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Dr. Bornstein Encourages Student Activity

Rita Bornstein
Special to The Sandspur

Last week I held a meeting of the President's Council, a group of students I call together during the school year to talk with me about Rollins. Some of the group are officers of campus organizations, such as the Student Government Association, Panhellenic Association, Interfraternity Council, Off-Campus Students Association, International Student Organization, and Latin American Student Association; others are "at large" members, who may be students with whom I have spoken while walking on campus or eating at the Student Center, or who have expressed interest in attending.

A concern expressed at last week's meeting was that there are not enough activities on campus. Actually, there are many activities-

on a recent Friday evening, for example, the Annie Russell Theatre premiered *Blood Brothers*, Thomas P. Johnson Distinguished Visiting Scholar Michio Kaku and a panel debated the issues surrounding the Cassini launch, LASA sponsored a Latin Music Night in the DownUnder, the Black Student Union hosted a movie night, and Greek Week offered an all-campus social. You may not be aware of everything that is available. Sources for information about activities include *The Sandspur* and the SGA newsletter, and if you live on campus, your R.A. is a wonderful resource. First-year students can ask their Peer Mentors. And, Rina Tovar and Carol Rojas in the Student Activities office are happy to offer suggestions. They are also working on plans for a campus calendar.

Participating in campus activities is an important part of college life. The office of Student Activities lists nearly

70 registered organizations, including Amnesty International, Rotoract, Voices for Women, Model U.N., Rollins Outdoor Club, Stock Market Club, WPRK, and, of course, *The Sandspur*. Some groups focus on community service, while others welcome members who share a particular interest. And, if you don't find a club that fills your needs, you can always start one! Six new organizations have been formed since the start of the school year: the Japanese Animation Club, Rollins Speech and Debate Club, Robotics Club, Brazilian Student Association, Rollins College Percussive Arts Society, and R-TV.

Join in, take part, and have fun as you learn. There is a lot to do at Rollins, and you'll find a special place for yourself.

If you would like to attend a meeting of the President's Council, just call my office at 2120 and leave your name.

Cassini Protest Draws Large Turnout

Kim Hanisak
Editor Emeritus

On Sunday, Eco-Rollins sponsored an all-night candlelight vigil on Mills Lawn to protest the launch of NASA's Cassini mission. Held from 9 p.m. until 4:55 a.m. Monday morning (the scheduled launch time), the protest brought students, faculty, and members of the community together with one purpose in mind: to have their voices heard.

"We are holding the vigil to publicly display our disagreement with President Clinton's approval of the Cassini launch. We and the vast majority of the people of the world were excluded from the decision, so we'd like to debate it now, en masse," said Melodie Malfa. As a people attended the event throughout the night, many dressed in black as a symbol of their disapproval of the scheduled launch. Cassini, a satellite probe designed to study Saturn, has concerned many since its conception because it contains 72.3 pounds of plutonium for use as a power source when the probe becomes too far from the sun to use solar power. Protesters argued that the chance of a nuclear accident was too great of a risk to take.

Among the activities at the protest, Eco-Rollins showed environmental movies on a large movie screen donated by the Central Florida Film Festival. These movies addressed many issues, one being nuclear power in space and its potential impacts on the environment. The protest brought the Cassini mission to the forefront of campus discussions. Representatives from the Florida Coalition for Peace and Justice, the organization that has led the

Cassini opposition, were on hand to answer any questions regarding the scheduled mission. The Coalition has been fighting the Cassini mission for the past three years, culminating with protests at Cape Canaveral over the past two weeks.

Due to bad wind conditions and a technical glitch on-board, NASA did not launch Cassini as scheduled. The launch was rescheduled for early Wednesday morning.

