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## Smokey's Pub a New Addition?

by Nicole Hilberth  
Special to The Sandspur

In order to curb drunken driving, administrators of Rollins College are opening a student bar on campus. Over this summer, Casa Iberia, the off-campus student lounge, will be converted into Smokey's Pub.

Smokey's will be open 24 hours so students will not have to go off-campus, when they should not be driving, in order to purchase more alcohol or go to bars.

To entice students, the bar will offer 20 beers on tap, daily specials, and take-out; all payable by R-card.

President Rita Bornstein said, "A bar on campus is a good way to control drunken driving and keep our students safe here at Rollins College."

According to Director of Construction, Richard Bartley, the parking lot located next to Casa Iberia will be converted into an outside area connected to Smokey's. The pave-

ment will be covered with three inches of sand to create a comfortable floor, accompanied with island style tables and chairs.

Mr. Charles Rogers, a famous alumnus, recently donated \$15,000 to sponsor concerts in the outside area of the new pub. "Hopefully, the money will go to bringing in popular bands, as well as smaller ones," he said. Mr. Rogers is in the process of getting the Dave Matthews Band to play for the opening of

Smokey's in late September.

According to layout plans, the inside bar will sell beer and the outside bar will have everything from sex on the beach to Jell-O shots. For smokers' convenience, there will be an outside smoke-cigar shop, also accepting the R-card.

According to Stephen Briggs, Dean of Faculty, professors are considering accepting two excused absences a semester from Smokey's. Smokey's workers can verify if a

student was too intoxicated or hungover to attend classes.

Campus Safety is working together to start a program that will give students free rides back to their dorm rooms, providing they are still coherent enough to dial, when calling from Smokey's. Campus Safety officer, Reed

Higginbotham, said, "We will be purchasing four more golf carts and hiring two more officers, just for this crucial service."

## Campus Safety Officers Arrested, Drug Related

## New Campus Center to Close

by Brooke Bohnof  
Special to The Sandspur

Twelve Campus Safety officers were arrested for possession of drugs and paraphernalia.

Winter Park police were called by several freshmen complaining of loud music.

The suspects were found in the Campus Safety building, highly intoxicated. "We found them surrounding a keg, cheering for a female officer doing a keg stand," said Sergeant Thomas.

"They had a big bust in McKean last night, and were celebrating, if your

will," Chief of Police Wigham said.

"We heard some ridiculous excuses," said police officer Cane. "Two men told me that they were not involved and had just arrived. One man was found hiding in the closet, and another tried to pretend he was asleep, with no idea of what was going on."

Also found in the room were several half-empty bottles of alcohol, various drug paraphernalia, and two ounces of marijuana.

According to the campus safety code, the officers are supposed to de-

stroy all paraphernalia and turn all drugs over to the Winter Park police department. However, the officers have not been following the procedures, and were keeping some drugs for themselves.

The suspects also admitted to making extra cash by selling the marijuana pipes to faculty and staff members on campus.

Ken Posner disciplined the twelve defendants each with fines of \$1,000, 200 hours of community service, and probation for the rest of their careers at Rollins.

by David O'Brien  
Special to The Sandspur

The new Cornell Center will be closed for renovations during the '99-'00 academic year, said school officials.

Last week during a routine inspection by the Fire Department and the Board of Health, the Cornell Center was reported to be in violation of health code 72.1 (insufficient variety) and 93.7 (inadequate trash receptacles). On top of these violations, a stress fracture was found in the corner beam on the North East side of the center.

When President Rita Bornstein was questioned on

the matter, she said, "This is a sad day for all. We will mark this dreadful event by lowering the school flag to half mast."

"There must have been a hurricane of some sort through these parts; that's the only explanation," said Mark Parrant, negotiating contractor for James' Construction. After investigating the weather for the past few months, I found no hurricane to threaten this area within 50 miles.

The president's office would not comment on what would be done to remedy the problems at hand, but did, however, state that "The center has been closed for the past three years anyway. What's one more?"

## Alligator Roams McKean Hall

by Amanda Schulman  
Special to The Sandspur

Yesterday at 3 p.m., a McKean Hall resident spotted a six-year-old male alligator while it was walking aimlessly around the halls of the dorm. Jessica Crumlish, a freshman and McKean resident, spotted the alligator on the first floor, after returning from her English class. "I've seen some strange occurrences in McKean, but nothing this unusual," Crumlish said. "It is a good thing that I looked up from my mail when I did; otherwise, I would have been lunch for the alligator."

