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The Writing Center announces two contests: one for E101 classes, one for "R" requirement classes.

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Dean Powers cleverly relates our everyday lives to the characters from a familiar comic strip.

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HABITAT HOUSE GETS BOOST FROM SGA

Student Government Association donates \$10,000

BY INES DAVIS PARRISH

Orlando Sentinel
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Some Rollins College students looking to make their mark beyond the campus have found a way to leave a lasting legacy.

The Student Government Association recently donated \$10,000 to the campus chapter of Habitat for Humanity to build a house for a needy Winter Park family. A family has not been selected.

It is one of the largest donations a college has given to a campus chapter, said Sonja Lewis, director of campus chapters for Habitat for Humanity International, which is based in Americus, Ga.

There are 276 campus chapters around the nation, she said, with the number growing.

"At Rollins, they rolled all three of [Habitat's] goals - to raise money, educate people, and build homes - into one with this effort," Lewis

said, referring to the donation.

Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit organization that helps needy families build affordable houses.

The Rollins donation, which came from student activities fees collected with students' tuition, helped speed up efforts by the chapter to build its second house, which will cost about \$30,000.

Habitat chapter chairman Angus Guberman said the donation to his group is incredible "because it's always a challenge to get money from students."

Groundbreaking for the new house will be December 11. It will be built behind the first Rollins-built house for Derek Madison on Lyman Avenue.

"It's unbelievable," said Hal George, whose company, Parkland Homes, will match the students'

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photo/Angus Guberman

Rollins students Nancy Stegmiller, Leslie Hickey, Amanda Rutherford, and Laura Hall paint away on the Habitat for Humanity float entered in the Winter Park Holiday Parade. Students completed the model house during the parade as a symbol of their upcoming work. Groundbreaking on Rollins' second house will begin this Saturday at 10:00 AM.

COLLEGE CHAT? AT 8:30 IN THE MORNING?

BY CHRIS SMITH

Wouldn't students like a forum where they could express their views and concerns to administration? Where they could have Rollins' top administrators in one room to ask questions? Where they could get in touch with the people that control their day-to-day lives? Well, Tuesday was that day, only the

students weren't present.

On Tuesday was the campus's "Campus Chat" meeting. In the past these meetings have served as important channels for student views and concerns to be directly expressed to the administration. But, because the lack of information about the meeting, students who had valid concerns and helpful ideas were shut out

from using this meeting, simply because they didn't know about it.

"As campus leaders we're encouraged to get involved in student affairs," said Jennifer Thomas. "But when our real chance to tell our opinions comes, the administration tries to take the student's voice out." Jennifer's sentiments were echoed around campus by student who learned

too late about the college chat meeting. "Concerned students would have come," said senior Thomas Griffin. "Students need to be better informed about things like this, things that make a real difference to us."

The meeting was scheduled at a 8:30 AM on Tuesday morning, a time that many students feel was not chosen to encourage student involvement. "Everyone I know was either in class or asleep at that time," says freshman Melissa Person. "They definitely knew that they weren't encouraging student involvement."

At the meeting, the student body was represented by a few student

leaders who found out about the meeting only very briefly before it actually took place. "When we found out about it we tried to tell people, but there just wasn't any notice so that the student body could be properly represented," said Student Government Vice President Mike Porco.

Around campus, few student know of the meeting that took place. And because these meetings, held only once a semester, are one of the students' primary outlets, many feel that valuable opportunities for student-administration communication were stifled in ways that are hurtful to college relations.

Sullivan Scholarship Recipients Selected

BY PATRICK J. POWERS

The Sullivan Scholarship is named after Algernon Sydney Sullivan (1826-1887). He was an exceptional philanthropist because of his financial and personal generosity. His sympathy for the need or suffering of another so completely mastered him that for a moment he forgot all else.

Rollins is one of fifteen colleges and universities that have been selected to continue the heritage of

Mr. Sullivan by granting scholarships to students who distinguish themselves by their moral fiber and compassionate behavior to those who touch their lives. The Sullivan House is named after Algernon Sydney Sullivan.

This semester the recipients are: Beth Bolling, Joseph Caputo, Kevin Garrison, Holly Haworth, Amir Ladan, Brook Loope, Lisa Meehan, Sam Pagan, Heather Smiley and Carrie Tucker.

These students were selected

because of their extraordinary concern for those in need and the honorable way in which they conduct their own life.

This semester's selection committee consisted of Dean Patrick J. Powers, Rev. John Langfitt, Arnold Wettstein, Gloria Child, Wendy Brandon, Barbara Poole and Dean Steve Neilson.

Sullivan Scholarships are also given out in the spring semester and two Sullivan Medallions are presented at graduation.

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Around the H R S E S H O E

** WINTER TERM GROUP INDEPENDENT STUDY **

"REINVENTING SGA"
Professor Richard Foglesong
Politics Department

Should SGA be a debate society with lots of student participation, or a streamlined organization that places a premium on getting things done? Should student organizations field candidates for SGA elections, or should Senators be elected without regard to their group memberships? Should the heads of WPRK and *The Sandspur* automatically be SGA Senators? Should the SGA Constitution and Bylaws be revised every five years or only as needed?

