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## Study Abroad in Oviedo, Spain

Nathan Kerzner

The Sandspur

This is your last chance to find out why everyone is trying to go abroad for the Fall Semester. As you know, graduation is coming

up and a lot of the senior class will be moving on to grad school or

getting a job. I am one of those seniors and when someone asks if I feel I have done everything I wanted to do with my college career I have no problem answering yes! Can you honestly answer yes? If you have never been to another country, tried exotic food, met people with different ways of looking at the world, spoken a



language that at one time sounded like a bunch of people mumbling to each other, and found yourself walking home late at night saying that you will remember this night for the rest of your life, you have not lived your college career to its fullest.

Imagine that you still have a chance and the perfect opportunity to travel to the north of Spain – and all for the same price as if you were at Rollins for the semester. If you can take just a



few minutes and come find out how to apply for a semester in Oviedo, Spain you may be one of the lucky students who gets to experience what I am talking about. The deadline for the

program is March 1st so make sure you come by immediately if you don't want to miss out on the best part of your college career.



## Peace Conference Held at Rollins College

Ian Maguire

The Sandspur

"At the end of the first American revolution the people who fought the war were betrayed," began Bruce Gagnon, head of the Global Network Against Weapons and Nuclear Power in Space. The peasants who did the fighting were not paid as promised and many of the small farmers had their lands confiscated by the new landlords who by law were the only ones who could vote. The people rebelled but were suppressed. They had rebelled against the king of England and established a new democracy, only to have a new gentry take his place. Today we see the legacy of the deceit."

Such statements were typical of the Florida Coalition for Peace and Justice's Common Ground Conference, held on campus the weekend of February 8th through the 10th. The conference brought together political activists, anarchist collectives, socially minded religious groups, and even a "happy, hippy clown" to discuss issues facing the world today. The keynote speaker at the conference was two time Nobel Peace Prize nominee Kathy Kelly, a former Chicago high school teacher who has spent a year in jail for planting corn on top of a nuclear missile silo, not paid taxes in over twenty years in protest of the military budget, and, most recently, just returned from her fourteenth trip to Iraq – a crime that can bring a punishment

of twelve years in prison per infraction. It was the last of those actions that provided the subject of her many talks – the plight of Iraqi children, 5000 of whom, according to UNICEF, have died each month since 1991 as a direct result of sanctions imposed upon that country at the end of the Gulf War.

The result of U.S. sanctions on the Iraqi people was far from the only topic discussed at the Common Ground Conference; the issues were as diverse as the participants. More importantly, the conference went beyond lectures on the deadly ramifications of some parts of American policy and included a focus on how ordinary people can help to change such policies, and why they should.

"An awareness of the problems and issues facing the community at large... can only be an asset to (people) in their future lives" said Susan Orr, a Holt student who presented a workshop on income disparity and the economic inadequacy of local low-wage jobs.

"I find it insulting," said Kathy Kelly, "that our government gives us a version of foreign policy with the plot of a Batman cartoon where everybody is either good or evil... Something needs to be done about it."

While people of all political backgrounds would agree that the intellectual concepts presented at the conference were, at the very least, worth understanding, and, in many cases, compelling

regardless of ideological stripe, the conference was also an exhibition of the failure of current social and political movements. Despite being held in the middle of a college campus, students were the smallest minority of participants. Entertainment was provided, but the typical performer was a folk singer crooning about, literally, hugging trees. The conference's inability to translate to a contemporary audience mirrored the failure of the larger movements discussed during the weekend to break through to the general public. Despite the soundness of many of the arguments brought forth at the conference, the rift between the cultures of the older participants and the current generation may be indicative of what is preventing America's youth from becoming politically active.

The issues discussed at the Florida Coalition for Peace and Justice's Common Ground Conference were important, and, it was argued, perhaps have the survival of the planet weighing in the balance. Whether or not the general public will ever hear about these issues is another matter.

"It's stupid for someone like me, a former high school religion teacher, to be the one talking about this," said Kathy Kelly in the opening speech of the conference. "But until the public understands the consequences of American action it's up to people like me to do whatever we can to change these policies."



This past Wednesday evening, Jackson Katz spoke to Rollins College about men and their abuse of women. Photo taken by Andrew Boudreau. See story on page 2.

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# Jackson Katz Makes a Visit to Rollins College

Special to The Sandspur

On Wednesday, February 20, 2002, Jackson Katz, a Thomas P. Johnson Distinguished Visiting Scholar and leading Sexist Male Activist made a visit to Rollins College. At 8:00 pm in the Bush Auditorium he gave a lecture to a number of students and faculty entitled, "More than a Few Good Men: A Lecture on American Manhood and Violence against Women". The event, sponsored by the Office of Student Involvement and Leadership took place in support of, and for "A Year of Gender Matters".

