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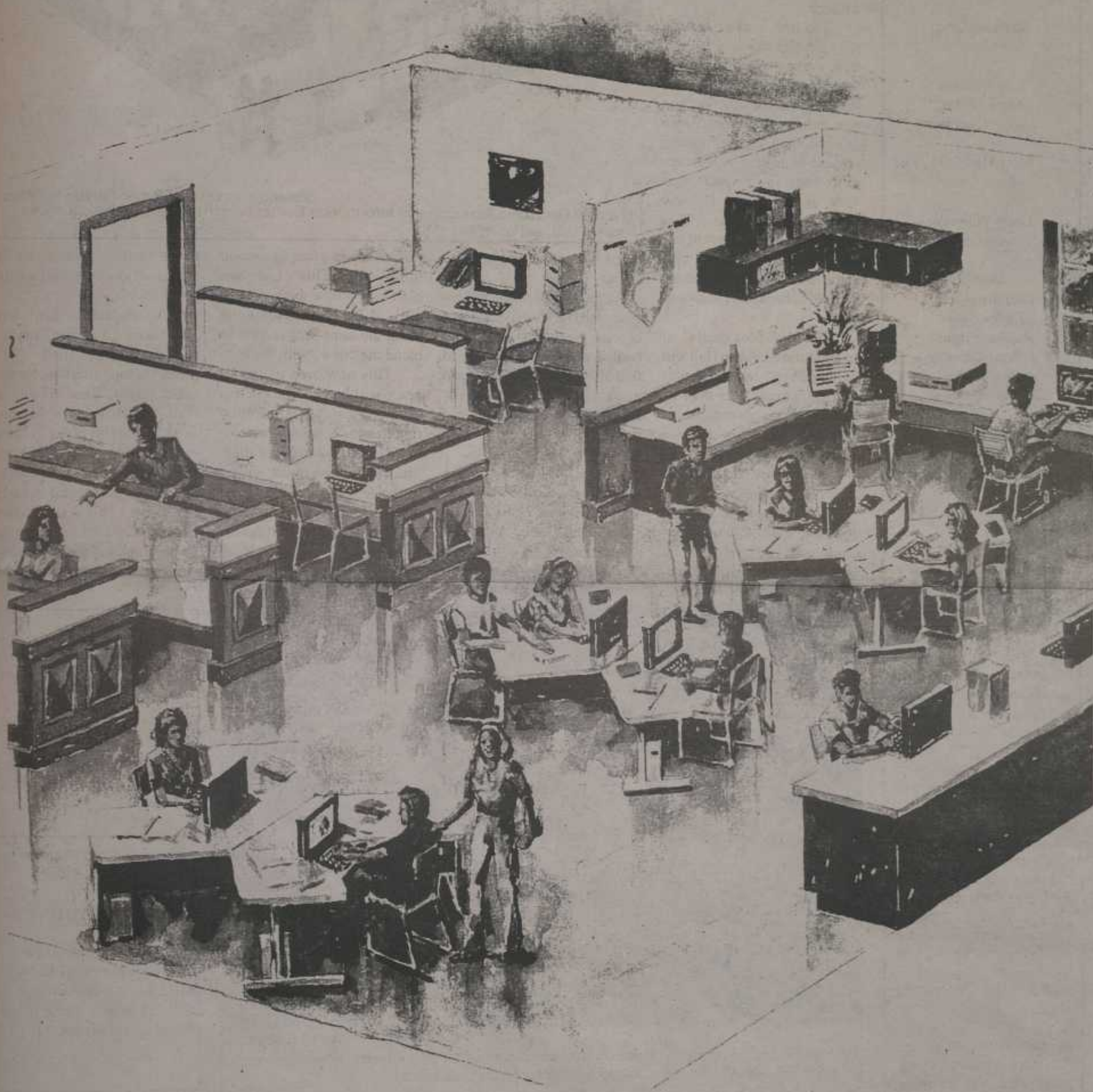
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## Campus Center Renovations Soon to Begin