These questions and others will be addressed in this new winter term independent study course. We will consider how these questions have been addressed before in the student movement of the Sixties and the municipal reform movement of the Progressive Era. The course will combine reading and library research with visits to city council meetings, interviews with local officials, presentations by faculty members, and student-run campus hearings. Besides considering how SGA might be reinvented, we will address the problem of providing leadership for change—how to combine planning and participation, vision-setting and democracy.

The course readings will include E.L. Dionne's *Why Americans Hate Politics* and John Gardner's *On Leadership*. Students will participate in a group research project, write an individual essay, and present one or two oral reports. The course is open to all Rollins students regardless of their involvement in SGA. It will carry upper-division political science credit. Class meetings will be 9:30-12:00 AM, Monday through Thursday.

Not Just An R . . . Win Money! Prizes! Fame!

The Writing Center is sponsoring a contest for the year's best papers written for R classes. To enter, put your paper and other materials in a folder or envelope, and bring it to Nancy Marshall, Administrative Assistant, on the second floor of Mills by Friday, December 17.

Include in your entry:

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- 2) All rough drafts, pre-writing, etc.
- 3) White copies of the Writing Center and ARC Record of Session forms. (Each entry MUST have been taken to the Writing Center and the ARC at least once.)
- 4) Your name, address, and phone number on the outside of the envelope, along with the words, "R Program Writing Contest Entry."

Winners will be chosen by a panel of R faculty and Writing Consultants. Prizes will be given at the end-of-year awards ceremony.

IT'S NOT OVER TILL IT'S OVER . .

There is still time to register in Career Services for a **Spring Term Internship!**

Don't miss out on a chance to make your way to an exciting professional career. Here what the employers think about the importance of internships:

"Internships are priceless! The first thing you'll get asked in an interview is 'what kind of experience do you have?'" Neal Roe
KWPB Executive Coordinator for the Department of Parks and Recreation.

"Students who do internships know more about how to be a professional. Even if you're just testing out a career field, the experience you'll receive is invaluable." Misty McLennan,
Director of Operations/Communication for the Orlando World Trade Center.

Internships are available with these two organizations as well as dozens more! Internships can be done for credit or to just get experience. Stop by the Career Services Office in the Mills Building and talk to a career professional about how you can find an internship that sets you in the right direction.

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UNDERCLASSMEN: Keep This In Mind . . . Career Services is not just for seniors. Juniors can receive assistance with planning for graduate school. Sophomores and freshmen can get help with choosing a major. **AND OF COURSE**, all students can explore different career options and how to get experience one-on-one with a career professional. Stop by and make an appointment or call 2195.



Tickets for Christmas Vespers

Tickets for the Christmas Vespers are now available in the chapel office. The service for the college community will be held on Sunday, December 12, at 6:15 p.m. As is the tradition for the college community, the tickets are free.



HABITAT

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donation.

"When I was a student senator [at Rollins] 20 years ago, the most important thing we dealt with was how long the meeting was going to be," he said.

"They are trying to send a message to the community that they have more to offer," George added.

Along with the \$10,000 donation, the students involved in the campus chapter will be raising another \$5,000 for the house as well as recruiting volunteers to help build it.

Not only will there be a concrete symbol of their involvement, but possibly a stronger relationship between the college and community will be fostered, George said.

Sharon Beville serves on the Habitat

chapter and is a student senator. She helped steer the Habitat proposal through the state government, where she said it was unanimously approved.

The donation also helped to revive spirits, Guberman said.

"No one wanted to build another house after last year," Guberman said, adding that the first house took a long time to build because money was slow in coming.

But now, the interest is sparked and said more people are eager to help.

Guberman, whose family in New Jersey has been actively involved in Habitat, said he believes college students are privileged and should find ways to extend a helping hand.

There's A Lot of Jolly Holiday Excitement at Walt Disney World

BY KELLY THORN
Special

The Thanksgiving dinner leftovers are not even cold before the magical spirit of the '93 holiday season comes alive throughout the Walt Disney World Resort.

That certain seasonal sparkle shines throughout the Vacation Kingdom as guests experience an enchanting transformation of the Magic Kingdom, Epcot Center and the Disney-MGM Studios Theme Park into holiday wonderlands complete with towering fir trees studded with lights and ornaments, animated shop windows and all the trimmings of the Joyous season.

The Thanksgiving weekend sparks the beginning of the warm Yuletide tradition of Jolly Holidays: Christmas spectacular and resort package. Jolly Holidays is an enchanting family extravaganza featuring a musical cast of more than 100 performers, including famous Disney characters.

Other holiday festivities include special shows, tree-lighting ceremonies and parades.

