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## Creator of Dolly Visits Rollins



Dolly (left), and her surrogate mother.

by Amanda Schulman  
Special to The Sandspur

Dr. Keith Campbell is known throughout the world for his creation of "Dolly," the first mammal to be cloned from adult somatic cells. On Monday, February 22, Rollins was privileged to hear him speak about the ethical and scientific principles that surround the creation of Dolly.

Dr. Campbell is a renowned cell biologist and embryologist. For 26 years, he has been involved in the field of cell growth and differentiation. After completing his post-graduate work, he moved to Scotland to continue his work in this field. In 1991, he joined with the Roslin Institute where he applied his doctoral work to the production of mammalian embryos and nuclear transfer.

The creation of Dolly, according to Dr. Campbell, is a break-

through in scientific research that can eventually be applied to modern medicine. With the use of nuclear transfer, people with genetic disorders can be helped, by creating the protein they lack. Furthermore, by using nuclear transfer, people with organ transplants might be able to avoid pronuclear rejection.

In addition, Dr. Campbell, along with the Roslin Institute, is working on pronuclear ejection, which is believed to help people suffering from genetic disorders. Hypotheses on the use of nuclear transfer to aid in the avoidance of disease transmissions, such as AIDS and Hepatitis, are also being tested.

In the future, Dr. Campbell predicts that the research being conducted at the Roslin Institute can be generalized to treating women with infertility, as well as developing disease prevention models

and genetic preservation. According to Dr. Campbell, women suffering from infertility may lack an essential protein that can possibly be given to them through nuclear transfer. Genetic preservation, which involves setting up gene banks, is useful in helping to prevent certain species of animals from becoming extinct.

"Most people," says Dr. Campbell, "see cloning in the context of Frankenstein or as a way to replicate the deceased." However, his interest in nuclear transfer did not come about from his desire to clone human beings. Dr. Campbell says that even if another human being were to be cloned, they would not be an exact replica of the person because of the effects of their social environment, which he refers to as "nurturing." Instead, Dr. Campbell's interests lie in helping to advance medical technology.

## Spring Break Arrives

by Marina Meyer  
Special to The Sandspur

Although spring break is only a few days away, it's not too late to make arrangements. Sarah Meyer, a travel consultant for Winter Park Travel, suggested some great packages for the last minute planner.

Sun worshippers are sure to enjoy a six night stay in the Bahamas at approximately \$900 per person, including airfare and accommodations. Another possibility is a four-night stay in Jamaica starting about \$800. In addition, more expensive packages exist, such as a seven-night cruise through

the Caribbean, flying out of either Ft. Lauderdale or Miami, which starts at \$900.

If these destinations are too pricey, Florida is home to many popular spots just in driving distance. Among these are Daytona Beach, Cocoa Beach, Panama City, and the Florida Keys. Hotel accommodations range anywhere from \$200-\$350.

Finally, if cold weather is appealing, a six night ski package in Breckenridge runs from \$1200-\$1400, including airfare, hotel accommodations, ski rental, and lift tickets. "But you better act real fast," Basagic advised, "because availability is limited."

## KΔ Brings More than Luck

by Ashley Hay  
News Editor

St. Patrick's Day is about four-leaf clovers, leprechauns, and, of course, good fortune. Traditionally, St. Patrick's Day has been a holiday filled with chaos and celebration, where hundreds of people head downtown to revel in the Irish holiday, the many free pints of green beer, and the free cover at local night clubs.

However, during this time of rejoicing, Kappa Delta puts endless hours of effort and hard work into their Shamrock Week.

Kappa Delta begins their shamrock project on Tuesday, March

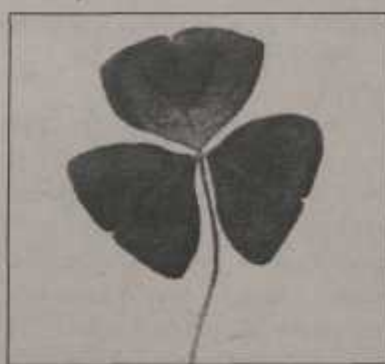
16, and ends it on Friday, March 19. The week is dedicated to helping those less fortunate. The sorority will hold a raffle to benefit its national philanthropy, The National Committee to Prevent Child Abuse, as well as its local philanthropy, The Crisis Nursery, both of which sponsor young children and their mothers.

The raffle has always been a huge success, mainly because of the donations the sorority receives from vendors in the Orlando area.

Each ticket will be sold for \$1 outside of Beans from 11 to 1 and from 5 to 7, and boasts the chance to win a prize. The prizes range in value, and, as the leprechauns

would say, can be worth their weight in gold.

The sorority chair of the raffle, Elisha Koota, encourages all students, faculty, and staff to participate in the raffle because their donations "support a very good and worthy cause."



## Hypnotist Gets a Headache

by Randall Tackett  
Special to The Sandspur

Hypnotist, J. Medicine-Hat, cancelled his performance on February 23, because he was suffering from a migraine headache.

Medicine-Hat was scheduled for 7 P.M. At about 7:15, Rina Wright, director of the Cornell Center, disappointed the audi-

ence when she told them he was unable to perform. Tovar said Medicine-Hat wanted to carry on with his show, but she would not allow it, fearing he might put someone under and not be able to get him/her back out.