For anyone who went, you know as well as I do that it was an incredible experience where we, faculty and students as a whole, were both educated and enlightened about the reality of our working society and our own lives here at Rollins College. For those who did not attend, unfortunately you missed a very prominent and profound speaker who sent his message across with great passion, humor, and intelligence.

The main point of his argument was that every issue that affects women affects men also, because as a human race and society we are all interwoven and connected. Thus, both men and women must move beyond the simplistic divide of "men against women: battle of the sexes" that is prevalent in our 21st century, and rather move towards a higher ground of support and understanding amongst and between each other. He tells us though that this is hard because many men do not want to join forces with women who fight for their rights because it is a threat towards their masculinity. In addition, women do not even speak up for their own rights and beliefs because they are threatened by the use of the word "male basher." According to Jackson Katz, "It is not anti-male to be honest", for let the truth be told, less than 1% of rape is committed by women, the rest is executed by men and 86-90% of intravaginal violence is committed by men and boys. The FBI has given these figures to us, which is the furthest thing from an "anti-male

group." In addition, Jackson Katz did an exercise where he wrote down responses for what women do everyday in order to prevent sexual assault in comparison to what men do. Sadly and truly enough, the side for women was filled with responses, such as "look around or alert, carry keys between your fingers, use the buddy system, take a self defense class, be conscious of the clothing that you wear in public and guard your cocktails". For the men, the side was empty; all that stood in comparison was a blank, white board. The scary thing is that women are 9 times more likely to be sexually assaulted by someone she knows in her home than out in the world, yet we still live by these rules in the United States because it is what has been taught to us throughout the ages.

Our society is unjust and unfair to women and as Jackson Katz said, "instead of getting defensive, step back and look at the picture, this is not right!" He urges men to take a stand regardless of the numerous, demeaning names one may be called. For as

he says, "If you really care for these girls in your life, whether it be your mom, sister, niece girlfriend, cousin, best-friend, or aunt, than the time is now and if you can hold your head up high than it does not matter what your male friends say". In the opinion of Jackson Katz, "being one of the guys is easy, it doesn't take strength. What takes strength is speaking up when men demean women". In addition to men's leadership, he urges women to take that position also. He reminds women that to be a feminist is not a bad thing, what it is, is basic and so American. In addition, he gives them some words of advice once spoken by Eleanor Roosevelt: "You can't be made to feel inferior without your consent". In other words, do not allow other people to control your life, stand up and fight.

After the lecture, there was a question and answer period for anyone who chose to stay. Many interesting points were brought up, including the concern for change here at Rollins College. Jackson Katz gave some good

advice which I hope faculty and students will take into serious consideration. What he said was that in order for a change to happen, campuses have to make a commitment, for it will and does take more than student initiative. That is, schools and colleges need to institutionalize "Gender Matters" into their educational arena. They need it to be in job descriptions for working and newly hired teachers and teachers need to be held accountable to install it somewhere in their teaching methods. If this installation and commitment by the institution does not take place and instead, it only resides in student initiative, in time it will fizzle, fall to the wayside and disappear. All in all, his message of making a change, taking a stand, and working side by side amongst the sexes was clear to all students and all faculty and it can be summed up in his own words when he said, "The time is right and the time is now!"

From the Wire  
Compiled by Chantell Figueroa  
The Sandspur

## Alcohol, Drugs Factor into Engaging in Risky Behavior

By Rahwa Ghebre-Ab  
Michigan Daily (U. Michigan)  
(U-WIRE) ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Studies show mixing alcohol and drugs with sex have dangerous consequences — the greatest being the practice of unsafe sex which may lead to pregnancy and

contraction of sexually transmitted diseases.

A study released last week by The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University in conjunction with the Kaiser Family Foundation found about 23 percent of sexually active 15- to 24-year-olds surveyed, comprising about 5.6 million people, admitted to having unprotected sex because they were under the influence of alcohol and drugs.

The study conducted between November 2001 and January 2002 randomly sampled 1,200 young adolescents and young

adults in the nation, ages 13 to 24. According to the study, about 29 percent of adolescents and young adults say because of alcohol and drugs, they behaved "more sexually than they had planned."

University of Michigan psychology professor Dan Horn said research on personal activities may yield inaccurate results because people embellish their answers, feel apprehensive towards the questions and have misconceptions about the activities of their peers. For example, the study indicated of the 15- to 24-year-olds surveyed, 50 percent said people their ages mix alcohol or drugs and sex frequently. Seventy-three percent reported not believing their peers use condoms after using alcohol and drugs.

"What the study gets at is people's beliefs of their peers, not necessarily about themselves. That is opinion and not necessarily actual fact. That may have changed the results dramatically," Horn said.

In a written statement, Joseph A. Califano Jr., former U.S. secretary of health, education and welfare and president of CASA, said more education is needed to ensure students' safety.