Magic Kingdom

Mickey Mouse himself shares his festive holiday spirit with all his friends during a Christmas cavalcade down Main Street, U.S.A. Nov. 26 through Dec. 17 at 3 p.m. The merry procession grows into "Mickey's Very Merry Christmas Parade" Dec. 18-31. "Mickey's Very Merry Christmas Party" is a special family celebration of holiday food and fun. On Dec. 3, 4, 10 and 11, party guests join Mickey and Minnie Mouse and the entire Disney gang who host a heartwarming holiday celebration after regular park operating hours (8 p.m. - 1 a.m.). Party-goers will receive holiday treats that include: a 1993 souvenir button, a souvenir family photograph, complimentary hot chocolate and sweet treats. Advance tickets are \$22.95 plus tax for guests ages 10 and older and \$14.50 plus tax for ages 3-9. Tickets at the gate — if available — are \$25.95

plus tax for adults and \$16.95 plus tax for ages 3-9.

A tree-lighting ceremony sparks to life a stunning fir tree adorned with hundreds of ornaments and thousands of lights five nights a week beginning Dec. 1.

Epcot Center

"From All Of Us To All Of You" is a holiday treat for the whole family as guests can join all of the lovable Disney gang in a joyful song-and-dance celebration at Showcase Plaza daily Dec. 1-28.

"Jingle Bell Jubilee" is sure to fill guests with the warmth and happiness of the holidays as favorite Disney characters take to the Odyssey Stage for lively performances daily Dec. 5-28.

A Christmas tree-lighting nightly Dec. 5-28 at the Showcase Plaza is the focal point of a ceremony which features the Voices of Liberty and Caroling Brass filling the air with special sounds of the season.

IllumiNations, the spectacular display of lights, lasers and fireworks, caps each evening's festivities.

Disney-MGM Studios

Christmas Street is the most unique holiday spot in all of Florida as guests can stroll through "perma frost" displays of snowdrifts and a snowman, no matter the weather. That perfect Hollywood holiday gift is a convenient browse away in "It's A Wonderful Shop," a year-round specially themed Christmas shop.

Evening tree-lighting ceremonies illuminate a towering fir tree trimmed with all the glitz, glamour and style of a Hollywood Christmas.

"Sorcery in the Sky" fireworks bring a magically fantastic conclusion to the day's seasonal festivities.

Walt Disney World Resorts

The halls are decked with holiday

Style



photo: The Walt Disney Company, ©1993

The holiday centerpiece of Disney's Grand Floridian Beach Resort is a pastel poinsettia tree with some grand features: 55 feet tall, 6000 live poinsettia plants, 7200 glass ornaments, and nine cherubs.

trimmings and the magical spirit of the holiday season comes alive throughout the themed resorts as festive holiday dinners, candlelight caroling and Christmas storytelling highlight the season.

Long-time community favorite "Glory and Pageantry of Christmas," a living Nativity, will be performed four times daily December 10-23 and three times on Christmas Eve at Disney Marketplace.

A DISPATCH FROM



MAGAZINE

No Velma, No Peace

A SPY Investigation

Vitamins: FLINTSTONES

Manufacturer: Miles Inc.

Characters: Fred, Wilma, Barney, Dino, Pebbles, Bamm Bamm, the Flintmobile

Missing: Betty

Why? Spokesperson Greg Decker: "You can tell the difference between Fred and Barney, and between Pebbles and Bamm Bamm, but you can't with Wilma and Betty. That's why they put the car in there. Children like different shapes."

Who made the decision? Unknown. But Decker notes that since the shapes have changed since the 1969 launch, "Betty may well have been part of the family at one point."

Number of letters received annually about missing character(s): As many as ten.

Vitamins: BUGS BUNNY

Manufacturer: Miles Inc.

Characters: Bugs, Yosemite Sam, Daffy Duck, Elmer Fudd, Porky, Petunia: Full on Pappy

Missing: Tasmanian Devil, among others

Why? Asked why Porky's obscure girlfriend was included, Decker says he isn't sure but that "they do tests with these things. Again, it's the various shapes."

Michael Peikof, vice president of publicity, Warner Bros. Consumer Products: "Miles has made the determination. We bow to their experience in the vitamin business."

But why Petunia? "She's a great counterpart to Porky." Not just because she's a girl? "That's speculation. She's a great counterpart to Porky."

Who made the decision? Miles marketers, after focus groups were conducted before the 1971 launch.

Number of letters received annually about missing character(s): One or two.

Vitamins: GARFIELD

Manufacturer: Menley & James Laboratories

Characters: Garfield, Odie, Pooky

Missing: Jon the Human

Why? Tina Ellis, Garfield licensing director at United Media: "Jon is sort of an ancillary character who hasn't broken into the product line. To be perfectly honest, I can't see some kid who takes vitamins saying, 'Give me a Jon today.' It's not quite as exciting to eat a Jon as to eat a Pooky." Menley & James spokesperson: "We have no comment."

Who made the decision? Ellis says Garfield creator Jim Davis and representatives from United Media and M&J held a number of meetings to design the product. "We decided Jon wasn't the strongest character we could use."

Number of letters received annually about missing character(s): "We don't expect any."