Linda Wright, physiologist and hypnotist, said that "any subject that is not brought out of a trance would simply wake up from a short

natural sleep." Ironically, Wright also said most hypnotists practice self-hypnosis in order to cure many ailments, including headaches.

Tovar said that the show will be rescheduled in the near future.

In his show, Medicine-Hat transforms volunteers into aliens, rock stars, pregnant women in labor, and other personalities.

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## Weirdness on the Web

by Aaron Teplitsky  
Pipe Dream (SUNY-Binghamton)

(U-WIRE) BINGHAMTON, N.Y. — There are some pretty interesting and unique Web sites out there. I've found a few particularly fascinating sites for you.

The Onion is a good source of news. The site, updated every Wednesday, reports on everything from foreign relations to Microsoft. Oh, and all of their stories are complete jokes.

A quick visit to [www.theonion.com](http://www.theonion.com) this week revealed such headlines as "Doctors No Closer To Cure For Old-Person Smell," "Signed 8x10 Of Tony Danza Draws Millions To Brooklyn Dry Cleaner," and "Apple Employee Fired For Thinking Different."

Last week's headlines included "Greenspan, Entourage Demolish

Hotel Room," "Three Boomers Feared Dead In Jenga Collapse," and "13-Year-Old Girl Can't Believe How Immature Everyone Is."

Major stories come complete with photos and quotes, just like in those other newspapers. The Gallery of The Absurd ([www.absurdgallery.com](http://www.absurdgallery.com)) is a wonderful source of...well, absurdity. The Gallery contains a fairly large collection of "weird — but real — advertisements, labels, and signs."

Within the six main pages of the Gallery one can find real, actual photos of Bunghole Liquors, learn about Doctor Do Da (the Gospel Clown), hear about Guy's Nuts, see the S&M Shopping Arcade, and "reduce an entire mouse to a soup-like homogenate in 30 seconds." Yummy.

The Joe Cartoon Co. ([www.joecartoon.com](http://www.joecartoon.com)) contains a

hearty helping of cartoons and animations. Their slogan: "Specializing in the sick and wrong."

The cartoons will show you Stump, the three-legged dog; the Testi-Brothers (they're really nuts, but just hanging out); the Twistedtubbys; and a delicious package of Hickory Smoked Brown & Serve Panda Patties, among other fascinating things.

Perhaps you've heard of Nothing Records. Their site ([www.nothingrecords.com](http://www.nothingrecords.com)) is just bursting with incredible content. You will be astounded beyond belief by the huge, seemingly unlimited wave of material. Really.

And then there's this Hamster Dance site over here ([www.hamsterdance.com](http://www.hamsterdance.com)). It's too weird for words. Just go there on a computer with good speakers and see for yourself.

## U. Colorado Library Site for Public Sex

By Katy Mitchell  
Campus Press (U. Colorado)

(U-WIRE) BOULDER, Colo. — Norlin Library, the center of learning on the CU-Boulder campus might be providing some extra-curricular activity for students as well.

A few years ago, Playboy magazine ranked Norlin Library No. 2 on a list of the nation's top places to hook up on university campuses.

Some students think the reputation is well deserved, while others think it's all hype.

The Playboy ranking is "so true," said Adam, a senior CU student, while studying in Norlin. "I wouldn't be surprised if someone is getting it on right now," he added.

Mike Gold, a junior open option major who works security at Norlin, agreed that the Playboy ranking was true. "(Norlin) is an easy place to pick up people," he said. "I know a couple of people who have had sex in Norlin." "A lot of people have definitely thought about it. I wouldn't put it past anybody."

Norlin is also quite well known as a social center. "In my four years here I have easily met 10 to 15 girls here. They casually come up and introduce themselves," said Aaron, a senior CU student.

He mentioned the second floor open study room as the most notorious place for attracting members of the opposite sex.

"No way someone gets work done there," he said. "It's like going to the Foundry with a respectable intent."

Females seemed to agree the layout of the study room invited the viewing of others. "I always walk by the second floor to see if there are any good-looking guys," said Kathleen Cropp, a junior kinesiology major.

She said that when she studies

there, she gets little work done. "I've been studying here (the second floor) for two hours and I've only read 10 pages," she said.

Joss Dewaele, a junior English major who also works in Norlin, called the Playboy ranking "bullshit." "The only reason Playboy said that was so the reporter could get an all expense paid trip to Boulder. There was no research involved at all," he said.

"Take it from someone who has worked here (at Norlin) for three years, no one is scoring here, especially me," Dewaele said.

"Do you ever just feel like having sex?" reads the back wall of a study desk near the science stacks. Apparently some students do, and that's where the reputation started.

"Everyone talks about having sex in Norlin, so I've wanted to do it for a while," said Rick, a junior CU student. Rick said that he had sex with his girlfriend in a science stacks study room one weekday evening during finals.

"We were both there and it just happened," he said. Rick said that he would be willing to do it again.

Does Norlin entice students to it for its sexual escapades, or is it just a matter of timing?

Jackie, a junior CU student, said she almost had sex in Norlin. "One night while studying, my boyfriend and I spontaneously started talking about how late at night there are not many people up in the stacks and that would be an interesting place to have sex," Jackie said.

She said they went up to the stacks with the intention of having sex but decided against it when they got there. "We didn't want to get caught. I guess I'm not much of a sexual deviant," Jackie said.

Jackie said the only reason they thought to have sex in Norlin was because they were already there.