"The message of this study is loud and clear: To be effective, sex education — in all its forms — must discuss the connection between sexual activity and alcohol and drug abuse," Califano said.

Places such as the Sexual Assault and Prevention Awareness Center and Planned Parenthood provide information about sex and its relation to alcohol and drugs.

Drew Altman, president of the Kaiser Family Foundation, said in a written statement, "Many teens as well as young adults are mixing sex with alcohol and drugs. These are sensitive issues that many young people don't like to talk about, so these data likely underestimate the problem."

Many young people believe the connection between drugs, alcohol and sexual activity is obvious, and alcohol and drugs will have a negative impact on safe sex regardless of education on the subjects.

"Drugs and alcohol are just excuses for not being protected in sex," LSA freshman Annabelle Su said. "'I was drunk and I didn't know what I was doing' is not a legitimate excuse."

## Around Campus...



The Rollins Players sold pet rocks as tickets to the midnight performance of "The Bourgeois Gentlemen" Saturday evening in the Anne Russell Theatre. Photo taken by Heather Gennaccaro







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## Letter from the Editor

St. Patrick's Day is approaching, and for Rollins students that means that the Mr. Shamrock pageant is coming up. This is an annual event that is loads of fun. Yet, since the Miss Rollins pageant was canceled because of the theme of gender matters that the Rollins' community is trying to support, then the Mr. Shamrock pageant should be canceled as well. If the gender matters committee was afraid that the Miss Rollins pageant was going to degrade women,

than they better not attend the Mr. Shamrock pageant. The Mr. Shamrock pageant is known for boys degrading themselves on stage. Yet, for some reason, it is not as bad for the men to parade around as it is for the women.

I guess the Rollins community will just have to wait and see if the Kappa Deltas decide to still have their annual pageant or if they will be shut down as R-TV was by the gender matters committee.

For everyone else though, I hope that you can put aside all of

these regulations and have an enjoyable St. Patrick's Day!

In this issue, you will see that we are trying to discover some issues that are affecting the students on campus in hopes that the community will know about them and take action. If you ever do have a problem at campus, you should let a SGA representative know. SGA is the voice of the students and they are one of the only hopes that students have in changing how things happen at Rollins.

If you would like to write about any issues you think should be pursued, please contact us. We are looking for writers for *The Sandspur*. If you do not like the way something is then stop complaining about it and do something.

This is the entitled "The Change Issue".

Sincerely,

Elyssa Rokicki  
Editor-in-Chief

## Letters to the Editor

### Correction

The Super Bowl article in the last issue was credited to Alan Nordstrom, when in fact, it was written by Matt Molinari.

### John Q

Academy Award-winner Denzel Washington (*Glory*), who most recently received accolades for his performance in *Training Day*, plays John Q. Archibald, an ordinary man who works at a factory and takes care of his family. His wife Denise (Kimberly Elise) and young son Michael (Daniel E. Smith) are his world. But when Michael falls seriously ill and needs an emergency heart transplant operation that John Q. can't afford and his health insurance won't cover, he vows to do whatever it will take to keep his son alive.

"When your child is sick, you have tunnel vision. Nothing else matters," says director Nick Cassavetes, for whom the story resonated in light of his own experiences. "My daughter has a congenital heart disease, and I've watched her go through four operations. I know about the runarounds you get from insurance companies, hospitals and doctors."

After exhausting all possibilities for paying for his son's direly-needed heart transplant, John makes an appeal to Dr. Raymond Turner, head of the cardiac unit at the hospital, played by Oscar nominee James Woods. "What I find most moving about this film is the human story of a man who is put in a position to do something that he ordinarily wouldn't do out of his love for his child," says Woods. "Dr. Turner is a fundamentally kind man who is caught up in the system and wants to do the best he can, but in fact, he is hampered by the system itself. The operation Michael needs is going to cost one quarter of a million dollars, there's no insurance and he offers to waive his extraordinary fee. But that's still not enough."

The pressure on John Q. reaches the breaking point when the hospital informs him they will be sending Michael home. "They're sending his son home because John doesn't have enough money," says Washington. "If they send him home, his son's going to die. He's backed into a corner and makes a critical but wrong decision."

"John's attitude is, 'my son's not dying because I don't have health insurance,'" adds producer Mark Burg.

"Once John takes the emergency room hostage, the story goes out above the radar, on television, on the radio," says Ray Liotta, who plays Police Chief Gus Monroe, who convenes his SWAT team at the hospital. "There are a lot of people watching this, - and it's a political year. Monroe thinks the best thing to do, especially because John has threatened the lives of people, is to just take him out - insensitively so, to some people. What John Q. does is very heroic, but it's not the right thing to do, and we're not condoning it. We want to end it."