—Chip Rowe

Subtract Your College Debt, Add to Your Resume with the Army

BY JEFF BOCK
Sandspr.

Students saddled with college loan debts and little job experience on their resumes are taking advantage of an Army enlistment offer that can erase their college debt.

Takers of the Army's Loan Repayment Program more than doubled in 1990, the first year Congress approved the program for all Army job specialties. Previously, the Loan Repayment Program was offered with only a small percentage of Army jobs.

The Army says a qualified applicant who has a federally insured student loan can reduce that debt by one-third or \$1500, whichever is greater, for each year the person serves as a soldier; after three years the slate is clean.

Marc Ferry earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice, but when he went looking for a job with state and local police, they asked him if he had any military experience. He was working as a high school football

coach when an Army recruiter spoke to him. Last January Marc left for Airborne training at Fort Benning, Georgia, with the rank of Specialist. And he can count on the Army to pay back his student loan.

In addition to the loan repayment, the former student will receive training in a choice of skills.

A 23-year-old graduate of the University of Chicago, Chiam Edward, enlisted for four years and will be trained in a foreign language at the Defense Language Institute at Presidio of Monterey. The political science major said he joined the Army to learn a foreign language, gain job experience and pay off his \$10,000 loan.

In addition to the loan repayment, new Army recruits with 30 or more semester hours of college qualify to start at a higher rank and a higher pay grade.

For more information, contact the Public Affairs Office, U.S. Army Recruiting Battalion Tampa, (813) 935-5657.



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The Center for Public Service would like to salute NCM and X-Club for their volunteer efforts at the First Congregational Church's Preschool's Annual Steak Dinner. The dinner was a huge success, raising over \$1,200 for the preschool. Any other groups interested in community service projects contact the Center for Public Service at x1581.

WPRK Concert Calendar

Compiled by Lisa Blanning

Five-Eight at the Station on Sunday the 12th

Paul Westerberg at Visage on Thursday the 16th

Paw with *Reverend Horton Heat* at the Station on Saturday the 18th

The Crowd at the Station on Thursday the 30th

Pure Chrome Lightning at Club Nowhere on Friday the 31st, New Year's Eve

Ⓢ Note: For more information concerning these shows (i.e. times, locations, ticket prices, etc.) contact the clubs by using the club directory in R-Times. Also, stay tuned to WPRK 91.5 FM for more information and free ticket giveaways to these shows.

Holiday Entertainment Abound at Church Street

BY JERRY KROSS
Sandspur

Church Street Station gives the gift of FREE Admission to Florida residents this holiday season, beginning December 5 and running through Christmas.

With a valid Florida driver's license, residents are invited to experience all of Church Street Station's nightly entertainment, including Dixieland Jazz in Rosie O'Grady's, country and western in The Cheyenne Saloon, rock and roll classics in the Orchid Garden, and high energy music in Phineas Phogg's Dance Club. Dine at one of our three restaurants or complete your Christmas shopping in The Exchange while enjoying holiday music from former members of the Florida Symphony Orchestra.

At the Exchange, classical holiday entertainment will be featured including performance by former members of the Florida Symphony Orchestra.

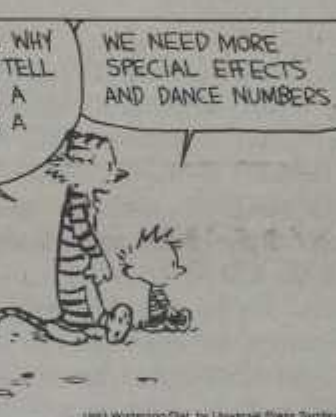
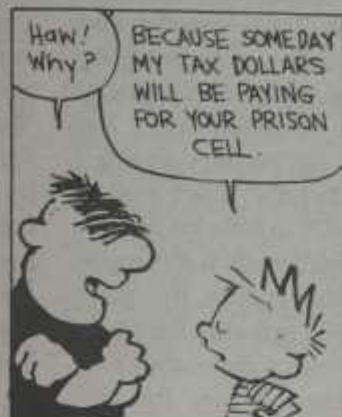
Trios and quartets will share Christmas favorites and Victorian selections from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. each evening from November 26 through December 23. The nightly entertainment will take place around the enchanting fountain located on the first level of The Exchange. Holiday shoppers and visitors alike can experience a delightful evening of musical magic while searching for that special gift!

Admission to The Church Street Station Exchange is always free. The Exchange is open daily and during the holidays from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. However, the holiday hours of some stores are subject to change without notice.

Experience an old fashioned Christmas at Church Street Station as we prepare for our 20th Anniversary in 1994. We're planning a year-long celebration, featuring exciting street parties and fabulous special events.

calvin and Hobbes

by BILL WATTERSON



THE WEEKLY CROSSWORD

" Farewell 1993 "

By Gerry Frey



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In order for a letter to be considered for publication, it must include the name and phone number of the author.

All letters and articles which are submitted must bear the handwritten signature of the author.