Rick said having sex in Norlin is all about "the thrill of it."

Autumn Wolfensperger, a jun-

ior film studies major agreed.

"They do it because of the thrill factor, and it's a public fetish that they have, like the mile-high club (couples that have sex in an airplane while in flight)," she said.

Patti Adler, a sociology professor at CU who teaches a popular introductory sociology course on deviance in society, said she didn't find it new or surprising that people were hooking up in a place like Norlin.

"People get a kick out of having sex in public places; it's fun, challenging and different," Adler said. Adler noted that people might be having sex in Norlin to turn a place that could be boring and full of tension into something exciting and fun. She said that students are possibly using sex as a way to relieve tension.

"Norlin is a stressful place, it's not surprising that sex could result from that tension," Adler said.

Regardless of the stories bouncing around, most of the staff at Norlin felt sexual acts occurring there were not much of a problem. "I assume it happens, but there's never been an incident that I've had to deal with," Justin said. "It's difficult to catch them, people can stop when they hear someone walking by."

Gold agreed. "No one I've worked with has caught anyone having sex in the library," he said.

Acts other than sex seem to be the main problem for the Norlin staff. "Unfortunately, most of the stories we hear are about people having sex with themselves," Justin said. "There have been a few incidents of perverts," he said.

Amy, a junior international affairs major and former student security worker at Norlin, agreed that people having sex is not much of a problem. "The weirdest place in Norlin is the government publications international document section," she said.

## Drug Law Sparks Nationwide Student-led Campaign

by Megan Hartigan  
The New Hampshire (U. New Hampshire)

(U-WIRE) DURHAM, N.H. — Students at universities across the country are joining together to challenge a recent law that takes federal financial aid away from students convicted of drug offenses.

Congress recently passed a provision to the Higher Education Act of 1998 which denies or delays federal financial aid to any student convicted of a drug offense.

This new law, signed on Oct. 3, 1998, has raised controversy and protest within many college communities.

As a result, a non-profit organization called Drug Reform Coordination Network News (DRCNet) is coordinating a national, student-led campaign against the law. The group was founded in 1993 and is based in Washington, D.C.

According to Kris Lotlicker, university coordinator for DRCNet, there are students working on this protest on over 100 campuses nationwide. Together they are working on a congressional lobbying effort to persuade the legislature to overturn the law. They are planning on bringing it to Congress in mid-March.

The law they are fighting against states that a student who has been convicted of any offense under federal or state law involving the possession or sale of a controlled substance, will not be eligible to receive any grant, loan or work assistance for an amount of time that is based on how many offenses they have accumulated.

There is an ineligibility period of one year for a student's first offense, two years for a second of-

fense, and an indefinite amount of time for a third offense. The student may regain eligibility for federal financial aid before the suspension is complete if he or she agrees to go through a drug rehabilitation program, which includes two unannounced drug tests.

Mark Souder, a Republican from Indiana, introduced the bill to Congress. Rep. John Sununu and Sen. Bob Smith (R), both from New Hampshire, voted in favor of the bill.

Smith fully supports denying students federal aid if they are convicted of drug abuse, according to Karen Hickey, coordinator of Smith's Washington, D.C. office.

"Congressmen just want to say 'We're being tough on drugs' so that their districts can be happy. They've been trying everything and nothing is working because they have such backward methods," Lotlicker said. "To the extent that federal government involves itself in education, it should be focused on making it easier, not more difficult, for citizens to educate themselves."

Rob Stewart, spokesman for Drug Policy Foundation in Washington, D.C., pointed out to someone who has committed more serious crimes than drug offenses such as rape, murder or robbery could serve time and still be eligible for federal aid.

Smith said, "It will deny education to those for whom it's most vital: the poor, the non-violent and non-violent young people who have had previous contact with the criminal justice system, who are trying to turn their lives around."

"Denying a young person a person - the ability to get an education is not a policy fit for an advanced society," Lotlicker said.

## Eating Disorder Awareness

by Nicole Hilberth  
Special to The Sandspur

According to the National Association of Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders, seven million women and one million men suffer from eating disorders.

Anorexia Nervosa is the fear of weight gain and the refusal to eat. Bulimia is the rapid consumption of food followed by self-induced vomiting or laxative use. According to statistics, there are four times as many bulimics than anorexics.

At Rollins, personal counselor Carol Gallelli states that about 50 percent of students have eating disorders and problems with food consumption. Away from home, many students fall victim to peer pressure and engage in these be-

haviors to feel accepted or in control.

On March 16 and 17, Rollins will hold programs to promote awareness of eating disorders. The two days will include a film and panel of students and professionals who will share their experiences with eating disorders. Gallelli said, "The women will be openly and honestly about their real-life struggles."

On March 15, a detailed schedule of the events will be distributed in students' mailboxes. Gallelli encourages students to participate in order to learn about the prevention and treatment of eating disorders. She said, "Education is really the key" when dealing with such diseases.

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# EDITORIAL...

## A Letter from the Editor

Who Knew Humanity Would Surprise Me?

Family Weekend '99 has come to an end, and while I could not help but notice that the food was a little better, the campus a bit cleaner, and everyone and everything more polite and well groomed, what my mind could not comprehend most of all was the level of humanity demonstrated by students, faculty, and staff. It rose. Severely.

As I walked around campus, I realized that the atmosphere had changed not because more adults were permeating our walks, but because their children were suddenly...their children, and not the wild, boisterous, offensive, indifferent, or elitist peers I had come to know and sometimes to love.