Monroe brings in hostage negotiator Frank Grimes, played by Academy Awardwinner Robert Duvall, to speak to John and attempt to gain his trust. "In the beginning of the process of hostage negotiating, he can't think much about the guy," says Duvall. "He just has to do his job as a professional. I think towards the end, he probably admires John for what he has done. It is a ballsy thing to do."

Screenwriter James Keams wrote the script of John Q. in early 1993, after reading a newspaper article which quoted an older wealthy man, the recipient of a heart transplant. "If I wasn't rich, I'd be dead by now," the man said. "Then I thought about my own kids," recalls Keams. "What would you do if your child were dying and you were denied access to medical care. The medical insurance companies have become increasingly more powerful and controversial

since I first took pen to paper. The health crisis in America and in other parts of the world rages on. It's an extremely complex issue that affects every strata of our society."

Burg sought out Nick Cassavetes to direct the film. The story resonated with Cassavetes,

who had experienced similar dilemmas with his own child. "I'm not trying with this movie to offer an explanation on how to fix the American health care system," says the director. "I'm just saying we don't have a set-up for sick people without money to get health care in the United States."



Denzel Washington stars in New Line Cinema's action-thriller, *John Q*. Photo: New Line Cinema

## John Q

Elyssa Rokicki

*The Sandspur*

If you want to see a heart-stopping movie, go see "*John Q*". It is a movie that every American should see about the love of a family. After you see this movie you will want to write to your congressman about the health insurance policies we have in the United States. Some Americans

know about how bad the insurance plan is in America. This movie wakes those Americans up who have not done anything about it and has made those who did not know aware. It is a very powerful movie. All I have to say after seeing it is, "Do you have HMO? If you do, get rid of it and do all you can to get a better plan." "*John Q*" is a must-see movie!



Kimberly Elise (left), Daniel Smith (middle) and Denzel Washington star in New Line Cinema's action-thriller, *John Q*. Photo: New Line Cinema © 2002 New Line Cinema Inc. All rights reserved.



# Rename

Jeff Danis

The Sandspur

Seeing that I'm a second semester senior, I should know a little about Rollins College. However, age doesn't always equal knowledge (talk to my grandfather), so I'm still uncertain in some areas. I can't figure out why we are the Rollins Tars. I'm sure that I could roll up my sleeves, do a little research, and figure it out, but who wants to do that? I'd rather just change the name to something else. Who else is sick of their friends and relatives asking, "What the hell is a tar?" When you tell them that tar is a nifty way of saying sailor, they usually laugh even harder. I'm sick of the name "tar" and the construction worker image it resonates. So, here are my suggestions for new team names.

1. The Seamen – it sticks with the same seafaring theme but spices it up a bit. Merchandise sales would shoot through the roof, as would great immature jokes and slogans.
2. The Geckos – Around 356,789.5 geckos call Rollins their home, so why wouldn't we honor them? At

halftime of basketball games, we could have gecko throwing competitions for both accuracy and distance and a person who would motivate the crowd by throwing live lizards at them.

3. The Grass – Roaring lawn mowers and stinky sprinklers are both used to maintain our luscious shrubbery and grass. Rollins loves its grass; let's take it a step further and make it our mascot. Don't worry, no one would have the audacity to consider this as a drug related term.
4. The Heart Attacks – When most parents get their tuition bills they have one, so I only see it as a fitting team name.
5. The Money – I know it's shocking, but Rollins has a preoccupation with money. Books for \$800, delicious meatloaf for \$10, and monetary fines for room damage equals money, money, and more money. Rollins lifts its students upside down and shakes them, hoping that all of their loose change will fall out. Not to mention that many students' bank accounts are deeper than the Grand Canyon.
6. The Mailboxes – It just sounds good to me.
7. The Tanners – This isn't a Full House reference but a commentary on the tanning obsession at this school. You mean those people aren't all naturally golden brown?
8. The Shoppers – Tanning and shopping are two of the biggest majors at Rollins College. This fine academic institution gives students scholarships for their shopping abilities. Remember, students, support your local Audi dealership.
9. The Style – Our campus is one big runway. Rollins students watch TRL and know the new, hip looks. One too many males at this school have dyed their hair more times than Dennis Rodman.
10. The Resort – Naming a team after an inanimate object, brilliant. Let's face it, Rollins High School, I mean College gives us that vacation feel with its architecture, hospitality, and excellent team of security.



Bradley Carlson

## Local Model in Teen People Magazine

Rollins political science sophomore Bradley Carlson wanted to be in *Teen People*... badly. So, when the Wilmington, Delaware native, who recently completed modeling & TV Acting class at the Lisa Maile School in Winter Park, heard 15 young people attending New York City's 2100's annual Jingle Ball Concert at Madison Square Garden would be chosen to model Spring's hottest denim fashions in the magazine with celebrity rock stars, right after his latin american Culture final in mid-December he flew to

Philadelphia, then hopped a bus to Manhattan to stand in line with thousands of other hopefuls.