After getting over the initial shock of seeing an alligator crawling around, Crumlish said she maneuvered her way around the alligator

while its back was turned and ran to the nearest room to call Campus Safety. "Several alligator experts have told me that if I ever come face to face with an alligator, I should run zig-zag because it will be unable to follow my movements." Several spectators watched as two local zookeepers, from the Orlando Zoo, struggled to trap and sedate the disoriented alligator. According to Tiger Brown, head zookeeper, alligators are one of the hardest animals to trap because of their quick movements. "You have to keep your eyes constantly plastered to the animal and position yourself in just the right way."

According to Mandy Barrett, a resident who witnessed the alligator's capture, the capture entailed time

and careful preparation. "The zookeepers made several unsuccessful attempts to capture the alligator. Every time it appeared as if they had cornered it, the alligator would open its mouth as if to bite them, and the zookeepers would run out of the way. They must have been there for at least two and a half hours."

When asked about how the alligator got into the dorm in the first place, Heather Brousell, a freshman resident, said, "One of the students smoking outside must have mistaken the alligator for a student and let it in the dorm."

"We have an overpopulation of alligators in the lake," said Brown. "Rollins students should constantly be on the lookout for alligators that have come on land."

## INSIDE...

- News Yup Sometimes, I get that not so fresh feeling. How about you?
- Features WDC Si I give up.
- Onions No For nearly the entire school year now, I've battled with this worthless paper, and I'm finally throwing in the towel. It is just not worth it. I work my ass off for absolutely nothing.
- Sports Nope
- Classifieds ?



## Disastrous Popcorn Explosion

by Heather Brousell

McKean Hall is known for its usual fire drills, but never have the residents of the dorm experienced a disaster caused by popcorn.

McKean normally awakens at 3 a.m. to the sound of alarms warning of a possible fire. When the residents heard the blaring alarm again, they irritably thought nothing of it.

One girl outside whined incessantly that someone woke her from her beauty sleep and she was furious with whoever they were.

Others were not as peeved, since these upstanding students were just arriving back from a Monday night of drinking and par-

tying.

When the firemen returned from the building, they informed the residents that another false fire alarm had been triggered. Instead, the building had been flooded by popcorn that someone had recently made, and, of course, refused to confess to creating such uproar.

Everyone was asked to evacuate the building, as it would take the rest of the night to clean up. Residential Life provided 400 sleeping bags for the unfortunate residents.

To pass the night, everyone roasted marshmallows that Residential Life also provided, on Mill's Lawn, and told ghost stories.

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Ruth Curlet Ford

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# EDITORIAL...

Is There Life after Rollins? (like I CARE)

This past weekend saw many Rollins alumni come home to their alma mater to celebrate, enjoy, and remember. And while many students greeted, spoke with, and mingled with the former Rollins Student, most current students went on with life as usual and did not stop to consider those around them who had been in our places, sometimes not so long ago.

We never realize how much we can learn from those who began here, who have gone on to careers, families, and the real lives that we hear so much about. They have new experiences and insightful knowledge of which we can only dream. They have gained the powers of wisdom and judgment...

That's it. Jeff, I really can't do this anymore. What's the point? Do people even care about the future? about life? We go from day to day in our Rollins bubble. We are hardly aware of the present (does Kosovo ring a bell? I didn't think so.), much less concerned about the future.

Besides, does anyone even read this?

In case you're reading, this is an idealistic façade, and I simply refuse to let it continue. I don't know if the alumni have learned valuable wisdom. How do I know if they've learned anything, or if they ever did? (After all, they're Rollins graduates.) I'm one of the students walking around in my own "newspaper bubble," and I didn't even realize that Alumni Weekend was going on.

And that's another thing. I do everything within my all too-human power to help this newspaper, and what thanks do I get? Oh, right, I forgot, the administration ignore me and the paper unless something pisses them off. The students throw it away without even looking. Hello? You might learn something if you dared to challenge your third grade reading level and even opened the front page. As if I stuff papers in your student boxes for you to throw them away. And you can't even make it to the trash can. That's all right, I'm sure the post office people appreciate newspapers all over the floor.