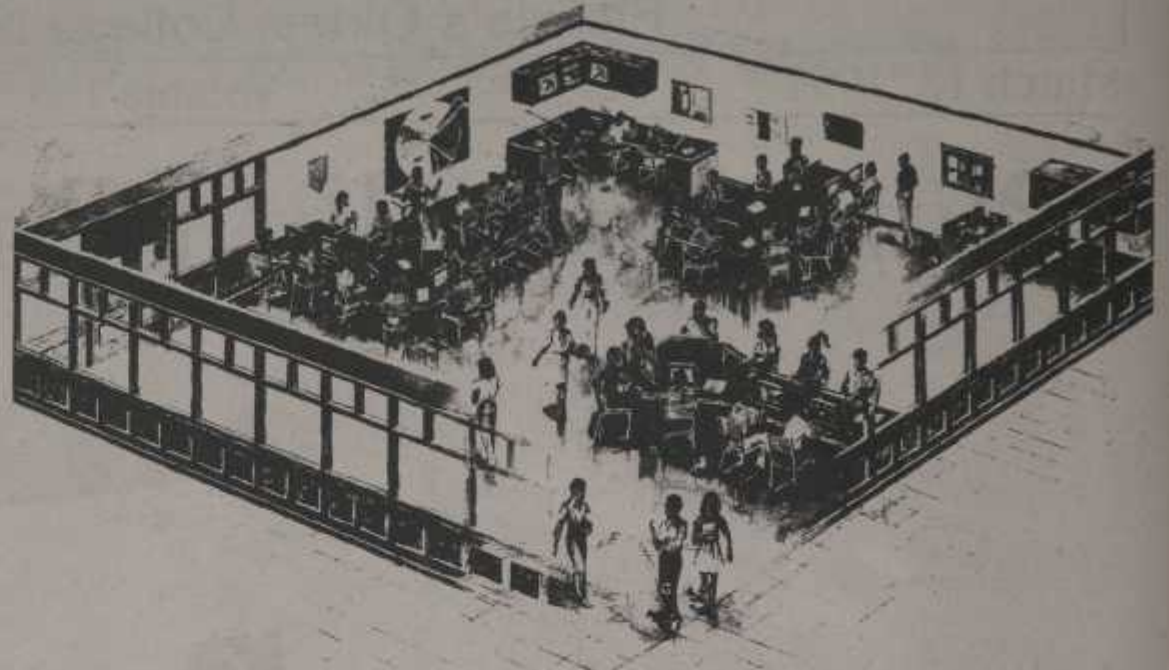
Karen Ross  
Sandspur Staff

In the fall of 1996, plans were unveiled for a new campus center featuring great eateries, dining facilities, a new book store, a sitting area with a TV, a performance platform downstairs, and many other amenities to accommodate students and visitors of Rollins College.

The time is close at hand to begin this massive renovation. Soon you will see a buzz of activity around the pool house as the construction of a new locker room begins. Once this is completed, the existing cement bleachers will be removed leaving a spectacular view of the lake and newly landscaped grounds. This phase of construction will begin sometime in April with phase two of the renovations targeted to begin later this summer.

The Mills Memorial Center and Rose Skillman Hall will be joined by a beautiful uncovered patio area rather than attached from above as originally planned. This creates a more open atmosphere and allows more space for tables and chairs for students.

The Marketplace Dining downstairs will feature an array of foods and beverages and will include snack bars for special events after hours. I can



The new Electronic Research and Information Center, which is going to be open 24 hours a day, will open Fall '98.  
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smell the coffee and pastries already!

The current Student Center located on Holt Avenue will become the new location of our bookstore. You'll be able to find all the things you like, and don't forget to visit the new cafe inside the store while you pursue a few books you're interested in reading.

Is there anyone out there who likes computers? If so, you'll love the plans for the "New" Olin Library. While the renovations to create our new Cornell Campus Center are underway, yet another exciting

plan is taking place to expand the library. This expansion plan will add a wing off the back of the existing building using the same architecture to blend the "new" with the old.

This new area of the library will be called the Electronic Research and Information Center...a haven for computer gurus and hackers alike. The information center will be to the left upon entering the main floor of the library. Along with the new computer labs, students will have more seating areas from which to work and have 24-hour access

to the facility. This phase of construction is projected to begin in July, 1997.

An undertaking of this size takes a lot of planning, hard work, and time. The project completion date for the main center, Rose Skillman Hall, is February or March, 1998. Once this phase is complete, we expect the bookstore as well as the library renovations to be completed in early Fall, 1998. This is an exciting time for all of us here at Rollins, and as you see on construction signs, "Please Excuse Our Dust."



Dr. Rita Bornstein congratulates senior chemistry major Peter Pappas, who was named to USA Today's All-USA '97 College Academic Team (3rd team).  
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## Congratulations To New Greeks

Marisa Kincy  
Special To The Sandspur

The sisters of Alpha Omega had elections this February and would like to congratulate our new executive officers: Tonia Warnecke, president; Angela Higgs, vice president; Marisa Kincy, secretary; Ezara Genito, treasurer; and Michelle Edgecombe, Phi director. We wish continued

success to our new officers in keeping our chapter strong.

We would also like to welcome our new Phis, Lauren Adler, Colleen Arcand, Yolaine Cotel, and Stephaine Neumann into our sisterhood.

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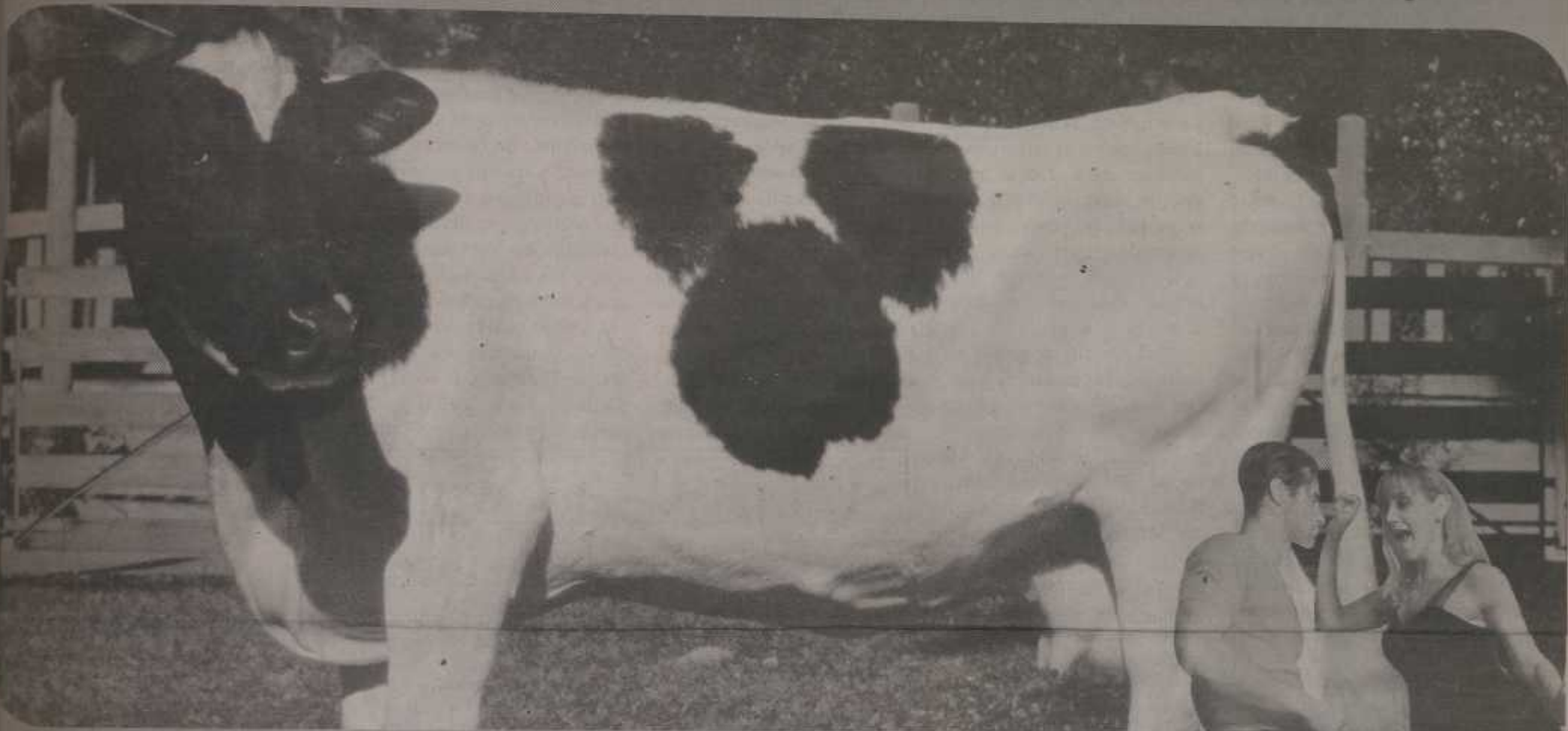
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# Meningitis: A Deadly Disease That Can Strike Quickly