The six-foot tall, 170 lb. Brad, 19, shares a full page (130, March *Teen People*) with singer Jewel in his first fashion layout. "They came down the line and I told them I was studying modeling and came all the way from Florida to work with them. I felt really honored when every seat in the Garden was full and I got picked. Plus, we got to go backstage with the rock 'n rollers."

## WORD ON

By James Meniates

How are you Rollins? The Word wants to know...



**"I'm doing well. I got eight hours of sleep for the first time in three weeks and I'm going to a Weezer concert today."**

Adam Phillips-Silver – 05



**"Real hung over."**

Chad Guzzo – 03

**"I'm fine, thanks for asking."**

Bill Fenton – 05



**"I am sickly."**

Sarah Sedberry – 04





# What Am I Missing?

Heather Gennaccaro

The Sandspur

This past week, I had one of the most baffling experiences of my life. I was sitting in my fiction writing class, as usual, on Thursday morning, when the professor decided to read part of my story out loud. This in itself was baffling enough, but wait, it gets better. The story is about a college student (don't ask me at what school - I don't know) that is a complete loner who is trying to fit in by rushing a co-ed frat (because she can't spend her time around girls all the time), joining a pottery club, auditioning for the school musical, and going to football games (even though she hates the marching band). She also is a complete exercise freak, who feels the need to work out two hours a day, all the while stressing over business law. Overall, it just isn't working for her so she decides to turn to drugs and alcohol.

All right, now you know the premise of the story. After the reading was done came a time when the other students can give constructive criticism. The first hand went up. "What if you fictionalize more of the story to

make it more interesting?" Red flags shoot up everywhere. What if I fictionalize MORE? I thought this was a FICTION writing class. I tried to explain that it all is fiction, I just used some Rollins stereotypes and mannerisms, as well as ones from Boston University and Slippery Rock University, though I am sure they are true to all colleges in the US. Next comment: "I'm not sure I like the character because she is trying to fit in, but doesn't see that she is trying too hard. She doesn't know enough about herself to even try to fit in somewhere." This I decided to respond to, explaining that I am not trying to make a likeable character, who is eventually going to drop out of school and become a drug addict/alcoholic, because she doesn't know what she wants and finds acceptance in the addictive substances. As I finished, a fellow peer leaned over to the person next to her and whispered (not so softly, I might add), "doesn't she have high expectations of herself."

(Enter flashing red lights, bells ringing, and a booming voice yelling WARNING... WARNING.) I was completely perplexed by this. Didn't I just

explain that I was making a hateable character? And for those of you who know me, could I be any more opposite of the character? I mean really, those of you who do know me know that 1. You can never find me in my room because I am always out somewhere (thank you Liz for being my personal secretary) 2. I was a high school and college marching band member for six years 3. I would NEVER audition for a musical because I prefer to be in the pit 4. I am currently a "new member" of Kappa Delta 5. I'm in Circle K, President of Best Buddies, photo editor and writer for *The Sandspur*. 6. I don't exercise on a regular basis, let alone two hours a day (not that this is good, but it's true), and 7. I've never done drugs in my life!

So, hopefully by now you see where I am going with this and realize that the point of this article is to point out that I AM NOT A DRUG ADDICT OR AN ALCOHOLIC. And if you are that naive to think so, can I remind you that you are in FICTION WRITING, not personal writing, so try, for once, to actually think that some people can just "make up" a story and not base it

on their lives. For those of you who aren't in the class, maybe you can explain to me why people insist on thinking this, even though I explained that it's not my

life (since you would be coming from an objective view). For anyone who can figure this out, please give me a call so I can get back to sleeping at night...

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## THE STREET

**"Stressed."**

Phil "Flava" Livingston - 02



**"I'm doing great. I went to crush last night and had a good time, I didn't have too much work this weekend."**

Derek Betts - 05



**"I'm all right."**

Richie Schmock - 05



**"Doing pretty good, last night was rough, but I'm doing pretty good. Plus the Americans are going to beat the Canucks today in hockey."**

Dan Ehreiser - 05





## Bored?

Mel Rodriguez

The Sandspur

All right. How many times have you been to an event on or off campus and thought that it sucked? Or maybe you thought that it was the greatest thing you have ever attended. Have you ever wondered if it is worth paying eight dollars to watch a movie? Or decided it was a waste of time and money to see that movie and wished someone had warned you about it? Well now you have somewhere to go.

As entertainment editor for *The Sandspur*, that's what I'm here for.

Movies, concerts, social events – you name it, I'll try to be there. Look out for a list of concerts happening around the area. Movie reviews, CD reviews, concert reviews, anything you might be interested in.

Hopefully you will be entertained. After all, that is my job. If there is anything you want to know about, contact *The Sandspur* office and I'll try to find out about it. Any events you think should be reviewed are welcome too. If it's entertainment, I'll do my best to tell you about it.