But at least the faculty take time out of their busy schedules not only to read it, but also to enjoy it and let me know they appreciate the hard work and effort put in by the entire staff. But where are the rest of you? Off in your bubble, out in orbit, getting a tan, buying a new pair of shoes? I hope you realize that I am being forced to praise the faculty because they are doing a way better job than the rest of you. And I hate to inflate their egos.

Well, this is the end. No more. I'm going to do homework, or something equally fun, such as elective surgery or a research paper on the Organization Against Pornography. Maybe I'll catch up on all the sleep I've been missing trying to get this paper out to you people. Or I could go to work, to the store, to a lecture, to a meeting, or do the billion other things that have passed me by while I've been slaving away day and night. Geez. And Jill Jones thinks she has problems. Printers are nothing compared to this.

# Experience ROLLINS

*Experience Rollins is right around the corner! Our first program will be held on Sunday, April 11 – Monday, April 12, 1999, and the second one on Monday, April 12 – Tuesday, April 13, 1999. We are in need of volunteers to serve in a variety of capacities. Please check your schedule to see if you're available and willing to help us out!*

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If you would like to help with Experience Rollins, please email Nora Osorio at [admission@rollins.edu](mailto:admission@rollins.edu).



## Age-Old Celebration Lives On

by Alexia Brehm  
The Sandspur

It's that time of year again, folks! Yes, Lirpa Sloof is almost here.

Although it only lasts one day, Lirpa Sloof offers joy to many people. No matter what your age, you will always find fun in the age-old actions of Lirpa Sloof. Everyone can surely remember the first time they were caught off-guard on this ancient tradition by an elder and the embarrassment they experienced. Many of us swap stories of the devious actions we have taken on this, the holiday that marks the first of April.

The story behind Lirpa Sloof is one of intrigue and mystique. The day was declared a holiday in the early 1700s, when villagers of the Eastern Pacific island, Mepos, began to play tricks on each other on the initial day of the fourth month,

which they named April after the Goddess of Silliness. The Meposian people could not wait for this month to start, and when it did they had somewhat of a Mardi Gras of tomfoolery. They were then so worn out, however, that they stopped after the first day of the month.

This tradition carried over to many Americans, whose grandparents or parents had celebrated in the festivities of the Old World. Although there are not many Meposian people walking around today, mainly because of the Cucumber Incident of 1936, the custom of the Lirpa Sloof has been passed down to neighbors, friends, and others who knew the people of Mepos.

Lirpa Sloof celebrations — including the traditional laughter and embarrassment — will be taking place on Rollins College campus in the Cornell Campus Center on

## Golf Carts for On-Campus Students

by Heather Reynolds  
Special to The Sandspur

Golf carts will be distributed to each on-campus student on Friday, April 2, to be used for campus transportation.

The Student Government Association (SGA) pressed for the implementation after students complained about the new additions to the campus, such as the new campus center and parking garage.

Rollins College President, Rita Bornstein, supported SGA after her lengthy walks around the campus. She said, "Rollins College is on the move; we just need to pick up the pace and get students safely and promptly to their classes. I find golf carts to be pleasant additions to the country club atmosphere we would like to promote on campus."

Approximately 1200 golf carts have been designed by the BMW Corporation, according to Charles Anarondo, campus safety officer. Anarondo said that students will have a selection of 10 different styles to choose from and custom orders may be made for an additional price of \$150 that can be taken off students' FLEX accounts.

Megan Torbett, sophomore, said, "I am going to have the fastest ride on campus." Torbett has already put a custom order in for her pink BMW 2000G.

Golf carts can be used all over campus and for transportation to the parking garage, said Bornstein. Ross Fenton, sophomore, was excited to hear the new plans after his doctor informed him that he was developing hip dysplasia from his

30-yard walks to and from class each day.

Anarondo said that speed limits of 45 miles per hour will be enforced, as well as parking. The Field House parking lot and the first floor of the parking garage will be reserved for golf cart parking, said Anarondo.

Cara Taylor, sophomore, is concerned about the use of golf carts as interfering with her weight, as she receives much of her exercise through walking the perimeter of the campus. Taylor said, "I really believe this will result in excessive weight gain around campus, demoralizing our image, rather than promoting it."