Phuong Nguyen  
Special to the Sandspur

Did you know that one out of ten people carry the meningococcal bacteria that can cause meningitis? These bacteria reside in our nose and throat and are harmless; however, if the bacteria passes through the lining of our nose and throat into the bloodstream, they can be deadly. Meningitis is not an uncommon disease in the United States. The Center for Disease Control reported over 3,000 cases of the meningococcal disease in 1995 alone, 200 of which were in Florida. Even more surprising, is that one of these cases hit home, right here at Rollins.

In 1995, a student from Rollins developed a case of meningitis, which is an infection of meninges, the layers of tissue that cover and protect the spinal cord and brain. These are two types of meningitis: viral and bacterial. Viral meningitis is not harmful and can be treated with ease. Bacterial meningitis, however, can be fatal without fast medical attention. Unfortunately, the student had the more severe of the two, bacterial meningitis, and needed to undergo immediate treatment and isolation.

The signs of meningitis should be obvious to physicians. High fevers, stiff necks, headache, vomiting, exhaustion, and convulsions are all characteristic of meningitis. If you have a fever greater than 101 degrees Fahrenheit and severe headaches, you might think you just have the flu. However, meningitis is known

for making its victims confused and agitated, which will then result in a coma or mental disturbances. In addition, you may have rashes that look like blood spots appearing all over your body, along with a stiff neck preventing you from even nodding your head. Trust your instincts and if you notice any of these signs, seek medical attention immediately. It is a life-threatening disease.

During diagnosis, patients are treated with Rifampin and are isolated from one to ten days to prevent any further outbreak. There is no certain way to prevent meningitis since the pathway the bacteria take to the meninges is not known. What is known is that a head trauma or infections in the eyes, ears or nose make people more susceptible to meningitis. However, early diagnosed patients can receive quick treatments which fight off the disease with no problem.

While early detection almost always cures the disease, late detection of meningitis can lead to mental retardation or even death. Experts say that this disease can be transmitted through close airborne or direct contact. Though it is alarming to think a disease can spread through a sneeze. Bill Toth, head of the Public Health Epidemiology Department of Orange County, calms us by indicating that one would have to be in a "kissy face" position to contract meningitis. Once a person is diagnosed with the disease the physician is required by law to report it to the Health

Department. At this point, the staff of the Health Department quickly takes over and tries to put a stop to the spread of this infectious disease.

Toth states the number one priority is to confirm the diagnosis. Within 24 hours, the physicians do a spinal tap and further tests on the patient. Once the laboratory confirms that the patient has meningitis, the Health Department investigates all the people that the patient has had contact with for the last five days. First, they look at the primary group, categorized as family members and close friends. Next, they contact the secondary group which include other friends, and close co-workers. The third group that investigators look at is everyone who was in the same area with the patient, especially in schools or the workplace, etc. This is not commonly done because it causes mass hysteria as the media and newspapers tend to get involved. But sometimes, it is quite necessary!

Two years ago, West Orange High School, just 20 min-

utes from Rollins, had an outbreak of meningitis that alarmed the whole community. One student was diagnosed with meningitis on a Tuesday in October, then another got meningitis Wednesday, and another student came down with it on Friday. First, the investigators assumed that the last two students had gotten it from the first one, and they vaccinated only the primary and secondary groups consisting of family members and peers. Later, they found that the students did not know each other, and had not been in the same room together. This puzzled the investigators greatly. They could not figure out how one school had three separate cases of meningitis. To be on the safe side, they had to go beyond vaccinating just the primary and secondary contacts. The investigators vaccinated the whole school, including students, teachers, cafeteria workers, janitors, and bus drivers — 3000 vaccinations within two hours. The Public Health Department wasn't being paranoid, but the vision of the

whole school being infected was too horrifying a prospect. Quick actions, cooperation, and early detection led to a successful stop to a deadly outbreak.