Students dressed suitably, spoke properly, smiled jubilantly, and displayed a polite and overtly friendly manner that I had never before witnessed in such a large quantity for an extended period of time.

But what was most surprising was the fact that their courteous expressions and behavior were not at all feigned. In fact, they appeared to be appropriate manifestations that befitted proper, kindhearted, benevolent human beings. And even I could not have imagined my surprise.

People I had never seen with even a hint of a smile or a good wish to bestow upon anyone, gathered in groups to introduce their parents to friends and their families, and they talked happily and animatedly.

People in my classes who had never before spoken (or showed up on time, or stayed awake, for that matter), now spoke and read aloud and offered information without being asked or forced, as if they were really listening or, even more unbelievable, really enjoying learning.

In fact, the entire atmosphere lightened and brightened as I was privileged to discover new cheerful faces I had missed, smiles I had never imagined, and hearts I had yet to appreciate. I saw students, faculty, siblings, and parents embrace and laugh and rejoice in the sheer pleasure of the moment.

As if awaking from a dream, I looked around to see a world brought to life and happiness before my eyes. I saw humanity descend upon Rollins, and we chose to keep it, to fill our souls with it, instead of sending it away.

Until that moment, I never realized what was here, what could have been here, or what I expected to be here.

But, from now on, I will look around at our world and notice whether or not it is the utopia I describe here and desire always.

Hopefully, I will look around me and see the world I want to see, regardless of whether or not I will be choosing to ignore reality.

But in my heart, as I hope in all of your hearts as well, I will always wish it to be Family Weekend. Well, maybe not. But I will wish us to be those people I had the honor of meeting. And I will forever wish us to remain who we were then.

We lived up to our humanity; we were amazing.

Rachel Gramer  
Managing Editor



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## Banner: the Currently Riddled Road to Financial Ease

by Heather Reynolds  
Special to The Sandspur

Imagine . . . a campus of line-free registration, access to student accounts and parking ticket records, add/drop via e-mail to one's advisor, online FAFSA and admissions, and time sheet and tax information for work/study students.

According to Les Lloyd, the Vice President of Information Technology, these features will be available soon. The answer: the new computer system, also known as "Banner."

Banner, created by SCT, is a flexible program for colleges to promote better communication and records. SCT's web-site says, "You choose the organizational processes most effective for your institution."

In the summer of 1996, Banner replaced the computer programs of

Rollins that were installed in the early 1980s. According to Lloyd, Rollins opted for a new system because they were combining several programs. He says Rollins was "band-aiding an old system to get what we wanted." Banner, on the other hand, can reportedly adapt itself to anything Rollins will need.

With this belief in mind, student records and billing installed the system last summer, and fundraising and alumni are scheduled to follow soon. Transcripts have been updated as of February 3, since students that requested transcripts were receiving two. One contained all information prior to Banner and the other included everything after the installation, says Lloyd.

Unfortunately, however, false, unpaid tuition reports threatening the dismissal of students, less detailed bills, incorrect grade point

averages, and scheduling problems have made affected students skeptical of its capabilities.

Some students question what Rollins is aiming for with this new program. Cara Taylor, sophomore, claims that she received a letter last April, stating she would not receive her Rollins Grant because her GPA was too low. After receiving well above what she needed on her report card, she was furious. Several calls found that it was a "glitch."

Another sophomore also reports that an error made in the Bursar's office three weeks ago caused calls to her stating that she would be kicked out for overdue tuition bills.

Computer glitch or office error, these students are asking if the perks are worth it. Taylor still believes that it would be great if these features work, but nevertheless remains skeptical. "I see many

potential problems. As often as the server crashes now, I can only imagine how a campus full of people trying to add/drop classes simultaneously would affect the system," says Taylor.

The implementation of the program has also caused many issues concerning the staff behind the system. Yvonne Berry, Associate Vice-President of Finance, reports that they have lost most of the people originally trained for Banner. Berry says, "implementation has been difficult . . . the setup was largely done by individuals that are no longer with us at the college. Therefore, we've hired almost a brand new staff that is not only responsible for the day to day demands of the job, but learning a complex new system" also.

Assistant Dean of Academic Administration and Student Records, Toni Strollo Holbrook, agrees that it has been difficult to

configure the system for her staff. Still, they are working extremely hard to get Banner to work, eventually hoping to acquire some of the "bells and whistles" of the program as they learn.

Difficulties aside, Berry enthusiastically supports the promise of future benefits. Her general impression of the system is that it has terrific capabilities.

Lloyd, with that same hope, trusts that Banner will give students and faculty more time to confer without trying to track each other down for add/drop or billing questions which the student will be able to answer online. Lloyd knows that "with any new system, there are always glitches, but we haven't kicked anybody out, we haven't lost a student, and we haven't overcharged any one."

## Blast Doesn't Explode Well

by Alexia Brehm  
Special to The Sandspur

*Blast from the Past* begins in 1962, at the time of the Cuban Missile Crisis. Viewers are presented with a family living in California consisting of Helen, a very pregnant wife played by Sissy Spacek, and Calvin, a science-oriented inventor husband played by Christopher Walken.

Hearing the horrifying news of the possible attack on America, the family decides to take refuge in an underground bomb shelter, which the husband has been working on for years. The fruits of his labor are many, as the camera pans a mock house and a myriad of shelves full of foods and other goods. The abundance and complexity of supplies and structure of this shelter were incredibly preposterous.