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Come Together

Anthony Guadalupe
Editor, SGA NEWS

Well kids the big day is finally here! The SGA NEWS has officially joined *The Sandspur* in a committed partnership to raise campus consciousness and inform students of what the heck goes on Wednesday nights at the Galloway Room. My name is Anthony Guadalupe, and I'll be working with PR Chair Matt Mitchell as the new editor of the SGA News. One of our



goals is to give students a voice from the student government perspective; to identify concerns and issues that you think need improvement and bring it to the attention of the SGA to make the necessary changes. And there will be changes. We've got a fresh motivated

staff this year and we've got a lot of things to do. If you have any thoughts about campus conditions that you feel need to be addressed, drop us a line at the SGA NEWS and see what we can do about it! Our extension is x2347, campus box #2535. We're excited about our new merge with *The Sandspur* and look forward to hearing from everyone-- let's activate our awareness and turn this place upside down!

Designated Driver Program

Jonathan Titone
SGA Vice President

Rollins College students are more frequently seeking off-campus entertainment and night-life. The Student Government Association recognizes the potential dangers that frequently arise in such situations, especially when alcohol is consumed. We looking to implement alcohol awareness programs that serve to protect all of our friends at Rollins and the entire greater Orlando community from the perils of alcohol abuse. One component of this plan is a comprehensive designated driver program. We feel that if there is some definite designation of responsibility, as well as a tangible reward (other than safety and saving lives), we will probably be more prone to participate in such a necessary program. The way we have envisioned the



program would not only promote safety and awareness, but it would also offer students a small reward for their responsible behavior.

Here's what we're offering you:

1. Free, unlimited, non-alcoholic beverages for the designated driver, all night!
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3. Drink vouchers for the designated driver to return at a later date for a free drink (alcoholic or non-alcoholic, for

the youngens)

4. And last, but certainly not least, the pleasure of knowing that you took responsibility for yourself, and quite possibly saved a life!

We have already contacted many of our favorite night spots around town, and have compiled a quite extensive list of the establishments we wish to work with. All of the establishments we have contacted have seemed genuinely enthusiastic toward working with us and making this program a great success. Look out early next week! We will post an updated list of all of the establishments offering this program outside of the SGA Office (above the mail room), and also in the next issue of *The Sandspur* on the SGA News page.

Keep it safe!

Welcome To Casa Iberia

Nicolle Nogueras
OCSA President

The Off-Campus Student Association (OCSA) is an organization whose purpose is to help off-campus students become a part of the Rollins community. It provides an opportunity for involvement on campus as well as for just meeting people. We have a home on-campus, Casa Iberia (next to Hauck Auditorium, past the soccer field and parking lot on Holt), which is fully equipped with: television, VCR, computers, kitchen, lockers, bathrooms, stereo, etc. The purpose of this facility is to provide off-campus students with the equivalent of a dorm room. It is somewhere that you can go to do homework or just hang out and relax. Casa Iberia is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week...so make use of it! Bring your on-campus and other friends by too! Just because you aren't off-campus doesn't mean you can't be a member. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please feel free to voice-

mail me, Nicolle Nogueras (OCSA President), at ext.2222 box# 7290 or drop me a line through campus mail at box#1865. Hope to hear from you soon! You can also call the lounge @ ext. 2374)

You need a combination to get in for your own safety. We will provide you with it when you drop by or if you drop us a line. **FOR SAFETY REASONS PLEASE DO NOT GIVE OUT THE COMBINATION!**

COME ONE COME ALL TO UPCOMING OCSA EVENTS!!!

HAUNTED OPEN HOUSE @ CASA IBERIA- We will be hosting an open house **Friday, October 24**.

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HALLOWEEN HOWL @ CASA IBERIA

If you want to help with Halloween Howl contact me @ ext.2374, e-mail: nnogueras, or via voice or campus mail. (SEE ABOVE NUMBERS)

Tarpit Looking For Members

Chris Howe
Contributing Writer

We need your HELP! The tarpit is looking for loud, basically crazy, and energetic new members. Membership is easy-- you simply show up to

the game, act a little nuts, make a lot of noise, and just plain enjoy yourself. This organization is here to stay, and we will be at as many activities as possible to cheer in our fellow students. GO TARS!