This same procedure was performed when a student at Rollins developed a case of meningitis. However, they did not have to go beyond the secondary level, and fortunately no one contracted the disease. The main emphasis is to understand the signs and symptoms of this infectious disease, for it is a medical emergency, in which hours, if not minutes, count. The faster one is diagnosed, the quicker the recovery.

## Restaurant Review: The Briarpatch

Barbara Abello  
Sandspur Staff

Overlooking the park and Jacobson's the "Briarpatch, Restaurant and Ice Cream Parlor" welcomes us into a homey and cozy dining room. Decorated in a laid-back country southern style, the Briarpatch recreates the old-fashion charm of the 1960's ice-cream parlors. As I crossed the cracking wooden floor of the front porch, I opened the door into a sweet-lover's dreamland. Three different glass cases exhibited the pride and joy of the restaurant. The tallest one enclosed four floors of homemade cakes. Weighing thirty-five pounds, their chocolate-layer cake has been voted the best in Orlando. A taste of this rich and creamy delight was sufficient to understand why "Orlando" magazine granted the Briarpatch the 1996 Golden Palm Restaurant Award. Next to this case, a second one displays a selection of fresh-made ice-creams including flavors such as "Oreo" and "M&M."

In the last case, we find various types of fresh-baked pastries, also available as a carry out option.

Yet, sweets are not the only strength of the Briarpatch. The menu offers a wide variety of moderately priced dishes. Among the best-sellers, we may name the Chicken Briarpatch, with mushrooms and artichokes served on angel hair pasta in a light cream sauce (\$8.95) and the grilled Portobella mushroom & vegetable sandwich (\$6.95). Ranging from omelets (\$5.95 to \$6.90) and beer battered onion rings (\$2.75) to "heart-healthy" options such as the vegetable pita pocket (\$5.95), one may find the best homemade creations elaborated with fresh produce. Indeed, the Briarpatch offers a very accessible solution to a "homemade" craving. Even the crowd comprised of children, grandparents and youths, will make you feel as if you were walking into your own family room.

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## Movie Reviews

Marc Richfield  
Sandspur Movie Critic



### In the theaters: Shine

The most spectacular aspect of this film is the fact that it has found a mainstream audience in America, or at least as mainstream as something like this can get. I mean, we are shown the journey of a prodigious Australian pianist as he goes through his rises, falls, and mental breakdowns. Maybe this is the beginning of a new widespread appreciation for film in America.

Shine isn't the best depiction of the life of a musical prodigy, yet it certainly contains some of the best acting. Geoffrey Rush is nominated for Best Actor for his portrayal of the adult David Helfgott, who has a fully-fledged mental illness and then some. The real surprise here is Noah Taylor, who plays David as an adolescent. His role encompasses the after-effects of his father's brutal love towards David, as well as the monumental breakdown while performing Rach #3, as it has now come to be called.

There is no bad acting in Shine. Director Scott Hicks uses the wonderful performances to successfully tell the story that is full of life and love. For the audience that wants something more, something different than the usual hoopla at the theaters, Shine promises a unique experience.

### On The Shelves:

#### Vertigo

Vertigo was the fore-run-

ner for all the recently restored films, such as the Star Wars trilogy and soon, The Graduate and The Godfather. Hey, more power to 'em. The color, the sound, the overall quality of the film has been brilliantly and painstakingly restored and makes it even more wonderful to watch (preferably in theaters).

Vertigo, which many consider to be Hitchcock's masterpiece or at least most personal piece, is a haunting film centered around obsession. To attempt to unmask the intricate plot and reveal all of Hitchcock's nutty twists would be pointless. This is a movie in which the viewer will have the best time if everything jumps out, each time a surprise.

In the lead role, Jimmy Stewart plays "Scottie" and shows just how deep of an actor he can be. His character reveals human weakness and obsession to a point where even his familiar goofy voice isn't funny anymore. Kim Novak, who plays a character playing a character pretending to play a character also shows remarkable skill and finally proves to the world (and Hitchcock) that she was more than an object.

Vertigo is very entertaining and perfect for the mood you are in when you want to feel your heart beating and your brain twirling at the same time. If Hitchcock had gotten any closer to the darker side of love, then well...we wouldn't be in a movie anymore.

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## A Bit o' Ireland Comes To Rollins

Taylor Baker  
Sandspur Staff

The Annie Russell theater has been echoing with Irish dialects, jigs and good old American laughter as the Rollins theater department prepares to present its third main stage production of the year, Dancing At Lughnasa. Under the direction of Thomas Ouellette; a small, dominantly female cast is polishing their performance for this Friday's opening. Following its March 14th debut, the show will run each weekend through Saturday March 22nd.

Dancing at Lughnasa is an intimate look into the lives

and hearts of five Irish sisters struggling to survive preindustrial Ireland in the 1930s. As they work to make ends meet, find love and keep their memories alive, you will learn a great deal about each of these uniquely individual sisters and grow to love them as much as they obviously love each other.

The nature of the script made for a very happy and enriching rehearsal period. The cast and crew has become very close over the past month and this element of comfort and affection should shine through on stage and add to the realism of the production. Despite

the fun they have all had it has not been all smiles and hugs. Extensive research was done on dialects, dancing and the Irish culture. Ouellette also spent a lot of time encouraging character work in order to find each sisters different personality. From director and main characters to the prop master each has put in extra time and effort in hopes of creating a production Rollins and the Winter Park community can be proud of.