As the two enter the shelter, a blast goes off above them. This causes situational irony, wherein the audience sees the explosion was caused by a random plane crash, but the husband believes it was the bomb that will end life on Earth as they know it. Scared out of his mind, Calvin activates a lock on the two doors of the shelter that

will not unlock until thirty-five years later, which is the amount of time it will take for all the deadly residue and toxic gas from the bomb to dissipate from the Earth's surface.

Soon after, Helen gives birth to a baby boy, whom they name Adam, a biblical allusion in the belief that he is to be the first man of the newly changed world above them. The movie then moves through Adam's sheltered (no pun intended) life, showing how the parents raised their child as ideally as they could in the environment they had.

Finally, on the night of Adam's thirty-fifth birthday (the role now being played by Brendan Fraser), the restraints on the doors unlock themselves. The next morning, Calvin ventures into the new world, comes home and reports on his findings. Then, Adam is sent out to find food and other supplies, as well as a nice girl "who isn't a mutant" to marry.

Adam's excursion on the topsoil of Earth is mildly funny and amusing. Our main character meets aptly-named Eve, played by Alicia Silverstone, in a baseball card shop, and falls for her immediately. She helps him collect food

and supplies to refuel his family's dwindling stock in their shelter.

The two flirt with each other constantly and are soon stuck on each other. They go through many different scenarios that show that they care for each other, and Eve is willing to meet Adam's parents in their abode for the past thirty-five years. Adam and Eve appear to be close at the end of the movie, which makes this story end well.

Though this is a lighthearted, funny film, there were many extensions of the plot that did not tie in at the end, leaving the viewer to wonder why the actions were even endeavored. Altogether, the movie is funny despite sad, repetitive attempts for cheap laughs.

The acting is phenomenal by all, though other aspects bring the film down. The absolute unfeasibility of the entire situation of staying in a bomb shelter for thirty-five years, not to mention the making of the luxurious shelter in itself by one man, is hard for viewers to relate to, as they take it all in.

So *Blast from the Past* is not a must see, but if you have the money and the time and are in the mood for a quick laugh, this movie is right up your alley.

## The Heart of Rollins

by Alan Nordstrom  
Professor of English

What is the mission of the Cornell Campus Center?

In our Campus Center, Rollins hangs out and hangs together. More than any other College building, the Campus Center draws all students, faculty, and staff together regularly for spontaneous encounters and leisurely conversations. Since leisure is the root of scholarship, and precious in our busy world, our Campus Center offers sanctuary to the humane pleasures of slowing down, taking time, and getting to know each other. While other sites cater specially to the mind, the body, and the soul of the College community, the Campus Center serves its heart, charging it with vitality.

Too much lamented in Rollins in the past has been a lack of "spirit." Vitality raises spirits, and vitality comes from what infuses us with energy, warmth, and affection. Therefore, the Cornell Campus Center promotes encounters and events planned to enliven by stimulating our minds, touching our hearts, and quickening our spirits. Conversations, collisions, the performing of music, dance, poetry and drama, displaying art by Rollins folk, watching movies that prompt discussion afterwards, debating with politicians, encountering diverse experiences will now vitalize Rollins as a convivial community.

All this is the mission of our new, cordial Campus Center.



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(Left to right) Kate Devine, Ashlee Branan, Brie Shannon, Natalie Smith, and Dr. Alan Nordstrom gather at the Darden Student Lounge inside the new Cornell Campus Center.

The Sandspur celebrates Women's Month by honoring the women of Rollins.

Please nominate faculty, staff and students that you think do not receive nearly enough recognition for their hard work.

Submit your nominations by  
Monday, March 15, to  
The Sandspur  
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## Herding Sleepwalkers

by Alan Nordstrom  
Professor of English

The worst thing about college is what's even worse in school: that too few people come to either place to learn. I have a T-shirt that makes my point by urging: "Don't let schooling interfere with your education."

Before you take offense too hastily, see if I'm right. Ask yourself honestly if your motive for coming to college is to read Shakespeare or Thomas Jefferson or Charles Darwin or Jane Austen or Sigmund Freud or Karl Marx or Aristotle, or to learn music, economics, history, biology, or mathematics for their own sakes, because these are works and ways of knowing you eagerly want to incorporate into yourself. How strong, honestly, is your passion for learning these things?

If you answer passionately that you're here to learn and learn and learn, then I rejoice, am not surprised, but still maintain that you stand among a minority of collegians who have come less to learn than to submit to a four-year process that will terminate in their certification as a Bachelor of Arts. They're here for the finish, not for the race.

To teach students who mostly

want to "get rid of" my course and have a grade and credit entered on their transcript, advancing them one game-board square closer to their diplomas, dismays me and undermines true education. Yet I'm more inclined to blame our schooling systems than blame students who have been perversely conditioned by these systems. Why blame the victims? The challenge is to change the system so that it serves best the innate inclinations of students to learn.

Yet given students' pre-college conditioning, it would be foolhardy for colleges to appeal to applicants strictly in terms of learning, as thus: "Come to Rollins College to study the Master Minds of all ages. Join us in reading the world's challenging and stirring authors from Aristotle to Angelou. Probe the great disciplines and systems of scholarship and knowledge in the humanities and expressive arts, in the natural and social sciences. Address your mind to the deep questions of human pondering such as, 'What are truth, goodness, and beauty?' 'Is humanity progressing?' 'What is the good life?' 'What are the uses of history?' 'Can science and religion agree on a single worldview?'"