Meet Jennifer Jordan

Jennifer Jordan
PR Advertising Chair

I'd just like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Jennifer Jordan, and I am the new Advertising Chair for the Public Relations department of SGA. I am a freshman, my family lives in Maine, and I am just starting to get used to the warm weather! I am really excited about this year and what the SGA has planned. As a new Senator, it is so great to see that everyone in SGA is so committed to improving Rollins College. Within advertising, we're working now to put up scrolling message boards in the Down Under and in the Student Center so that we can let everyone know what is going on. We are also working on getting a large billboard for the



hallway outside the Student Center. This board will hopefully cover a LARGE space in this hallway and be available to other campus organizations to use for advertising events. The board will also feature an expanded version of the calendar you are used to seeing in the SGA News. My goal as the new Advertising Chair is to make sure that everyone on campus has a better idea about what is going on inside SGA and throughout the campus. So, watch for the new scrolling boards and the billboard coming soon to a Student Center near you!

New Student Services Chair

This past week, Matt and John nominated me [Mike Gillespie] as the SGA Student Services Chair. As chair, I have the responsibility to govern over the Food Services Committee, and four new committees: Information Technology, Environmental, By-Laws and the New Organization Funding and Development Committee. These programs are all designed to aid students in their life here at Rollins College.

If anyone has any questions, comments, or ideas, please get in contact with me. I will eventually have an office, but as for now you can contact me at x2794, or mail me at mgillespie@rollins.edu.

Furthermore, if anyone would like to get involved, please fill out the following form and put it in my mailbox #1521, or drop it by McKean Room 002.

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Mike Gillespie

Student Services Chair

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In Theaters: *Seven Years in Tibet*

Marc Richfield
Sandspur Movie Critic

I had a feeling while walking into the theater that *Seven Years in Tibet* wouldn't be a great movie from both word-of-mouth and intuition. Having an open mind, I love nothing more than seeing a movie in that particular mindset and having the movie prove its worth and surprise me. Unfortunately, *Seven Years in Tibet* wasn't able to accomplish that.

Seven Years stars Brad Pitt, and that's the beginning of this film's many problems.

He's a fine actor (check out *Kalifornia* or *Seven*) but if anybody has ever been miscast, it's Brad in this movie. He plays an Austrian mountaineer with a chip on his shoulder during the start of WWII. Donning a somewhat-believable accent, he runs away from family responsibility to climb a mountain and is met along the way with such grandiose adventures like becoming a Prisoner of War and escaping into Lhasa, Tibet and befriending the Dalai Lama of all people.

Jean-Jacques Annaud's *Seven Years in Tibet* does not

quite seem to know how to focus itself. The filmmakers try to cover everything from the soul-searching of Pitt's character to the peculiarities of his friendship with the Dalai Lama to China's invasion of Tibet and lots of little distracting elements that only add up to what people say is a boring, drawn-out film.

There are definitely some positive qualities that bring some pleasure to your film-going experience, the most notable being the beautiful scenery of Tibet brought to you by cinematographer Robert Fraise. The differences in culture of isolated Tibet are also interesting to see, but I wish they hadn't decided to spit them out such an apparent fashion that a better filmmaker would have avoided. And speaking of better filmmakers, at least I can have this movie to compare it to when Scorsese brings his film on the same subject called *Kundun* arriving sometime December-January-ish. I'm predicting an improvement of quality so great that it makes me impatient to have an opportunity to tear the Hell outta this film one more time.

Restaurant Review: Park Plaza Gardens

Barbara Abello
Features Editor

For the past week, I had been starving myself to death, because I knew what awaited me Sunday evening: a business dinner at Park Plaza Gardens! The Park Plaza's restaurant is the perfect place for those who crave five-star, stylish dining. Located behind the hotel's boisterous bar, the restaurant offers a quiet and cozy atmosphere. Dim lighting, voluptuous fir trees, and on occasion, live piano sonatas,

await professional and amateur gourmets.