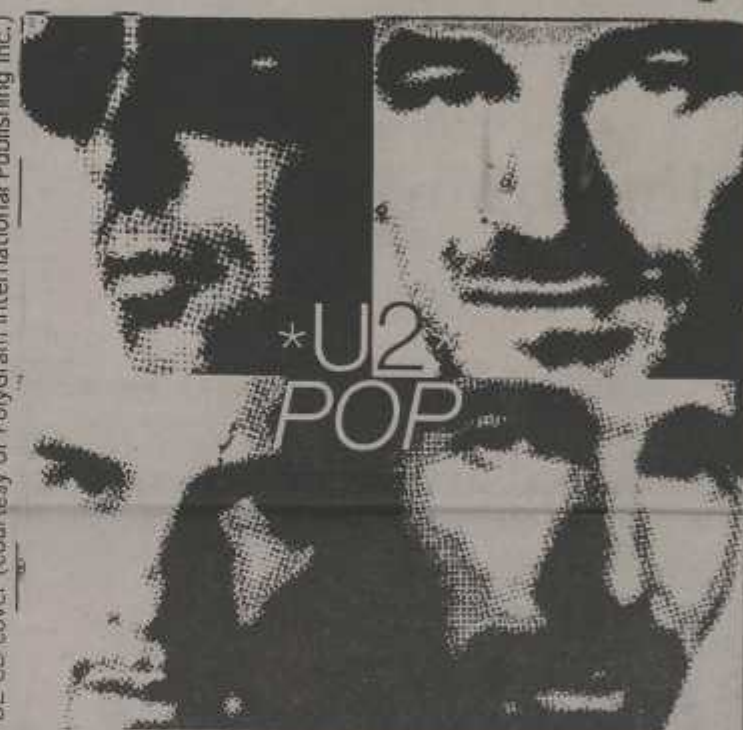
I look forward to seeing the finished product and would like to tell the cast of Lughnasa to be sure and break a leg, although not while "jigging".

## U2 Releases Best Effort Yet With Pop

Jon Titone  
Sandspur Staff

U2 released their eleventh full length album this week, and it is nothing short of a masterpiece. Two and a half long years after the mostly disappointing Zooropa, the boys have put forth their finest effort to date. I do not say this lightly. This album will blow your mind and break your subwoofers. It is a high-tech glimpse into the future of rock and roll. Bono never sounded more sensual, suave, or painfully honest. Where as on Zooropa they made attempts at using tape loops, samples, and techno-like pounding bass and came across sounding overly pretentious and almost silly, Pop masters these arts and sounds like it was mixed and produced by God (ironically enough).

Literally, this is a break from the ultra-political tone of U2 of times past in favor of the philosophical. Songs like "Wake Up Dead Man", "Please", "If God Will Send His Angels", "Staring at the Sun", and "The Playboy Mansion" all make explicit refer-



ences to God in an inquisitive, accusatory manner, unlike anything we have seen U2 write. It appears that either Bono's been reading a lot of Nietzsche or he is experiencing serious theological doubts. This album is laden with biblical allusion, but it seems so genuine and passionately spoken that it is not overbearing or preachy.

Bassist Adam Clayton and drummer Larry Mullen have created the most innovative

work I have heard in years. You simply will not find heavier and catchier bass lines and rhythms anywhere. I believe the genre blending/bending that U2 devised on this album will prove Pop to be one of the most influential works of our time. There is everything from hard-core techno beats to blues, funk, alternative, house, and beyond here! If you only purchase one album this year, it should be this one!

## What Does The Future Hold? Read Your Starscope And Find Out!

**Aquarius** - Your heart's beating a mile a minute and your palms are sweaty. NO, it's not the oral presentation you've been preparing for; it's that cutie that sits next to you in class. Ask what s/he is doing for Spring Break and make plans quick!

**Pisces** - Remember that four-leaf clover you were hoping to find — you won't need it this week. Things are going your way because all the work you've put in is finally paying off. So take a well deserved break — but don't party too hard. You need to save some of that partying energy for Spring Break!

**Aries** - You feel like Dorothy this week when you find

yourself caught in a twister. Perseverance is the key — by the end of the week you'll have killed the wicked witch and those ruby red slippers will bring you safely back home.

**Taurus** - An argument with a loved one leaves you feeling distressed. A good friend steps in to save the day like s/he always does. Take the advice they give you — you'll be amazed at the results.

**Gemini** - The stars are forecasting visitors. It sounds like fun, but after a while they will start to smell like dead fish in the hot sun. So use your excellent communication skills to keep the peace — you'll need it.

**Cancer** - Memories of a loved one you left far behind are finding their way back into your heart. Give them a call and catch up on old times. You'll find you still have a lot in common.

**Leo** - This week you will need to make a tough decision regarding a possible relationship which has presented itself to you. Think carefully before you toss this one away; s/he could be able to teach you some valuable lessons about life, love and yourself.

**Virgo** - It's okay if you're sick of partying; anything can get boring if done the same way all the time. If you want to go out but are tired of the monotony, call up one of your

friends whom you haven't hung out with lately. As the oracle says, variety is the spice of life.

**Libra** - Take your head out of the clouds and put it inside a clue instead — one of your closest friends is feeling very hurt because of something you did — or didn't do — last week. What did you do? FOCUS and I know you'll figure it out, and fix the fracture.

**Scorpio** - Honesty versus dishonesty; which one will you choose? As you must deal with a difficult family problem, think about all the possible consequences before you spout out the first excuse that comes to mind. You may dis-

cover that you are trapped in a spider web.

**Sagittarius** - Words of wisdom for you — put down your textbook and do something fun! This is not a plea, but a direct order from the stars (you don't want to make them angry, do you)? You have been working so hard lately that the word efuni has barely escaped your lips, so do something about it, go on now, run!