For now, sit back and try to enjoy the rest of this edition of *The Sandspur*. Next time it might be a little more 'entertaining.' G'day!

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## Around Campus...



On February 14th, students could get free popcorn at the table that was set up in the Cornell Campus Center. Photo taken by Heather Gennaccaro



For Valentine's Day, students had the opportunity to buy flowers with the convenience of on-campus service. Photo taken by Heather Gennaccaro



From the Wire  
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## Separating Church, State as Important Today as Yesterday

By David McCandless  
*Kansas State Collegian* (Kansas State U.) (U-WIRE)  
MANHATTAN, Kan. — In this age of increased religious fervor since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, the debate centering around the separation of church and state has intensified.

Everyone from professional athletes to President Bush has called on the nation to pray. Several prominent religious leaders went so far as to suggest that the attacks were God's vengeance on the United States for, among other things, the "secularists."

It seems to me that many who are against the separation of church and state simply are using Sept. 11 as a cover to promote their own agendas. Some in the Christian majority believe that, if they could only have official government backing, then they would set the world right. They could bring their faith to the two million prisoners who sit in America's jails and prisons. They also could "save" the many millions of welfare, medicare and medicaid recipients. Most importantly, there is the grand prize of the conversion contest, the millions of children in our public schools. Of course, we have the assurances of these fervent believers that it would be completely voluntary, that no one would be forced to do anything. I fear, though, that these assurances would be forgotten somewhere between the morning prayer in our public school classrooms and the hanging of the Ten Commandments upon our courthouse walls. Would we then begin shunning the children who refuse to pray, and arresting the "criminals" who worship "false gods," in clear violation of the first commandment? I'm afraid we would.

The mixing of church and state would lead us not into moral strength, but instead lead us into temptation with no deliverance from evil. The very reason the United States was founded was as a haven from the religious persecution

of the Anglican government of England. Why would we now want to re-create persecution here in the land of freedom and acceptance we have worked more than 200 years to build? Because what a religion wants more than anything else is to be right. This problem hits close to home as well. In the spring of 1999, the City Commission voted to remove the Ten Commandments monolith from City Hall. In a 3-2 vote against strong public opposition, the Commission made the right decision for all Manhattan residents. Manhattan Christian College now displays the monolith.

The April 30, 1999 edition of the *Topeka Capital-Journal* quoted Manhattan resident Kirk O'Donnell as warning the commissioners that removal of the Commandments would pose a danger to public morality. O'Donnell is also quoted as saying, "I would also say if (some people) are offended, and I certainly respect a person's right to be offended, I would say that we leave them there anyway."

During the summer of 1999, many of the same residents who spoke against removal of the monoliths began to circulate a recall petition against Karen McCullough, the only of the three commissioners who voted for the petition to be subject to recall by law.

The commission then spent the rest of the summer focusing on the recall, which failed, instead of other, more important matters. There is nothing moral about threatening someone's job simply because you don't agree with them.

In my opinion, the most dangerous thing about mixing religion and government is that most religions believe they have a patent on morality, and they alone are the true judges of right and wrong. This is a biased perspective, and would lead to government favoring one religion over another, and one group of people over another.

I believe strongly in the right of everyone to worship or to not worship as they choose, as the U.S. Constitution guarantees every citizen of the United States.

However, to allow any one or several religions into the official realms of government would violate this right for everyone else. This is why church and state must remain separate.

## Duke Scientists Find Possible Cancer Vaccine

By Daniel Kennedy  
*The Chronicle* (Duke U.) (U-WIRE) DURHAM, N.C. — Over the past five years, Dr. Johannes Vieweg and fellow immunotherapy researchers at Duke University have witnessed a fledgling prostate cancer vaccine become a clinical trial with recent, very positive patient responses: vaccine acceptance and a decrease in tumor growth rate.

Thirteen patients in the advanced stages of prostate cancer have been involved in the trial over the past year. The patients are injected with a certain type of cell — known as dendritic cells — from their own bodies in an attempt to combat the cancer. These cells first are cultured for seven days outside the patient's body and at the same time recoded with the patient's RNA to provide genetic information about the tumor cells.

Once the dendritic cells are reintroduced into the patient's body, they stimulate an increase in the patient's T-cells, or "killer" cells, which then target and destroy the tumor.

"[The prostate cancer vaccine] is a very specific approach vs. traditional cancer treatment methods, such as chemotherapy," said Vieweg, assistant professor of urology at the Medical Center and lead author of the study.

A particularly positive result of this approach is the vaccine does not have serious side effects, in contrast to the often severe side effects of chemotherapy. Chemotherapy, radiation therapy and other current treatments take a shotgun approach; although many cancer cells are eradicated from the body, many healthy cells also are destroyed in the process, due to debilitating radiation or medicine.