All letters must be typed—heavy, dark print is preferred. Letters and articles which are submitted must be factual and accurate. Word-limit for letters to the Editors is 350.

The editors reserve the right to correct spelling, punctuation and grammar as well as any language which might be offensive to a segment of our reading audience. Under no circumstances will the form or content of the author's ideas be altered.

Submit articles to *The Sandspur* at Campus Box 2742 or drop them by our office on the third floor of the Mills Memorial Center. Telephone: (407) 646-2696; Facsimile: (407) 646-1535. The views expressed in *The Sandspur* are not necessarily those of the editors.

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LETTER TO THE EDITORS . . .

Sandspur Readers: The following letter has been printed unsigned, and although against Sandspur policies, this decision was made in order to protect the author's and any involved parties' identities due to the personal nature of the content—Ed.

Dear Editor,

Please print the following story as it is very important to me. It deals with subject matter that the college community as a whole could stand to benefit from.

Recently two close friends were torn apart by the combination of alcohol and poor judgment. Not only was another couple split up, but the feelings of betrayal and mistrust created from this event lingered on for a lifetime. What you are about to read is all too common on college campuses across the country today. No one is safe and anyone can fall victim to the tragedy about to be revealed...

A boyfriend and girlfriend go out on a typical date. Perhaps dinner, then a movie,

and of course, drinking. Everyone is laughing, having a good time, but all is not what it seems. While no one thinks twice about the effect the alcohol is having on their judgment, impairment is beginning to set in. Boyfriend and girlfriend decide to go off on their own, beginning to notice the tolls the alcohol is taking. However, that only makes it more fun. The two start to kiss, and slowly begin to get more intimate. Sensing the boyfriend getting carried away, the girlfriend softly whispers "no". Not desiring to have sex, and perhaps getting a little worried at boyfriend's failure to stop, the girlfriend yells "NO!" a little louder, this time accompanied with a push. It is too late. Lost in a blur of drunkenness, the girl's resistance is ineffective. Ignoring her pleas, the boy satisfies his desires and makes love to an unwilling partner. A rape has just occurred.

Confused and frightened, the girl feels used, violated, and taken advantage of. Not only did she respect this boy, but their relationship, their friendship, was based

entirely on trust. The boyfriend blatantly misused the privilege of trust that girl bestowed upon him. And he was sorry, very sorry. But not as sorry as he was made to be the next day when he was picked up on charges, leaving behind a ruined friendship and a girl whose self respect was in shreds.

Although this is not necessarily a true story, many of these circumstances are true and affected my life just a few weeks ago. Names and places are not important, but feel-it is important to say this: I was betrayed by a friend and I betrayed that trust. If you are reading this, and you know who you are, I would like to take this opportunity to formally tell you that I am truly sorry. I realize words can never take the place of actions, but please understand that I apologize with the deepest of sincerity. Of those talks we had were completely heartfelt; I meant every word of it. For inappropriate, I would like to make a request of you; please, whatever you do, don't blame yourself.

COMING TO TERMS: WHAT YOU MIND MATTERS

BY ALAN NORDSTROM
Sandspur

Recently, I watched on TBS *The Heart of Healing* series, a program devised to convince viewers that our bodies have a natural healing or health-maintenance system that wards off what might otherwise destroy us. I guess this much is obvious when you think about it. We get a scratch and it heals. We get a bug and we get over it. Sometimes we even get cancer and survive. And who knows what all we don't get, simply because our disease avoidance system has protected us from it?

What's curious and exciting to explore is how our internal defense systems can work more or less effectively on our behalf, and that their efficient functioning seems to correlate with our thoughts and attitudes. The way our bodies heal, or don't, seems to be a result of how we use our minds, at least in some degree.

The Heart of Healing presents numerous, well-documented cases of extraordinary feats of healing that correspond directly to mental efforts of various kinds. Several of the stories involve the eradication of cancers without the help of surgery, chemicals, or radiation. Sometimes visualization techniques were used, sometimes prayer, and sometimes just a brute determination to beat the disease and survive. A strong will to live was always involved, as well as a strong sense of one's worthiness to live.

Negative, self-demeaning, and self-defeating thoughts seem to deplete the body's defense system, as does fear. One episode shows how a woman's deep phobia towards snakes left her lymphatic system low in disease-fighting white corpuscles. But once she conquered her fear of snakes, after only four hours of careful therapy, her white cell count immediately rose by 25%.

More exotic episodes involved rattler-handling biblical fundamental-ists in West Virginia, miracle-seekers at Lourdes, Voodoo ceremonies in Jamaica, and healing rituals in Zimbabwe, all of which implicated the factor of belief or faith. The program's narrator speculated that such practices might profoundly affect a person's disease-fighting capacity, even leading to spontaneous remissions that seem miraculous, or are miraculous by the Catholic Church's stringent definition of a healing miracle.

Tumors *do* disappear overnight. "Hopeless" cases of pneumonia and tuberculosis *do* vanish completely. Something marvelous is going on.