**Capricorn** - Watch out for money-grubbing "friends" this week. You don't want your secret stash to turn to lost cash. Keep on guard; this doesn't mean for you to be stingy, but merely to understand that not everyone is "good for the money," if you catch my drift.



## Tars Struggle Through Baseball Week



SID's Office  
Special to the Sandspur

A strong Division I field was on hand at Alford Stadium last week to challenge the Rollins baseball squad in the 50th Anniversary Baseball Week. Rollins had captured the previous two tournaments, but this year's Tars found out the hard way that mistakes must be limited when playing top notch competition as errors continuously put Rollins in early holes on their way to a 1-5 mark during the week. Michigan dominated the tournament, going a perfect 6-0 while outscoring the opposition by an average score of 12-4.

In the first three games of the tournament, 17 Rollins errors turned into 19 unearned runs for the opposition as the Tars dropped a 14-3 decision to Maine on opening night and a 15-8 loss to Michigan the third evening, in between the

two lopsided losses, a standout pitching performance from Rollins senior Justin Hesenius overcame six Tar errors as Rollins captured their lone win of the tournament with a 5-3 victory over Virginia Tech. Hesenius went the full nine innings for Rollins, scattering six hits and not allowing an earned run in an effort that secured the ace a spot on the "All-Tournament" team for the second consecutive year. Junior Chris Thorne broke the game open in the sixth with a leadoff home run and was also selected to the "All-Tournament" squad as he batted .375 during the week with three home runs.

The Tars dropped a tough 10 inning 4-2 decision to Maine on Thursday before being overwhelmed in a 20-9 loss to Virginia Tech and a 13-5 defeat at the hands of Michigan in the "Baseball Week" finale.

## Rollins Blows Georgia Tech Away

SID's Office  
Special to the Sandspur

The Rollins sailing team continued blowing through their Spring season as they earned a place in the District Championship on March 5th in

edging out Georgia Tech by one point at Points #3 at Eckerd College. Skipper Kiomi Johansen and crew Liz Ashwell earned two bullets (first place finishes) in leading the Tars.



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## Men's Tennis Update

Tamsin Burgues  
Sandspur Staff

The men's tennis team at Rollins is rapidly and successfully advancing. They stand 5-6 on the season. Last week they were flown to Texas to take on Corpus Cristi, a college in the top 15 of the first division. The no. 1 tennis player at Rollins is Michael Anderson. He is originally from Denmark and transferred to Rollins from a junior college in Texas. Michael has devoted himself to the tennis team, practicing every day from 2 and a half to 3 hours. When he graduates from Rollins, he is

determined to go into tennis professionally. He enthusiastically plans to take a 2 year break after college to pursue this ambition. The men's tennis coach is Jim Poling who has been dedicated to helping the players achieve the best that they possibly can. He stated that it has been "a rough year" for the tennis team. This is hardly surprising considering the amount of matches they have played. In the future, the men's tennis team plans to play many more tournaments, and their opponents will include Valdosta State and Florida Southern.

## Rollins Crew Captures Metro Cup

SID's Office  
Special to the Sandspur

In rowing action on Lake Maitland over the weekend, Rollins captured the Metro Cup over cross-town rivals Central Florida for the fifth consecutive year in the squad dominating victories in every race to bolster the crew to the 4202-4091 decision over UCF. The Rollins women held their own against an experienced UCF squad and won the Novice Eight race by a decisive margin.

In the premier event, the Varsity Eights, the men successfully defended the Logan Cup with a 24.5 second victory despite the absence of two of the squad's top two rowers due to injury. Freshmen Vincente Vasquez and Guy Savage stepped in and were instrumental in the crew executing their successful race plan.

On the women's side, a very young Rollins boat rowed a composed race the way they set out to but could not overcome an experienced UCF boat.

## Women's Tennis Goes 10-8

SID's Office  
Special to the Sandspur

The Rollins women's tennis squad participated in the Southern Regionals in Savannah, Georgia over the weekend and marched all the way to the finals behind the outstanding play of senior Christie LeMieux before falling 8-1 to Armstrong Atlantic.

The Tars cruised through the first two rounds with a 9-0 victory over Savannah State

and 8-1 domination of Francis Marion. Blocking the Tars path in the semifinals was a familiar opponent in Sunshine State Conference rival Barry University. Barry captured three of the four meetings a year ago, but Rollins overcame the Buccaneers with a 5-3 win to advance to the finals. It was the second time in many attempts the Tars defeated Barry this season.

In the finals the Rollins train ran out of steam in falling to Armstrong Atlantic.



photo courtesy SID's office  
Senior women's standout Christie LeMieux.

## Softball Opens With A Win

SID's Office  
Special to the Sandspur

The Rollins Softball team opened their 1997 season with convincing victories over Northwood University before being tested with a face-off with eighth ranked nationally Florida Southern. The Tars gave a strong showing before falling in the double header to their Sunshine State Conference rivals.

Against Northwood, all-SSC performer Liz Bartels picked up where she left off last season, going five-for-seven with three RBI and scoring four runs in the Tars 9-3 and 10-2 wins. Bartels took to the mound in the second game and held Northwood to just four hits.

A strong pitching performance from newcomer Jennifer Isaacs kept Rollins in the game at 1-1 heading into the seventh inning with a throwing error turned into an inside the park home run to score three runs and give the Moccasins the 4-1 win. The Tars could not recover from the heartbreaker and were shutout 8-0 the next game.

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# Honors Housing Drastically Needed

Kim Hanisak  
Copy Editor

Calling all honors students out there! Have you noticed lately that the "benefits" to being in the Honors Program have been slowly dwindling away? No longer do entering honors freshmen receive the fourth year tuition voucher. Instead, Florida Scholars (some of which are honors students) are being given a laptop computer.