The Phase I clinical trial judged the patients' physical responses to the cells' injection, which proved positive. The patients' cells come from their own bodies, so there is no risk their bodies will reject them and induce severe side effects. Although most patients did experience low-grade fevers, Vieweg reported there was "nothing life threatening or any

serious toxicity at all."

Further results of the prostate cancer vaccine have encouraged Vieweg. Not only did patients show positive physical responses, but there were also strong indications of a slowdown in the tumor growth rate, Vieweg said.

Dr. Zhen Su, a research associate who is also in the division of urology and specializes in cellular immunotherapy, expressed considerable hope for the study.

"If you administered [the vaccine] to patients in the earlier stages of cancer, it has the potential to be even more effective," Su said.

But the vaccine is still in its early developmental stages, which means it will be quite some time, maybe five to 10 years, until it can be introduced on a larger scale in cancer treatment methods.

Both Vieweg and Su emphasized the amount of time and effort this vaccine required for development and testing, but both seemed hopeful about future cancer treatment possibilities.

"I think this is a huge effort. We are working for [full development], but progress is not made overnight," Vieweg said.

## Bomb Discovered at High Springs, Fla., Newspaper

By Michael V. Martina  
*Independent Florida Alligator* (U. Florida)  
(U-WIRE) HIGH SPRINGS, Fla. — As Carole Tate prepared a bank deposit and answered phone calls at The High Springs (Fla.) Herald on Tuesday morning, she was unaware that four feet away in a white Williams-Sonoma shopping bag was a bomb.

"You never expect anything like this to happen," the weekly paper's receptionist said. "Not in this town."

Authorities responded at about 9:15 a.m., and the Alachua County Sheriff's Bomb Disposal Unit detonated the bomb in a grassy area behind The Herald about an hour later, casting debris in a 125-foot diameter. No one was injured.

As of yet, there are no suspects in the investigation.

Tate said she first came into contact with the package at about 8 a.m., when she retrieved it along with the morning's mail from a public drop box outside

the office. She placed it on a chair next to her desk, thinking nothing further about it.

It remained untouched for nearly an hour. At about 9 a.m., Herald employee Larry Behnke looked into the bag and discovered a nearly two-foot white PVC pipe device. He said he immediately brought it outside while Tate called the High Springs Police Department.

"We were joking about it at first, until we found out it was real," Behnke said.

The building and nearby businesses were evacuated as the bomb unit was dispatched.

High Springs police officer Gordon Fulwood, among the first to respond to the call, said the bomb unit determined the device had all the necessary components, including a timer.

"I ducked behind my car as the thing went off," Fulwood said of the first bomb call in his seven years with the High Springs police. "It appeared that the person who made the device knew what they were doing."

Sheriff's officials retrieved debris from the blast, which will be transported to a Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms laboratory for further analysis.

Mark Fasano, senior staff writer at *The Herald*, said he was in general disbelief, a common emotion felt by the seven full-time employees of the paper.

"We're not sure why someone would want to incinerate us," Fasano said. The bomb is the first in recent memory, if not state history, to be directed toward a Florida newspaper, said Dean Ridings, executive director of the Florida Press Association.

Ed Barber, president of Campus Communications Inc., which oversees operations at the *Independent Florida Alligator* and *The Herald*, said Tuesday evening he was outraged someone would endanger lives to punish the newspaper.

Barber said several new security measures are being implemented at both papers, but that business will return to normal.

"*The Herald* has been a feisty community newspaper, and we are not going to change the way we do our journalism," he said.



In order to help students find a major that they can love, Rollins College decided to hold a majors/minors fair in the Cornell Campus Center. Photos taken by Heather Gennaccaro





## Redistribution of Wealth Needed in U.S.

By Nathan Foell

*Oklahoma Daily* (U. Oklahoma) (U-WIRE) NORMAN, Okla. — As of 1995 the Federal Reserve reported that the wealth of the top 1 percent of Americans is greater than the wealth of the bottom 95 percent. While the average household income rose 10 percent between 1979 and 1994, 97 percent of that gain was unfortunately gobbled up by the most well-off 20 percent. Should we be upset by these statistics? Do these numbers reveal a fundamental injustice in the distribution of wealth in American society? I will argue that they do, and present five reasons why we as citizens should support programs designed to redistribute wealth in the United States.

It seems intuitive that someone is entitled to the possession of something if they deserve it, usually because they have earned it.

So, are the rich entitled to keep almost all of their wealth because they have earned it? It is relatively clear that most of the time this is not the case.

Many people who are rich have inherited their wealth, a situation in which it should be obvious that nothing was done to earn the money.

Even when people become wealthy by succeeding in their chosen profession, some of their success is certainly still attributable to factors beyond their control.