What intrigues me most in all this is the power of belief in our lives. In this "postmodern" era, I have learned to accept that the world I sense and comprehend is largely, if not wholly, a function of my encultured "belief-system," my worldview. What *seems* like The World to me, is the concoction of my worldview; other folks have developed quite different worldviews, chiefly through the conditionings of their language systems. That makes sense to me. It's not just that Eskimos are said to see seventeen varieties of snow conditions and name each of them, while I can distinguish and name only four; it's that some people can see auras, spirits, angels, the past, and the future, and I can't. Clearly, their minds are operating on different channels or wavelengths than is mine.

Are there angels? Nevermind that. It's that some people think they see them that's fascinating to me. How do people get that way? What are their minds doing that mine isn't? Can I learn to apprehend the world differently? Can I come to believe in fundamentally different ways so that my "world" or worldview will radically change? Would it take peyote, as with Carlos Castaneda? Would hypnosis or auto-suggestion work, or past-life regression? What is it possible for me to experience as real that previously I believed unreal? Reality just isn't what it used to be.

So I'm wondering what would happen if I started acting AS IF certain things were true that I don't currently believe in. A dangerous game, I know. I certainly won't start with believing I can fly or that bullets will bounce off me. That way lies delusional psychosis, not a mind-state I'd enter voluntarily.

But what about those Bible-spouting handlers in West Virginia, bitten unnumerably by deadly rattlers (and drunk of strychnine poison, to boot). Most of them don't die. Their utter faith in the Lord's loving protection protects them. Fact. Can explain it, but it's so.

So, what does this suggest that I might do? What things would it be beneficial for me to put my whole-hearted faith in that I don't just now believe? Given the clear likelihood that my beliefs shape and change my reality, or my sense of it, should I not take care to cultivate convictions that serve me and the best? In fact, perhaps I have a moral responsibility to conceive and construct a better world than I now live in.

Granting that I and others now share certain beliefs that constitute our collective worldview, ought I not to seek and explore the possibilities that alternative beliefs might make us healthier and happier? What if...

What if I chose to believe in an afterlife of a certain kind? What if I did believe in angels or guiding spirits? What if I admitted to reincarnation and past lifetimes? The prevalence of such topics in our popular media is doubtless working to persuade millions that such notions are factual. What if they then become facts? Is believing in such things destructive delusions?

Since we evidently have much latitude of belief and can wilfully alter our beliefs, I think we have to ask exactly what it is that we, together and alone, to believe in. We can exercise more control over our beliefs than we once thought. We're not born with a belief system; we're bred to it, but we can alter our breeding, recondition our minds, and reconstruct our constructions of reality. We have to learn to do this better, to attain fuller control of our reality-shaping consciousness, and to explore the frontiers of our marvelous mentality.

The Editors of *The Sandspur* would like to extend our warmest wishes for the upcoming holiday season.



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Forum

"AND NOW, FROM THE RIGHT . . ."

BY EDMUND C. F. SERGEANT
Executive Director, Rollins College Republicans

An editorial entitled "MARC LITTLE SAYS 'JHGTSDB NBDFTY'." appeared in the November 10 issue of *The Sandspur*. While I respect the authors' right to express their opinion, I found this unfortunate excuse for an editorial rather embarrassing, to say the least. Additionally, there were several misconceptions, alone with more than one omission or outright falsehood. However, in celebration of our wonderfully diverse marketplace of ideas, I have been permitted this opportunity to attempt to rectify some of the false impressions inherent in this masterpiece of intellectual perambulation. To begin with, the author appears to have imagined the notion that candidate Little is some sort of post-industrial anachronism which has been unleashed upon our society by greedy white male Republicans to undermine all of the valiant and courageous efforts Ms. Corrine Brown has made on behalf of the poor. Nothing could possibly be further from the truth. Let me remind all of the bright young scholars out there that the black community has been represented by a group of politicians who have had almost total control of the house and the senate for the past half century. These politicians have spent literally trillions of public dollars in pursuit of a utopian "great society" which has as yet to materialize. Indeed, by any standard, their efforts have been one abject failure after another. The strings attached to much of this supposedly "free" money has often been too much for impoverished black family (Marc prefers "black" to African American,) to bear. After years of failed social experiments and tired, catch-all utopian paradigms, the poor of all ethnicities are beginning to question the nature of the "social scientists" who have placed them in a state of perpetual dependency. This is exactly what makes Marc Little "different."

Marc Little is NOT a professional politician. He IS a self made man. He does NOT own a "broadcasting business." He DOES own a well known and eminently successful public relations firm, which he conceived in his own mind, created with his own hands and made successful with the sweat of his own brow. As such, Marc Little is indeed different in that he represents, the rising black middle class, a group of educated and successful individuals who are to be the masters of their own fate. This is the same group which currently has Bill Clinton swearing his allegiance to traditional family values. (Remember all of the Dan Quayle jokes at the democratic convention?) In a remarkable display of moral and verbal dexterity, Mr. Clinton addressed a huge convention of these people just last week and proclaimed that Dr. King himself would be "outraged" at the "decay" of the "traditional black family" during the past three decades since his death. For once, I have to agree with Mr. Clinton. If there is any lesson to be learned here at all, it is that the future of all individuals rests within their natural right to self-determination, not in obsolescent socialist policies. The role of government should be limited to insuring equality of opportunity and the right of individuals and groups to distinguish themselves from the other...after all, isn't this tendency a natural form of human expression and behavior? It makes one wonder who we increasingly seek to modify it along ideological lines. No single government proscribed program can ever satisfy the needs of even a fragment of the population for very long.

