write out my experiences and points behind my research in a storyline format. Also, it was at this point in the project that I knew exactly what I was doing and what I wanted.

Op-Ed: The Struggle to Engage After the Visit

By Avery Caiazza - September 28, 2023

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ADDITIONAL WORKS

I made sure to check in with Seb every time I finished a big chunk of research or reached a conclusion and needed to make a big decision to keep him in the loop of my progress. It was during one of these talks that he recommended I look into extra conjecture analysis. So I created extra conjectures and analyzed them on pros, cons, issues, and opportunities.

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These were the conjectures based on things that could be taken out of the park

ADDITIONAL WORKS cont.



These were the conjectures based on things that could be done in park

RESEARCH PRESENTATION

Part One's big presentation. I really had to workshop the ideas I wanted to show into an understandable timeline. The theme is something I've carried up to the end, with the colors based on the Wright Flight Company (The Wright Brothers' airplane company) colors and the font based on the font used, or as close as I could get it.





SCRIPT HERE

FUN FACT: THE REASON I SOUNDED LIKE I WAS GASPING WITH EVERY BREATH WAS BECAUSE I WAS SO ANXIOUS I LEGITIMATELY THOUGHT I MIGHT PASS OUT.

FEEDBACK

I was blown away by the positive feedback I received. I had watched as the day had gone by, how every detail was nitpicked, every plot hole found and put under a microscope. While I was confident in my work, as Plato put it in our first week's reading, 'You don't know what you don't know.' Most of the response I got just asked me to think about the finer details, something I would naturally hammer down in the coming weeks.



Maria was kind enough to document for me to review after

CONCEPTUALIZING

BRAINSTORMS

We got a few days off before we jumped into conceptualization. It started with group brainstorm sessions. I felt constricted working on my iPad so almost all of my sketches are on paper.



The first brainstorm session

An out of class brainstorm with Maria

COLLABORATIONS



My peers were very enthusiastic about putting something in the park per my explanation of my topic. I got a lot of feedback on how we might scale flight down to a personal level. From giant zoetropes to flight simulators, they were great for fostering ideas.

Even though I was thinking more about an attraction inside the park, I sketched out some ideas for souvenirs or things that could be taken outside the park to make sure I kept my options open. It was too soon to completely ignore that aspect.









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Even though I did divide my time between souvenirs and attractions, I spent more time exploring attractions for their larger nature. I am comfortable creating small products (especially soft goods) that I wanted to push myself into thinking up something that couldn't fit in my hand.





















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I freaked out in the middle of brainstorming feeling like I wasn't doing enough so I kept pushing myself to keep coming up with new ideas, which was not the best idea. The reason I freaked out was because one of my initial ideas was looking really viable but we've been fear mongered and threatened too much about using first ideas that I kept going and going and I should have realized this and stopped myself. Instead I kept going getting recycled ideas and useless analysis charts.

Eventually I conceded with myself and pushed one of my initial ideas further. The reason I chose this one is because I felt that being able to move your body and embody flight were important feelings to leave with visitors. It ticked all the boxes for my research (location, immersion, self operational, interaction) along with being able to tell a kinetic story of the Wright Brothers. You need to put in the effort to get off the ground. It might take some time and it may hurt but you have to keep going to fly.













FUN FACT: I WAS GOING TO MAKE THE AXIS THE HONEY LOCUST TREE THE WRIGHT BROTHERS FLEW AROUND, ALONG WITH A SUN SHADER. THESE WERE SCRAPPED A) IN FAVOR OF FOCUSING ON MODERN AVIATION AND B) THEY BLOCKED THE SKY

FORMATIVE ASSESSMENTS

One of my biggest hurdles was making the Aero-Loop ergonomic, so my formative assessments echoed that. I struggled most with what the cart/vessel would look like.



Some photos of the day I did my formative assessments. One of which we went to some playgrounds and the other in which we used an office chair to test how best to get on the cart/vessel.

Notes here









MID-POINT REVIEW

By this point the main body of the Aero-Loop had been decided. The design of the floor (Blue with the 3 Wright Flyers), the axis (Blue and Silver globe), the number of planes (5), and the ideal way to use.










I have so many pages of nothing but planes, plane extractions, simplified planes, miscellaneous flying machines, etc.

Originally my idea was to make every plane the same so here I am trying to make a universal plane carousel cart.

THE PLANE ITERATION CONTINUES



To figure out the ergonomics of the planes once and for all, I went to look for real life examples of using your body as part of the vessel. For example, I went to look at snowboards, sleds, boogie boards, kayaks, paddleboards, and surfboards.



Eventually I figured out that the planes should be no longer than 3 feet long and the main body should be no wider than 20 inches.





THE EPIPHANY

People come to the park to look at real planes and aviation history. Why in the world am I trying to make a single plane shaped thing when I should be looking at the planes they have on display for my inspiration?





A pamphlet that can be found in the Huffman Interpretive Center

A QUESTION OF ETHICS

I struggled with whether or not it was morally right to use war planes, as most of the modern aviation history in the accompanying interpretive center was focused on war planes. However, therein lies the loophole. The park has no qualms displaying and teaching about war planes, so it wouldn't be out of place to use war planes. Also, the Huffman Flying Field, the chosen location, is on Air Force Base ground.

This does not reflect my own stance but for the project it was the best design choice tying the interpretive center, location, and history together.