Intelligence, good-looks and a pleasing personality can all contribute to success in life, and there is a substantial genetic and environmental component to the development of each of these characteristics. Even someone's work ethic can be something she learned from her parents or can be an outgrowth of her personality type. I'm not claiming that people are automatons who have no degree of control over their own lives. I'm merely saying that there are many forces beyond our control that influence our position in life, and thus that there is a portion of each person's income which they cannot claim to have earned. It is fair to take a percentage of that portion of the income of the wealthy and give it to those who were not as blessed by the natural luck of the draw.

Second, the value in having rights is not clear if you have no way to utilize them. The right to property is of little use to a person with no home to store any goods, the right to liberty is rather pointless for someone with no means of transportation, and the right to life is a mockery for someone with nothing to eat or drink. Each person must have a certain minimum standard of living or the rights that we cherish as Americans are mere words on paper with no substance.

Third, a more equal distribution of wealth would reduce crime in the United States. The U.S. sets itself apart from other western, industrial democracies not only in our outrageous levels of income inequality and poverty but also in

our incredibly high incidence of violent crime. This is no strange coincidence or accident. A more equal distribution of wealth would go a long way toward solving one of America's most stubborn and pressing social problems.

Fourth, while some may argue that we "punish" the rich if we take away some of their wealth, this is a gross exaggeration of the truth. Most wealthy people would never have needed the money taken from them for taxes and don't lose anything tangible in parting with some of their money because there is nothing they would ever have needed that money in order to buy. In stark contrast, the extra money that would be gained by the poor and middle-class from increased redistribution of wealth would mean a great deal to those people, because they have much less money, and therefore every dollar means much more.

Finally, the recipients of government programs are generally not lazy people who want to take advantage of their fellow citizens. The important thing to keep in mind is that there are many people in the United States who work low-wage jobs and do their part to contribute to society in the best way that they can, and still yet have a difficult time supporting themselves because of how little they make.

Perhaps the best reason to support the redistribution of wealth is a desire to remedy this injustice by improving the lives of the downtrodden.

## Free Simulator Gives Spectators Olympic Experience

By Sarah Rice

*Kansas State Collegian* (Kansas State U.)

(U-WIRE) SALT LAKE CITY — After waiting in a security line for up to three hours, Olympic fans entered Coca-Cola World, at the heart of Olympic Square in downtown Salt Lake City. Coca-Cola "On the Ice" features free simulations of athletes' experiences while competing in the luge, curling, bobsledding and hockey. Participants of all ages had the opportunity to compete in miniature-sized events.

"We are just trying to help people have a better experience," a Coca-Cola employee said.

The line for the luge event was 3 hours. Participants sled around a 110-foot long ice track with a 90-degree turn, while a scoreboard kept track of their time. After the qualifying heats and final runs, the top three finishers were awarded small medallions.

Hannah Hardaway, the U.S. athlete who placed fifth in the moguls, came for a special appearance and tried out the luge track. "It was pretty scary because when you come around the curve, you feel like you are going to tip over," she said.

At the bobsleigh event, Jim Purser and his daughter Rachel, 9, waited in line for an hour. They pushed the bobsled on a 45-foot

long sheet of ice as fast as they could, ending up with the bronze medal. "It is fun for the kids," Purser said. "It meant more to her."

Hardaway said the simulations give kids a wider variety of experiences. "A lot of these kids wouldn't be exposed to curling or the luge," she said. "This might spark their interest and make future Olympians."

Ron Coleman, senior public and media relations manager for Coca-Cola, said Coca-Cola "On the Ice" is for faithful fans who might not be able to experience the Olympic Games firsthand.

"It's for the fans who can't get tickets to every event," he said. "This way, they are able to experience what it is to participate. It makes the fans feel a little bit special." In addition to the event simulations, Coca-Cola World featured an entertainment area where Olympic athletes appeared every hour for interviews and audience questions.

"We have fun with the audience and play some games," Coleman said. Coke representatives also passed out their new product, a biodegradable cup made of 100 percent corn starch to audience members.

Finally, the pin trading center featured lines of tables after tables with opportunities for visitors to trade Olympic pins.

"The pin trading is where individuals can trade and barter pins," Coleman said. "We have a huge map of the world with pins that you can trade with."

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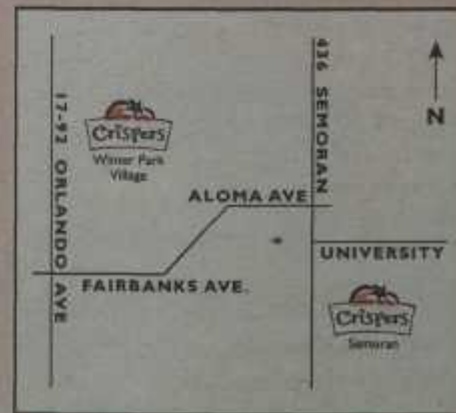
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