But, I digress. As the health care plan (with it's fascist "target behaviors,") and the Brady Bill (another futile attempt to protect us from ourselves,) grind their way down to an agonizing halt, I wonder what they'll try next? After all, do you really want to trust a group of people who can't run a tiny post

office or a check cashing service with the future of your family and your children? Marc Little doesn't.

In regard to the blatantly uninformed comments made by Ms. Martinelli, I can only respond by citing the facts: a.) Abe Lincoln ran several times before he was elected to anything, b.) I was the one who framed the questions regarding health care and NAFTA, and I am rather white, conservative and male and I can promise you that there was no "evasion" involved...I'm a hard sell and I wouldn't be supporting him if he wasn't fit, believe me, c.) Marc Little shuns ALL labels, including those which would seek to identify his constituency based on the intellectually shallow grounds of race, religion or gender, and, finally, d.) I didn't hear you making any contributions to the debate, useful or otherwise. In summation, the environmental fascism to which he was referring does in fact exist...didn't the head of Earth First state recently that the "spotted owl" was never even threatened, much less endangered...it was merely an attempt by the environmentalists to gain more control over public and private land.

The goal of the College Republicans was merely to provide an opportunity for the students on campus to experience an alternative viewpoint to those currently being expressed. As this congressional race will most likely be a contest between Rep. Corrine Brown, representing the status quo and Marc Little, representing the opposition, we thought it imperative to focus on this particular candidate. If you didn't agree with all of his views, so be it...we never sought to indoctrinate anyone. We just wanted to have an opportunity to examine contemporary issues from a decidedly different perspective. After all, cannot reasonable, intelligent people agree to disagree? At any rate, considering the difficulty inherent in drumming up interest

in any political candidate or issue in a non election year, I must proclaim our little sojourn into politics to have been an unqualified success, especially in light of the overwhelmingly emotional response of this editorialist.

Ms. Martinelli, after all the work we did, I take it very personally that you failed to check your facts prior to publication, i.e., Marc has never had a poll taken regarding his popularity, but the last I heard, Ms. Brown had a rating of something like 50 or 60% fair or unfavorable. Marc Little is a **BUSINESSMAN**. Do you think he would really waste his time, energy and personal finances if he really didn't have a chance. He may win or lose, but a window of opportunity does indeed exist. Lastly, regarding the much maligned Mr. Behringer, how can you so unequivocally state that he is "out of touch?" Don't something like 91 or 92% of American women refuse to classify themselves as feminists? If you really want to know where a lot of powerful and distinguished female leaders in our society really stand regarding contemporary issues, I invite you to come join us and just...listen. I think that you may be pleasantly surprised. Membership in NOW is thankfully not a prerequisite to success for the female executive or politician.

I know that our meager numbers, situated as they are in a politically apathetic campus environment, aren't much of a threat to even a diehard communist. I also don't mind being criticized. But this rather comic and emotionally charged reaction can only be borne out of desperation...the truth hurts, doesn't it. Oh well. I want to thank *The Sandspur* for this wonderful opportunity to address yet another **blatant attempt** by the **dominant elite northeastern establishment** to pontificate to the rest of us regarding exactly how we should be living our lives. For all of you dedicated souls who are still with me, cheer up, 'cause **Hope ain't in Arkansas, it's in 1996!**

CALVIN & HOBBS & YOU & ME

BY PATRICK J. POWERS
Regular Contributor

I cannot imagine starting a day without reading "Calvin and Hobbes." Whether we notice it or not, that comic strip is often about the fundamental moral issues of our day. Here is a little boy (implausibly given the name of a stern Protestant theologian) asserting that what he wants—fame, luxury, diversion, staying out of school, hitting Suzie with a snowball—is all that should matter. I am the center of the universe, he says; values are what I say they are. And then there is the tiger (paradoxically given the name of an English philosopher) who pretty much defended the little boys who offers sober judgments about this self-centeredness, all in the language of gentle irony. It is a matter of the highest importance to me that I, and I presume most of you, immediately find that Calvin is usually wrong and Hobbes is almost always right. It is a time when some critics think literature is empty words, morality is without foundation and the family is an arbitrary institution, I wonder why so many of us think just the opposite. Despite the protestation of Calvin, I side with Hobbes that true happiness means a life lived according to virtue. I value self-control over self-indulgence, fair play over foul,

reasonable and charitable fellow-feeling over relentless selfishness.