The journey to paradise began with Crabmeat au Gratin (\$10.95). Wrapped in philo dough, the gratin was creamy, though not unpleasantly rich. Given my dinner partners were very much into "sharing," I also tried the Spiced Portobello Mushroom appetizer—very Oriental; absolutely fabulous. The feast proceeded with Oven-Roasted Rack of Lamb with Caramelized Onions and Truffles (\$26.95). The meat was perfectly tender, and the onions and truffles turned out

to be a better complement than the usual mashed potatoes. I also managed to steal a taste of the West Indian Salmon (\$26.95), which is one of the few dishes served at the bar for half the price. The salmon, laid over a bed of garlic mashed potatoes, and covered with thinly-sliced onion rings, was superb. Although we chose to skip dessert, we were offered a complimentary brownie covered with home-made vanilla ice-cream. Dessert was disappointing, but since it was complimentary, I did not dare complain!



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Barton Shines Both In The Classroom And On The Water

Chris Thorne
Sandspur Staff

Rhoni Barton is definitely in a league of her own. As a senior English major with a Communications minor, not only does she maintain a 3.9 GPA, but she is currently the U.S. Open Water Ski Overall Champion. Not a bad start to a resume that is already filled with athletic and academic honors.

Around campus, Rhoni's name is synonymous with her waterski awards. Last month, she was named the best female waterskiier ever by *WaterSki Magazine*, and two weeks ago in Colombia, she finished third overall in the World Championships.

However, what most people don't know is that she is extremely involved with organizations around campus. As a member of Chi Omega

Sorority, she has held the positions of Rush and Scholarship Chairman. She is also active in New Beginnings and the Student Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC), a position she takes very seriously. Rhoni says, "I have received so much from athletics here at Rollins; I feel that I should give something back." What Rhoni may not realize is that she has already given Rollins more than we could ever ask for.

Rhoni is a true champion. She has traveled the world because of waterskiing, yet you would never know when you first meet her. That is what is special about Rhoni. In a world where athletes boast about how great they are, Rhoni continues to be modest. She remains close to her mother Cheryl Barton and her brother Robbie, a junior at Rollins. Rhoni refuses to let her focus on her priorities slip.

Rhoni is known for having excellent studying habits. When she is not practicing, she is working on a paper or catching up on her reading assignments. After she graduates, she plans on taking a year to concentrate on skiing. After that year, she plans on attending law school to study criminal law. When asked what law schools she had in mind, she answered, "I would like to go to Stanford, but I don't know if they would accept me." Well, from what Rollins has seen from this California girl, it would be Stanford's loss not to give her anything she wanted. Rhoni is a woman who is taking advantage of all her talents. Not only does she succeed at the highest level in athletics, she excels in her studies. Here at *The Sandspur*, we are proud of what Rhoni has done in her four years at Rollins.



photo courtesy of SID's Office
Rhoni flies high at the 1997 World WaterSki Championships

Volleyball Team Flat At Florida Southern Invitational

SID's Office
Special to The Sandspur

The Tars were unable to come away with any victories in the Florida Southern Invitational as they lost to three strong opponents. The Tars came within a whisker of upsetting Presbyterian as they lost in five games. They dropped three game matches to New

Haven and St. Francis.

After dropping the opening game against Presbyterian 15-8, the Tars rallied from a 14-8 deficit to win the second game 16-14. The Tars had 26 kills in the second game and freshman Kyleen Charlton posted 21 assists in that game. Presbyterian claimed game three 15-7, but Rollins stormed

back to win the fourth game 15-10. The fifth game was very tight until Presbyterian pulled away at the end for the 15-10 victory. Sarah Hurguy led a balanced Rollins attack with 14 kills while Laura Bender added 13 kills and 11 digs. Charlton finished the match with 52 assists for the ninth highest single match total in school history.

Tennis Teams Post Strong Showings

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WOMEN'S TENNIS
The women's team enjoyed a strong showing in the C.L. Varner Invitational, hosted by the Tars. Every Rollins player advanced to at least the second round of singles play with four Tars making the quarterfinals.

Junior standouts Monica Bonilla and Windy Dees reached the semifinals with Bonilla advancing to the finals before losing to former Tar

Robin Keener. Sophomore Rebecca Spears and freshman Kristen Haines were defeated in the quarterfinals.

The Tars also showed well in doubles as the duo of Bonilla and Monika Wisser claimed the championship. Two other Rollins teams, Spears and Jenna Lavina and Dees and Sabrina Maharaj also reached the semifinals before being defeated.