P-51 MUSTANG



I thought it was important to preserve one of the most iconic fighter planes, along with the plane having a very iconic silhouette. Also, these planes were really decorated compared to modern day war planes, and I wanted to make sure there was not only body diversity but color diversity.

F-111 AARDVARK



F-111 Aardvark was picked for its ability to move the placement of its wings. I decided to combine the shape of when its wings are tucked in and when they're spread out in the final form. The general shape of the nose and placement of the wings stayed the same from real plane to carousel ride.

B-2 SPIRIT



This had a really unique body shape, I just had to include it. The back was simplified for the sake of ergonomics. The white outlines were just so striking.

BOEING C-17





This is the most plane shaped plane of the bunch, which is why I included it. Since all the other planes are distinct planes, I figured one plane should be a generic plane shape to get the whole breadth of plane shapes. However, the little sharp tips of the wings were important to keep it distinguishable.

F-22 RAPTOR



A sleek, modern looking silhouette that rounds out the collection. I thought the stabilizers were important to the visual so I knew they'd be painted on since they can't be part of the physical model.

SCALE





The last thing I had to figure out before diving into physical modeling was the scale of my scale model, and I finally settled on 1:20 where one inch equals 20 inches.

ROUND THREE: PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

LIFE-SCALE PLANE



I modeled out the F-22 in Fusion 360, downloaded the file and sent it to the CDC machine in Hopkins. After break I could pick it up, remove it from the board, sand it down, and start painting. While it can't hold the same shape as the ideal model, it is sized correctly for life-scale.

FUN FACT: WE COULDN'T FIT THE BOARD IN MY DAD'S CAR SO WE HAD TO DRIVE BACK AND FORTH TO PICK UP MY MOTHER'S AND THEN GET IT TO HAYES. IT WAS A LONG DAY AND ALMOST DIDN'T PAN OUT SUCCESSFULLY.



I used an old office chair (My dad has had it since I was a child) for the wheels to mount the finished plane on so it could move the way the actual plane would on the Aero-Loop. I had to add a second small slab of wood to the bottom because the plane is too thin and the screws poked up.

FUN FACT: I DON'T RECOMMEND SANDING WOOD IN YOUR HOUSE. YOU CAN FIND THE PLANE IN ACTION <u>HERE</u>.



I started by modeling out the planes in Fusion based on my scaled sketches.



FUSION 360 cont.

I found a hollow gridded globe on Grabcad, edited it, added the band and modeled out the arms.





FUSION 360 cont.

Looking pretty nice



3D PRINTING



I 3D printed all the parts and sanded them down. Originally I planned to have the globe be able to turn but the supports sizing got messed up and it refused to turn and became too fragile to push unfortunately.

FUN FACT: MY APARTMENT HAS TERRIBLE ELECTRICITY SO MY PRINTER WOULDN'T GET A STRONG ENOUGH CONNECTION AND SHUT OFF MID-PRINT SO MANY TIMES. THANK YOU 210 PRINTERS.

MODEL BASE



The base is a 2x2 foam board I painted white, then painted on the turf. I wanted it to have the texture of turf so I speckled the blue base with different blues, black, and white. Then I mixed salt into my paint and overlaid the speckled layer. I also used my cricut to cut out the Wright Flyers.

PAINT JOB





I handpainted all the parts of the model and I am especially proud of the P-51 Mustang's emblem. After I painted them I sprayed a semi gloss sealer over every piece.

ASSEMBLY



FUN FACT: I WAS SO NERVOUS BECAUSE I HAD TO KEEP SANDING DOWN PIECES TO GET THEM TO FIT.

The planes are in order of the year of their first flight: P-51 Mustang, F-111 Aardvark, B-2 Spirit, C-17, F-22 Raptor



KEYSHOT



I took all my assets into Keyshot to model for my slideshow, video, and to create more refined assets.



SKETCHBOOK

Just some additional assets for video, slideshow, and poster



FUN FACT: I HAVE SO MUCH KNOWLEDGE ON MY PROJECT (I'M IN TOO DEEP) THAT IT WAS DIFFICULT TO WRITE A SUCCINCT BLURB THAT CAPTURES ONLY THE MOST IMPORTANT FACTS



<u>SCRIPT</u>

I got the videos of the park from videos on Youtube, found some not too YouTuber sounding music from Motion Array, and thank every project that my father is a videographer with the tech to support it.





GALLERY WALK



Finally, the day came. The end I never thought I'd actually get to. In some ways I thought it'd never end. I actually felt really engaged in my discussions with both Seb and Will about my project and I really enjoyed the more casual approach. It felt easier to talk about all the ideas and reasons and choices sloshing around in my brain.

PRESENTATION AT DAYTON



And so the second day of reckoning was upon us. Ryan and the park were so good to us. We figured out the technology quickly and were wrapping up by noon. It was a whirlwind of pride and relief. We went for lunch with Ryan and then the Mayor came up and congratulated us.

I printed us all wings with a bowler hat, since we all seemed to gravitate to hats or planes. I printed one for each teammate and Ryan. I also made sure the correct parties received a thank you note and we chipped in for Cheryl's cookies for the park. And this is Maria and I on our way home at the end.





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POST-SEMESTER STATUS REPORT

PHYSICAL STATE: EXHAUSTED

EMOTIONAL STATE: MANIC

ENVIRONMENT: LIKE A CATEGORY FIVE HURRICANE HIT





FUN FACT: I HAVE NEVER HAD SO MANY ABRASIONS, CUTS, AND BURNS ON MY HANDS AT THE SAME TIME