"Can violence be abated and is it ever justified?" "What untapped potentials lie dormant in human beings and how can they be aroused?"

Rather than hope that such advertising would appeal, especially to most seventeen and eighteen year olds, we had better continue marketing Rollins to applicants as a delightfully luxurious place to spend one's four obligatory collegiate years on the way toward gaining a respectable diploma, on the way toward gainful employment and enhanced earning potential in the Real World thereafter. We should emphasize our amenities of Greek groups, clubs, sports, concerts, support services and climate, and continue to tout the "well-rounded education" one picks up along the way (simplifying the idea of liberal learning to a slick slogan).

Once the faculty has a pool of students, drawn here by whatever inducements, then they may try to make some ripples, sound some depths, and even set off underwater charges. From matriculation onward, the faculty, if they are serious about converting students into learners, have four years to ply their pedagogies in hopes of waking up their somnambulistic collegians to the true life of learning.

Lest they be discouraged,

however, they should hope for small success, remembering that too few students come to college meaning or wishing to learn, but merely to Be Taught, to be forced information to disgorge on final exams over the eight binge-purge cycles of their college career. While students nominally complain about regurgitative courses, many seem relieved at being unable to recall what they "took" much less learned in previous terms. If their courses were roads to anywhere, they got lost in the woods along the way and remain bewildered. If they entered fields of knowledge, their minds stayed unplowed, uncultivated, unharvested, and their studies unfruitful.

Nevertheless, against the odds and against conditional forces to the contrary, some students do grow into true learners, or come here learners already. They are the real reason for colleges. They are the greatest rewards the faculty receives, for they are ignited by the flame of curiosity, inspired by the spirit of inquiry, and compelled by the passion for discovery to learn and learn and learn, both in college and ever afterward.

How to reform this system? How can Rollins change for the

better and produce more true learners among its graduates? By intending to. By making that goal explicit. And by realizing what an uphill battle such an objective would be.

The main trouble is that faculty as well as students are system-ridden. We are all so powerfully constrained by customs and habits into playing the Academic Game of producing syllabi, setting assignments, making assessments, and checking attendance that we're lulled by procedures into neglecting the processes, the vital and subtle processes of passionate learning, learning for the sake of discovering answers to engaging, even urgent, questions.

Because we teachers are so preoccupied with herding sleepwalkers instead of guiding pioneers, we easily forget what we're really here to do: to encourage learning, to demonstrate learning, to facilitate learning, to celebrate learning, and to continue learning.

If you are indeed a learner at heart and believe, as I do, that college is for learning, above all else, then make your motive clear to me and to your other professors, insist that we serve the goal of true learning, and then support us in our efforts to awaken others to this noble mission.

## Rotaract Brings Rollins into the Community

by Heather Brousell  
The Sandspur

Rotaract has been very busy this year with a new agenda of events, especially those that play an important role in the community. To name a few, Rotaract will be taking part in Coalition for the Homeless, Habitat for Humanity, and the Special Olympics. Rotaract will also be sponsoring a weekly trip to the nursing home every Sunday at 2:10 p.m., in front of

Pinehurst. Any other suggestions that members or the officers have are also taken into consideration for activities.

Rotaract's new president, Sherry Ambrose, hopes to involve the officers of the club in various organizations. When asked how she feels about her position as president, she responded by saying, "It is not really overwhelming due to the help of the past president, Chad Harris, but it is a little nerve racking be-

cause of my freshman status."

Sherry eagerly wants to recruit more students to join Rotaract. She stands strong on her intentions of involving the members in the process of deciding on events in which the club will participate.

Rotaract meets at 7 p.m. in the Pinehurst lounge, and the meetings usually run for twenty minutes. There are already about twenty members in Rotaract, and more members are extremely anticipated.



Rotaract members display the cans collected last November to help fight spousal abuse.

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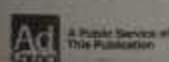
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## Racism at Rollins

by Christyne Ferris  
The Sandspur

Here in the paradise of Rollins College, where students recline by the pool next to the picturesque lake and the 7.8 million-dollar Campus Center, it is easy to forget about the problems that plague the outside world. That is, until they are loudly scrawled on the walls and carved into the gleaming finish of our lavish institution. Then we can no longer bask in the sun, with our shades blocking the evil from our eyes. It is then that we must acknowledge the thorns in our garden of roses.

Earlier this week, a swastika was keyed into the car of a member of the new Jewish fra-

ternity, Alpha Epsilon Pi, as it was parked in the new parking garage. Another car was vandalized the following day. The same symbol has also been appearing in dorm bathrooms.

In the midst of diversity week, these acts of hatred seem even more heinous. As different cultural groups on campus plan activities and celebrate their differences, it is easy to convince ourselves that the Rollins community embraces diversity, even if our mostly homogeneous population does not contain it.

The beast of racism certainly does not rear its ugly head in our pristine and polished world, even if it does stealthily fester beneath the surface. Hatred does not protrude onto our paved walkways or trimmed lawns; it does not

spill its bile into our cup of nectar.

Wrong.