MEN'S TENNIS

The men's tennis team also posted a strong showing

in the C.L. Varner Invitational.

Leading the way was Tim Videnka. Videnka reached the quarterfinals of the men's draw and teamed with Michael Andersen to claim the championship of the doubles event. John Forzpontiak also reached the quarterfinals of the men's draw before dropping a 6-3, 7-6 decision to a player from Florida Atlantic. Matt White dropped his opening match, but rebounded to reach the semifinals of the consolation draw.

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CROSS COUNTRY

Women 12th, Men 13th at University of Florida Invitational

Facing strong Division I and II competition, the women's team finished 12th out of 15 teams and the men 13th at the University of Florida Invitational.

The women finished im-

mediately behind conference foe Tampa and ahead of Division I Stetson University. Freshman Kirsten Palacios led the Tars while posting her best time of the season at 21:51. Emily White was the next Rollins finisher at 22:06.

On the men's side, Andy DeMil led the way with a time of 32:17. Chris Boynton placed second for the Tars with his best time of the season.

MEN'S GOLF

1st at Lynn Invitational
Fredrik Nilsson finished first overall with a three round score of two-under par 214 to lift the men's golf team to a first place finish at the Lynn University Invitational. Mario Coehlo finished tied for third place with a three round score of 222 and Carter Lamberson also finished in the top 10 with a three round score of 224.

Soccer Shots

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MEN'S SOCCER

Current Record: 4-6

Last Week: Rollins 2, Barry 1 OT

Senior John Baldwin scored the game-winning goal just 31 seconds into sudden-death overtime to lift the men's soccer team to a 2-1 victory over Barry University. Baldwin scored from 15 yards out following a crossing pass from Jason Tisdell to give the Tars their first conference win of the season.

Barry took the early lead with a goal only six minutes into the contest, but Rollins goalie Peter Blomqvist and the Tars defense did not allow the Buccaneers another goal. Rollins tied the score with

13:27 remaining in regulation on a goal by Sean Reed. The Tars controlled the action throughout as they out shot Barry 20 to 13.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Current Record: 4-3

Last Week: St. Thomas 1, Rollins 1

The Tars were unable to contain Michelle Smith of St. Thomas as she scored three goals to lift the Bobcats to a 3-1 victory over the Tars. Rollins opened the scoring just seven minutes into the contest as Jenny Wallin scored on an assist from Annette Magdaleno. The Bobcats tied the score later in the half and added two goals in the second half to defeat the Tars.

Food, Fun, and Discussion



The Rollins Bookstore is looking for 10 students to attend a discussion aimed at the improvement of the bookstore. Eat a free dinner and voice your opinions! Apply at the bookstore.

Why It Doesn't Matter Whether Cassini Is A Bomb Or Not

Melodie Malfa
Special to The Sandspur

Why is it so important to feel "legitimate" about the Cassini issue? Let's not sell out on the issue by trying to make it clear that we are purely "intellectual." What is wrong with being emotional? What is wrong with being heartfelt?

God forbid we should sound like radicals.

God forbid we should sound like crazy protesters.

God forbid we should sound like activists.

Personally I am not ashamed to be seen as any of these things, so please don't marginalize me for activism because you have decided to stay academic. Please don't dismiss me because I have decided to speak out, because I care about the issue, because I think for myself instead of letting the media, the government, or my educators think for me.

I heard a NASA spokesperson on the news last night say that there is a lot of misinformation out there. I totally agree—there is misinformation from all sides, including NASA. Many people came up to me Sunday night and asked me to tell them what the *real* statistics were, what is *really* going to happen. I explained that I didn't know; none of us know, not even NASA knows. Furthermore, I explained that it didn't matter—they need to take what is happening and assess [the situation] for themselves.