C'mon! What's the incentive in that? Honestly, most of the honors students I know already have a computer. Why would getting a laptop attract them to come here?

When I was first looking at colleges, one of the things that attracted me to Rollins was its "Honors Program." I was lured by the luxury of having my tuition paid for during my fourth year of study if I stayed

in the program throughout my time at Rollins. Without such a deal, I would not be here. But now, I look beyond my own years here to the future of the Honors Program. What kind of students will Rollins be getting then? The tuition voucher attracted some of the best students from all over the country to Rollins to be a part of the "Honors Community." But what kind of community is that really? Honors students, for the most part, are scattered throughout the campus, some students here, other students there. They do not have the opportunity to be a true "community." Sure, there are Honors classes, but that is just one class a semester, and not even every semester at that. What Rollins needs is some sort of plan to bring honors students together, a way to unite them,

a way to make them feel like they really are part of a community. What honors students need is an Honors House.

Other colleges and universities offer such a thing. In fact, it is often special honors housing that attracts students to one school over another. Why? Honors students traditionally like discussion and activities that unfortunately are not the norm at Rollins. For example, Dr. Nordstrom often argues for the need for a better, more intellectual community at Rollins — one in which scintillating conversation and thought provoking discussions can take place. I totally agree. This would be a precise function of honors housing.

Look around Rollins. It seems as if everyone has a house. The Greeks, ROC, Pinchurst, and theater all have

special interest housing, why shouldn't honors students have one as well? Shouldn't it be Rollins' priority to keep its honors students happy? If not, what will bring in more honors students — certainly not just a laptop computer! Without honors housing, I regretfully feel that honors students are not getting their fair share out of Rollins. There could exist so much more for them, but without a common place to meet, exchange ideas, and hold programs and activities together, they will continue to live their daily lives scattered throughout Rollins, without a place to call home. Without a home, how can honors students feel like they are part of that "Honors Community?" Everyone else seems to have a place to call home, why can't we, as honors students, have one too?

# Transforming Rollins

Shannon Gryn  
Ads Manager

"Transforming Humanity" was the subject of my Winter Term course — but before we can change the world, we need to change ourselves. Our course focused on the writings of Robert Theobald, a controversial figure who will be visiting Rollins in April (Look for future Sandspur articles about "Bob"). Theobald repeatedly says that people need to live honestly, responsibly, humbly, and lovingly in order to build a compassionate community. As part of the Rollins community, I think we could all benefit from positive transformation based on Theobald's universal values.

The building of our new campus center aims at bringing students closer together. Unfortunately, I and other juniors and seniors will not have the opportunity to see if this project is a success. In the meantime, how can we build community on campus?

I think respecting and caring about other students is the first step. Too often I see people with their hands full get doors slammed in their faces because someone could not take the time to hold the door for a few more seconds. Other people do not seem to care if they almost run someone down at a crosswalk, when they speed and run the stop signs.

Since I am talking about respect, let's take care of our shared space by putting flyers and unwanted mail into the trash can instead of littering the floors. We need to take responsibility for our actions, even such small ones.

A student in my class commented that people wait for an outside event to force them to change. Well, we recently had one major drunk driving accident, and yet I still hear people talk about their wild ride home from a bar the night before.

The problem with Rollins and the reason this article probably will not make any difference is because of widespread apathy. A majority of students will not even read the Sandspur. When the newspaper stopped production last year for lack of help, students did not seem to notice or care.

I think each person has to make an effort to change their negative habits and to work toward community building. Chat rooms on the Rollins web site could be one way to promote discussion between different types of people. Since cyberspace forces us to move beyond appearances, we can concentrate on more important issues. Special interest housing, such as an Honors House, is a way to bring students with common interest together to socialize and support one another.

Creating a community task force is another solution offered by the Winter Term course. Perhaps such a group could consist of officers from each club or of people committed to making Rollins a better place. The purpose of the group would be to compile students' views on pertinent issues and propose and execute ways to solve problems. SGA could take on this role.

For example, if students do drink and drive because they see no alternative, then this group could distribute literature about free taxi services, invite guest speakers, and run a campaign showing the negative effects of drunk driving. Panel discussions held in the Student Center or other frequented places can also help different groups to understand each other and think of solutions.

Finally, we need to be proud of Rollins' accomplishments. As students of Rollins College, WE should take the time to learn about the history of our school. Why does the Walk of Fame exist? How did our sports teams get the name "Tars"? Why did U.S. News & World Report name Rollins the number two college of its kind in the South?