The events that occurred in the past week slap us back to reality. Although racial slurs are buffed out of bathroom walls, their indelible mark has stained this community. A fresh coat of paint only glosses over the problem.

Now that the sting of the thorn has penetrated our paradise, we must all work to remove it from our garden. Just because racism may not affect each one of us directly, its presence chips away at the very community that we have been trying so hard to attain. And as enlightened college students who recognize the value of individuals beyond their back-

grounds or beliefs, we should be outraged by such injustice.

The practice of persecution is a remnant of the Dark Ages that has no place here. This school represents higher education, not just academically, but also morally and socially. We come here not only for intellectual advancement, but also to learn how to act as responsible members of a community.

When hatred spreads unchecked within the walls of our school, we have failed to uphold the values for which it stands, and have failed to perform our duty as students. We perpetuate the hate by ignoring the blemishes beneath the smooth surface of Rollins College.

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## Does Rollins' Reach Exceed Its Grasp?

by Rachel Gramer  
Managing Editor

The Rollins community members who did not partake in the evening with Debra Frasier, on February 25, missed an incredible opportunity to witness a real artist, author, and educator at work.

The people gathered in the Galloway Room listened as she unfolded the story of her life: her childhood in Vero Beach, experiences that inculcated her with a deep love of and respect for the ocean; her marriage and life in Minneapolis, a union that led to the birth of her daughter and the creation of her book, *On the Day You Were Born*; and most recently, the seven-year journey that brought her back to her childhood Florida and culminated in her newest book, *Out of the Ocean*.

Though this may seem like a lot to fit into an hour and a half time slot, Debra did so with her amazing ability to capture an audience of all ages, from all walks of life. She entertained us with childhood stories, captured our attention with slides, and captivated us with her engaging manner and expressive features.

She took us through the creation of a cover, through all the nuances of a children's picture book, and, in fact, through the entire production of *Out of the Ocean*, beginning with the very first words and photographs, and ending with the book's actual printing in Mexico and the finished product on her doorstep. From making her own paper to taking her own photographs; from laboring over the text to perfecting the design; from reading the book to us to displaying the educational materials she had created to accompany her books, Debra proved herself to be a true artist in nearly every sense of the word.

"So where's the opinion here?" you may ask.

"Here it is," I answer. "You missed it."

You missed the slides, the cover, the paper, the book, the photographs, the smiles, the laughs. You didn't see her open-

ing the front cover to reveal a world of opportunity, with new possibilities on every page. You missed a fascinating woman of such capability. You missed that feeling of awe and reverence and respect that I felt in watching greatness come to life before my eyes. Because you weren't there.

If you say you had no time, I feel no pity. Neither did I. If I only did what I had time to do, I probably wouldn't eat or sleep. I make time for what's important.

If you say you didn't know about it, I feel no pity. "Winter with the Writers" posters have been put up many times since December! Fliers have been put in mailboxes repeatedly and recently, one devoted to Debra Frasier alone.

Yet the only people there were a few English department faculty, a few Sigma Tau Delta members, one literature class, and community members. In fact, the people from the community seemed to outnumber Rollins faculty, staff, and students by far—at a Rollins College event.

There were few English faculty...

There were even fewer English majors...

Even fewer education and/or art majors...who could have benefited immeasurably from one and a half hours spent in learning and growing alongside one of the few true artists we have the privilege to see and experience.

"So what's your point?" you may ask by now. "We already missed it. We can't go back and change that."

My point is this: while I know that you cannot change your ignorance, indifference, or carelessness, I do want you to know that I had an incredible opportunity to experience an unbelievably talented artist. I took the chance, knowing that it does not come along every day.

But you missed it.

Robert Browning once said, "Ah, but a man's reach should exceed his grasp, or what's a heaven for?" I believe that Debra Frasier has done so, but I am afraid that Rollins has fallen far short of her accomplishment.

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## Goodbye to Senior Basketball Captain, Fred Johnson III



Men's Basketball Captain Fred Johnson III.

by Gibson Purdom  
Special to The Sandspur

Fred Johnson III, 22, was the lone senior on the men's basketball team this past season.

Johnson has played in an amazing 89 out of 90 games here at Rollins, only missing one game due to Coach Tom Klusman's decision to keep experience on the court during a regional final game, when Johnson was a freshman.

Going into his junior year, he became the only African American on the team. When asked about being singled out, Johnson said, "At first it was awkward being the only black on the team, but since I

knew the guys and we all respected each other no matter what color we were, the differences faded away, and soon it did not even matter. Going into my senior year, I never even thought about it."

As well as being the only African American, Johnson was also the only senior and captain. "When you have 2 or 3 guys out there as captain, you all set examples together, and there is less pressure on each player. But being the only senior and captain, all the pressure was on me to set examples and do things right because, if I messed up, there were no other seniors to look to [instead]. As the season went along,

the job of captain got easier because I had gained all the respect and proved to the team I was able to lead them from the very beginning."

With the season ending on Sunday, February 21, Johnson's basketball career ended. Being the only senior, he is the only player the team will lose going into next year.

Johnson was recruited to Rollins from St. Xavier High School in Cincinnati, Ohio. He played for Rollins all four seasons and plans to graduate in Economics this May.

## Men's Basketball Season Ends

by Gibson Purdom  
Special to The Sandspur

The men's basketball team finished their season on Sunday February 21, losing in double overtime to Barry University.