It doesn't matter because the statistics & the "facts" will all be debated—it's one PhD over another; it's a government agency over "mere" laypeople. It's laypeople over laypeople. I think people get too caught up in these things. I think the whole

thing is very simple, and that anyone can come to their own conclusion about Cassini based on the very minimal facts of what, just for the record, NASA has openly told the world about the launch. It is a rocket. [Cassini], or part of it, is fueled by 72.3 pounds of plutonium. Plutonium, in certain forms and maybe in all forms (a debatable issue), can destroy human health leading to death. NASA has launched rockets in the past using smaller amounts of plutonium. NASA itself has a track record of mishaps occurring with its shuttles or rockets because of human error or technical difficulties, an occurrence that is no stranger to human endeavors. NASA admits that there is a risk (the numbers on that risk are so debatable that I refuse to look at them) of something happening where plutonium would be released in some form. This is stated in their Environmental Impact Statement. They also discuss the mobilization of hospitals and the treatment of local citizens for radiation exposure in case of an accident.

Here's what I get from all that: NASA has decided that the risk is small enough that the scientific discoveries of Cassini far outweigh the minimal risk involved. Again, the amount of risk is a wide topic of debate—but look beyond this debate to the larger point: NASA is making this decision. Not me. Not you. Not any of us. No representatives voted on the launch—not that I am a big proponent of our democracy system, but that's the way it's supposed to work. When did NASA step away from science (deciding how much risk is present) and make the moral decision that this risk is worth taking? How come only Clinton has had final say? How is it that eight senators voicing concerns about Cassini have had no impact? I don't think any risk is worth

taking. No matter how much you stick those statistics out there, it is still too much of a risk. Why? Because we're talking about a risk that involves human lives across the world and the environment of this planet. There are some risks that should never be taken—where is the cutoff point anyways for the assessment of risk? I think that I (as a world citizen) should have some say in taking this risk.

So go ahead—call Cassini a nuclear bomb if it challenges peoples' worldviews—if it makes people think. To me, this is a debate between those who question what is told to them and by those who are ready to accept what is told to them at face value. I beg you to look at the moral and philosophical implications of what is happening here, to look beyond science. Whatever your decision may be about Cassini—let it be heartfelt. And most of all—act! Tell as many people as you can what you think! Annoyingly e-mail people until your point is made. Sit on a lawn in support or in protest. But don't just sit!

Please don't tell me I am "hysterical." Please don't tell me to sit back and think about it, or to read some more documents. I am through reading (never through thinking!) for the moment. I have made my decisions. I have heard the opposition. I have debated the opposition, and their points never once made me doubt how I feel (yes, feel!) about this issue. Cassini is wrong for [many] reasons—and if Cassini goes up without a problem, *it is still wrong*. It is the principle of Cassini—not the probability of explosion or leakage—that is wrong. NASA is raping us both by not respecting us enough to ask for our consent.

nus problems, so they sent me home.

How did I get out of my depression? The solution involved me leaving my parents and attending boarding school in my former home town.

Oddly enough, my sister, who is now around the age I was when this all happened, recently complained of a headache and sleeplessness. My mother took her to the same doctor's office, where they referred her to a psychologist. The psychologist diagnosed her with clinical depression and prescribed her Prozac. My sister never had to tell my parents that she needed help: the doctors did that for her.

Why didn't they help me four

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years ago? It seems that the stigma of depression has lifted and people don't play denial games anymore. I now wonder how different my life would be if the doctor had prescribed Prozac for me. I don't know if the over-prescription of this drug is good or not, but I do know that had I taken it, I would have most likely remained with my parents and graduated from a Florida school. Who knows what friends I would have made here or the clubs I might have joined! I am not lamenting the way things turned out for me. I am simply amazed that one drug could have completely altered my life.

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The Age Of Prozac

Shannon Gryn
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After my parents moved to Florida when I was in the eleventh grade, I started getting headaches, experiencing sleeplessness, and excessively crying. The doctor attributed my ails to the poor air system at my school and allergies, but I knew better. Although there may have been truth in the doctor's diagnosis, the brunt of my illness was caused by depression. Of course, I could not

tell my parents or the doctor such things but could only hope that they would know. Instead the doctor told my mother that I was a bit "histrionic" and placed me in the hospital for dehydration.

My stay in the hospital included CAT scans, IV's, and tubes down my nose. Then my northern patience was further tried when the nurses mixed up my doctor's orders with another doctor of a similar name. The result was a declaration that I had no definitive si-

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