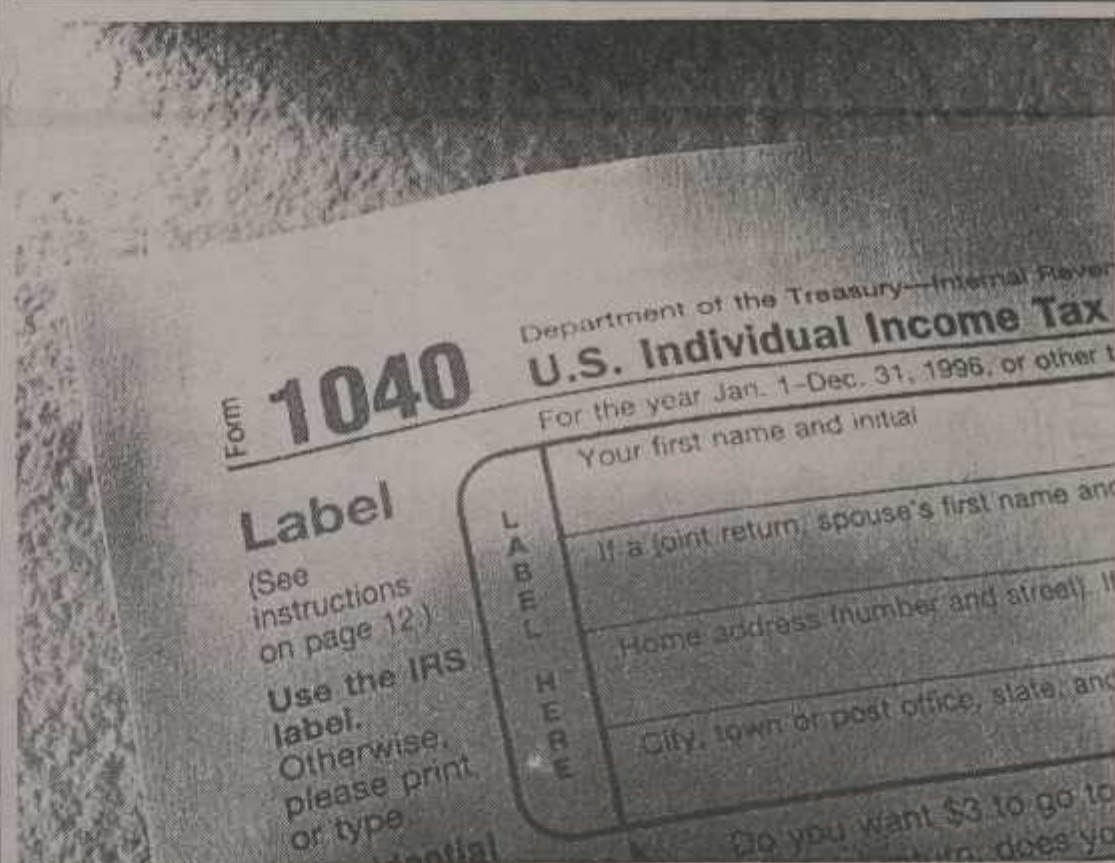
Rollins was the first college in Florida. We invented the conference style classroom, and the Winter Park Chamber of Commerce named us "Citizen of the Year" for our efforts in Habitat for Humanity.

We can transform the Rollins community and make it even BETTER in the future. All we have to do is take the time to consider the impact of our actions and commit ourselves to positive change.

# Hey You! Yeah, You!

Are you pissed off? Are you extremely happy? Do you feel strongly about something at Rollins? If so, drop us a Letter to the Editor, c/o The Sandspur Campus Box 2742.

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Your guide to Rollins and off-campus events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div><div>Rollins Sports Events: 646-1147 Cathedral Church of St. Luke-Episcopal: 849-0680 Bob Carr Performing Arts Centre: 849-2577 Emmanuel Episcopal Church: 628-2346 Annie Russell Theatre: 646-2145 King Center, Melbourne: (407) 242-2219 Orlando Arena: 839-3900 UCF Arena: 823-6006 Sapphire Supper Club: 246-1419 Sak Theatre Comedy Lab: 648-0001 8 Seconds: 839-4800</div><div>Embassy: 629-4779 Baja Beach Club: 239-9629 Barbarella: 839-0457 Club at Firestone: 426-0005 Crocodile Club: 628-1518 Cairo Club: 422-3595 Zuma Beach Club: 648-8363 Pleasure Island: 934-7781 Go Lounge: 422-3322 The Mill: 644-1544 Fairbanks Inn: 647-0704</div></div> <div><div><div><div>Dancing at Lungnasa @ Annie Russell</div><div>Monster Mike Welch @ Pleasure Island</div></div><div><div>Ceili Rein and TC Carr @ Pleasure Island</div><div>Ceili Rein and Six O Six @ Pleasure Island</div></div><div><div>Music at Midday, 12:30p.m. Rogers Room</div><div>Dancing at Lungnasa @ Annie Russell</div></div><div><div>Celine Dion @ Orlando Arena</div><div>Ceili Rein and Aquarium Rescue Unit @ Pleasure Island</div></div><div><div>Wellness Expo, 11a.m to 2p.m., Mary Jean Plaza</div><div>Baseball vs. St. Xavier, 7p.m.</div></div><div><div>Dancing at Lungnasa @ Annie Russell</div><div>Ceili Rein and Aquarium Rescue Unit @ Pleasure Island</div></div><div><div>2 Extreme Dance Night @ Fat Tuesday</div><div>Karaoke w/ Cindi Griffin @ Coconuts on the Beach</div></div></div><div><div><div>Baseball vs. Harvard University, 7p.m.</div><div>Austin Pettit @ Coconuts on the Beach</div></div><div><div>Chris Peck @ Fat Tuesday</div><div>2 Extreme Dance Night @ Fat Tuesday</div></div><div><div>Baseball vs. University of North Florida, 1p.m.</div><div>Dance Night @ Fat Tuesday</div></div><div><div>Stallion @ The Post-time Lounge</div><div>Stallion @ The Post-time Lounge</div></div></div><div><div><div>Live Reggae @ Coconuts on the Beach</div><div>Soul Cactus @ Fat Tuesday</div></div><div><div>Baseball vs. University of North Florida, 6p.m.</div><div>Nickelbag @ The Embassy</div></div><div><div>Sound Society @ Fat Tuesday</div><div>Zoom @ Go Lounge</div></div><div><div>Baseball vs. University of North Florida, 1p.m.</div><div>Dance Night @ Fat Tuesday</div></div><div><div>Stallion @ The Post-time Lounge</div><div>Stallion @ The Post-time Lounge</div></div></div></div>						