This may seem like common sense or backyard wisdom. It is neither. These are moral judgments of right conduct based on principles of ethical norms as old as human nature and as young as the latest frames of

Calvin and Hobbes.

Periodically, just to prove that wisdom is in charge, not little boys, Hobbes beats up on Calvin. And periodically, just to prove that the life of a solitary egoist is inadequate, Calvin blissfully nuzzles the tigers fur.

Periodically, when I read Calvin and

Hobbes, I see equal parts of me in each of them. I side with Hobbes and I know why. Yet I silently cheer for Calvin and I know why.

There is a tiger in you and me named Hobbes and there is a sagacious little child named Calvin.



Consolation Game Won in Overtime, 66-65

BY ALAN HANCOCK
Sandspur

Coming off their disappointing two point loss in the first round of the Tangerine Tournament, the Rollins Mens' Basketball team was in another tight game Saturday at the Fieldhouse, this time winning in overtime over Kentucky State, 66-65. It was the first win of the season for the Tars as they continue to look for an identity. Without a returning starter from last year's 19-8 team, the team will have to learn how to work together and some players will have to show leadership responsibilities.

Rollins came out strong to take a 35-28 lead at half-time. The Thoroughbreds responded in the second half by outscoring the Tars 27-11 at the start to go up 55-46. Rollins then went on an 11-2 run to tie the score 57-57. With eight seconds left in the game, Freshman center Frode Loftesnes made two free throws to give the Tars a 61-59 lead. Kentucky State, however, tied the game on a driving bank shot with three seconds left. Junior point guard Mike Holmes had a chance to give Rollins the victory but missed two free throws with two seconds left in regulation. The Tars struggled from the line throughout the night, hitting on only 14 of 30.



In overtime, Holmes quickly made up for his missed free throws as he scored on a lay-up to give Rollins a lead they would hold the entire period. The Thoroughbreds did have a last chance to win but a short jumper from the baseline was missed and the loose ball was recovered by Freshman Sean Flynn with two seconds left.

Coach Tom Klusman was happy with the team's effort but realizes they still need plenty of improvement. "This was a team effort and were just going to have to play that way. This team will be good some time; I don't know when." The Tars were lead by a much improved Loftesnes who scored a team high 18 points after going scoreless the previous night. He also added nine rebounds to give Rollins a much needed inside game. Holmes added 17 points with nine rebounds and six assists and Senior forward John "Man of" Steele also had 17 points, including three 3-pointers.

In the championship game, Bluefield State defeated Armstrong State 69-62 to win the tournament. Steele was selected for the all-tournament team for his outstanding performance both Friday and Saturday. The win gave Rollins a 1-2 record going into Tuesday's game against Embry Riddle.

Sports

John Steeles the Show Despite Loss

BY DAN KEMPINGER
Sandspur

Friday marked the home opener for the Rollins' Mens Basketball team in the Tangerine Tournament against Bluefield State and a large crowd was on hand to watch. However, what they saw was hardly the team many remembered from years past. As the tip-off started the game the fans stood until the Tars scored their first point. Unfortunately, this did not happen until almost five minutes into the game. As the game went on, it did not get any prettier for either team.

At the end of a terrible half by both teams,

the score was 15-13 Bluefield State. Bluefield State forced 23 turnovers, including several passes that just slipped through Paul Steele's hands underneath. The Tars lacked an inside game even with the clear height advantage by the home team. About the only bright spot in this dismal affair was forward John Steele. The first year starter took complete control of the game after half-time. Unfortunately, basketball is not a one man sport. The senior was on fire in the second half, hitting 5 of 6 three pointers. Overall Steele was 7-11 behind the three point line and was responsible for 27 of the Tars' points.

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wednesday

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MEN'S BASKETBALL/Rollins vs. Warner Southern/Enyart-Alumni Fieldhouse/8:00 p.m.

AND MISS REARDON DRINKS A LITTLE/Annie Russell Theatre/8:00 p.m.

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AND MISS REARDON DRINKS A LITTLE/Annie Russell Theatre/8:00 p.m.

THE INDIANA JONES TRILOGY/Down Under/8:00 p.m.

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LAST DAY OF FALL TERM CLASSES

CHRISTMAS VESPERS SERVICE/Knowles Memorial Chapel/6:15 p.m.

AND MISS REARDON DRINKS A LITTLE/Annie Russell Theatre/8:00 p.m.

saturday

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CHRISTMAS VESPERS SERVICE/ Knowles Memorial Chapel/6:15 p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL/ Rollins vs. Brewton Parker College/Enyart Alumni Fieldhouse/7:30 p.m.

AND MISS REARDON DRINKS A LITTLE/Annie Russell Theatre/8:00 p.m.

sunday

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CHAPEL SERVICE/ Knowles Memorial Chapel/5:00 p.m.

AND MISS REARDON DRINKS A LITTLE/Annie Russell Theatre/8:00 p.m.

THE INDIANA JONES TRILOGY/Down Under/8 pm

CATHOLIC MASS/Knowles Memorial Chapel/8:30 p.m.

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