Golf carts will be delivered to students Friday, at 1 a.m. Bornstein reminds students to put on their headlights and stay away from the landscape.

## The Great Things about Rollins

by Heather Brousell  
The Sandspur

Rollins has so many great qualities that all of the students love. One day, as I was walking around campus, I noticed all of these things.

Rollins definitely possesses the gift to make the campus more scenic. Many students I talked with felt the same, as they often stroll around the campus in the daze of a gorgeous spring day.

I decided to enjoy the sites of Rollins, so I meandered around campus. I found myself in front of the Cornell Campus Center, awe struck by the beautiful fountain.

Mignon Conway, a student, commented that she found the fountain to be one of Rollins's greatest accomplishments.


As I continued on, I stumbled upon that fabulous work of art in front the entrance of student records. Oddly enough, someone was climbing that monstrous

sculpture. They had mistaken it for a jungle gym.

However, the sculpture and the fountain are minute wonders, compared to the gourmet food of the Cornell Campus Center. I know that everyone who eats there feels the same way. Never in my life have I had better food!

Now, I ask you: who needs to go to a deserted island to see real beauty, when they can just visit near by Rolly Colly?





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# Sandspur Calendar

- April 9: Don't miss the First Annual Greek-Geek Gala. Festivities include a dinner to honor both Greek students who maintained at least a 2.5 average during fall term, a pilgrimage across campus to visit the site where a Greek was once seen studying on a weekend (now known as St. Geek's Grotto and Mineral Spa), and the all-campus "Celebration of Learning," culminating in a midnight bonfire stoked by research papers successfully plagiarized from sorority and fraternity files. Independents welcome.
- April 10: Fox Day?
- April 11: If you're a SCUBA enthusiast, come to Sunday's underwater event, Cat Scratch Fever. Orlando Scuba and Water Sports will provide free SCUBA gear and Bahama Mamas for all students who would like to comb the depths of Lake Virginia in search of the legendary Cat statue, sister to the extant Fox statue of Fox Day fame. No previous training or certification needed. Please note that if the Cat is found, we can expect late-breaking coverage from local and national news, so please refrain from wearing unfashionable or modest swimming attire.
- April 12: Fox Day?
- April 15: National Income Tax Day. This is not a good day to call your parents collect—or at all, for that matter.
- April 18: President Clinton will visit Rollins to give a speech on faculty-student fraternization, titled "Monica, Schmonica: The Unfortunate Effects of Suspended Morality." The event is co-sponsored by Women's Studies and the Philosophy & Religion Department.
- April 19: Fox Day?
- April 20: Civic Awareness Day. Join your Rollins friends and colleagues for this important demonstration, which promises to rekindle student activism and further our sense of community. Participants will gather—with placards—in front of the Campus Center to stage a peaceful protest in favor of more chicken-barbecue pizza. As fellow travelers on this ephemeral planet, we want chicken-barbecue pizza at least twice a week. Anything less is a clear violation of our most basic human rights and only adds to the rampant proliferation of live poultry. (Bring napkins in case of early compliance.)
- April 22: Fox Day?
- April 25: Family Weekend II. Due to the overwhelming response and distrust of parents who attended Family Weekend earlier this term, administrators have scheduled another Family Weekend just in time to put a serious snag in your plans to "catch up" before finals. Administrators claim to have received numerous letters from parents who realized, after returning home, that amid all the shopping and swimming and chatting and eating out, they weren't really sure their children were actually in college. Dean Steve Neilson suggests you show them where at least one of your classes takes place. To further prepare, all students will be required to attend a two-hour lecture entitled "My Liberal Arts Education: What's Up With That?"
- April 26: The Thomas P. Johnson Resource Center will host a weekend of workshops to build better partying skills. Tired of the same old academic drudgery, TJ's staff is ready to break out of their shells show you how intense social stimulation can prepare you for your future careers. Parents not invited (see above.)
- April 28: If Fox Day has not yet occurred, this is the date upon which all students become officially pissed off. SGA has proposed that April 28 be named "Fox Amnesty Day," allowing students to officially petition their professors for mercy after having been totally unprepared for all classes and assignments during the past three weeks, due to futile anticipation of Fox Day.





# APRIL FOOL.

By the way,  
**FOX DAY** is tomorrow,  
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(Don't miss the BBQ)