With two seconds left on the game clock, Rollins was up 66-65. Barry had the ball out of bounds under their own basket; they in-bounded the ball and scored an easy lay-up, at the buzzer, to win the game 66-67. The win advanced them to the second round of the Sunshine State Conference Tour-



The Men's Basketball team ends their season successfully

namment.

High scorers of the game were sophomore Caleb Springer with 18 points, and Michael Casey with 17 points.

The Tars went into the first-round tournament game seeded in the fourth position. They ended their season with a conference record of 6-9, and an over-all record of 13-14.

The team will only lose one senior, Fred Johnson, this year, giving next year's team an advantage of experience. Coach Jeff Karansky had this to say after the loss, "We had a lot of close games that could have gone either way, including our loss tonight. We are only losing one senior, so next year we will be in a position to pose a real threat."

Returning next year, Coach Tom Klusman will be going into his 20<sup>th</sup> year as coach of the Rollins Tars. He will begin next season with a career record of 316-209.

The team ended the season with an average of 73 points per game. They had season totals of 385 assists, 29 blocks, 409 turnovers, and 200 steals. This year, the team averages 47.4% field goals, 40% three-point field goals, and 71.8% free throws per game.

The Women's Basketball team poses in front of the scoreboard announcing their 89-80 victory over Florida Southern.

## Women's Basketball Receives NCAA Bid

by Gibson Purdom  
Special to The Sandspur

A NCAA basketball tournament bid was given to the Rollins women's basketball team on February 23. There are two ways to get a NCAA bid: win the conference tournament, and/or receive a wild card bid from the NCAA for an excellent record.

The women's basketball team finished off their season with a conference record of 12-2, and an over all record of 26-2. They ended their season ranked 15<sup>th</sup> in the country by the USA Today/WBCA poll. This ranking equaled the highest ranking they had achieved all year until they won the Sunshine State Conference

tournament and received a new ranking of 13.

The Tars, seeded number one in the SSC tournament, have beaten all conference teams this season at least once, and all but two, twice.

They beat Florida Southern on Tuesday, February 23, to win the conference tournament. This game was especially important because it was a rematch of last year's championship game in which Rollins lost to Florida Southern. At that time, they did not receive a bid, even though it was expected they would receive a wild card bid, due to their impressive regular season record, regardless of whether or not they won the tournament.

Coach Glenn Wilkes Jr. has been coaching at Rollins College for 13 years and has a career record of 266-101 here at Rollins. He has received NCAA bids since he has been here at Rollins.

The conference tournament started on Sunday, February 21 and ended on Tuesday, February 23. NCAA bids for wildcards was given out on the following Sunday, February 28. If the Tars get the number one seed in their division, they will have a first round bye.

The first round of the NCAA tournament will begin on Friday, March 5, and there is a possibility that Rollins will host the southern bracket of the tournament.



## Sports Shorts

by Jason Teaman  
Sports Editor

### Baseball

The baseball team kicked off their 1999 campaign by reeling off eight wins in their first 14 games. The Tars put together a four game winning streak in beating Palm Beach Atlantic, sweeping a double header from St. Andrews, and manhandling West Florida 10-3. The Tars streak was stopped by local rival Central Florida, 9-3.

The squad's sweep in the double header provided for an exciting day at the ballpark. The first game was a blow out, 9-0. Freshman, Kevin Dobson, started the game with his first home run

through his first at-bat. The team never looked back, paced by Miguel de Arcos' 4 runs batted in and Brent Haworth's complete game shutout. The second game of the twin bill was a nail-biter with the game's outcome decided by the final at-bat. St. Andrews jumped out to an early 3-0 lead, but the Tars managed to tie and force extra innings. Justin Sherrod led the way with an RBI double to bring the squad within a run. Sherrod tied the game with an amazing steal of home plate. Andy Jensen gave the Tars the victory in the first frame of extra innings with a solo home run, 4-3.

The team spotted West Florida an early 2-1 lead but soon took

control of the game, scoring three runs in the fifth, sixth, and seventh innings en route to a 10-3 victory.

Chris Doherty dominated both at the plate and from the mound, pitching all seven innings as well as hitting a monster two-run homer.

### Men's Tennis

The men's tennis team dropped their last match to Flagler 7-2. The Tars' record is now at 4-2 for the nationally ranked squad. Sophomore Matt Parker let his presence be known against Flagler, upsetting Ricardo Mena, ranked 150<sup>th</sup> in the world by scores of 6-2, 5-7, and 7-6.

The Tars next defend home soil

against Northwood on March 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 PM.

### Women's Tennis

The team suffered its first loss of the season but was able to rebound and dominate fellow Sunshine State Conference member St. Leo. The Tars dropped their contest against North Florida 5-4 when injuries forced Monica Bonilla and Camila Romulo to forfeit their matches after they won their first sets and led the second. Windy Dees contributed an all-around performance by winning both singles and doubles competitions.

The Tars next home game is against Francis Marion, on March

7<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m.

### Men's Golf

The Tars showed good form in finishing fourth among 15 teams at the Emerald Coast Collegiate in Milton, Florida. The squad finished three strokes in front of Clayton College & State University, but the team's 901 was 32 strokes off of West Florida's tournament winning 869. Individually, senior Carter Camberson shot a 219 to finish fifth, and sophomore Jeff Walker's 221 was good enough for an eight place tie.

As of press time, the women's golf team was representing the school at the Lady Gator Invitational in Gainesville.



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