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Sweet Home Alabama, starring Reese Witherspoon, is worth a trip to the theatres. Check out our review of this box office hit on

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Best Buddies Explore Epcot

■ Rollins' chapter of Best Buddies enjoys a day at Disney's Epcot theme park.

by Derek McIver

contributing writer

Watch out Mickey, Best Buddies is in town! That's right, last Sunday EPCOT Center was graced by Rollins' Best Buddies chapter and their buddies. Both students and buddies enjoyed a day full of amusement at the "happiest place on Earth."

The day was perfect for a theme park adventure. The weather was warm, the crowds were minimal, and attitudes were high. With the arrival of the buddies, the entire party became excited to enter the park.

Seven Rollins' students, fourteen buddies and staff enjoyed a break at EPCOT. The group visited a number of attractions, including "Honey, I Shrunk the Audience," "Journey into Imagination," and the buddies' favorite, "Food Rocks." The consistent laughter permeating the air made it evident that all were

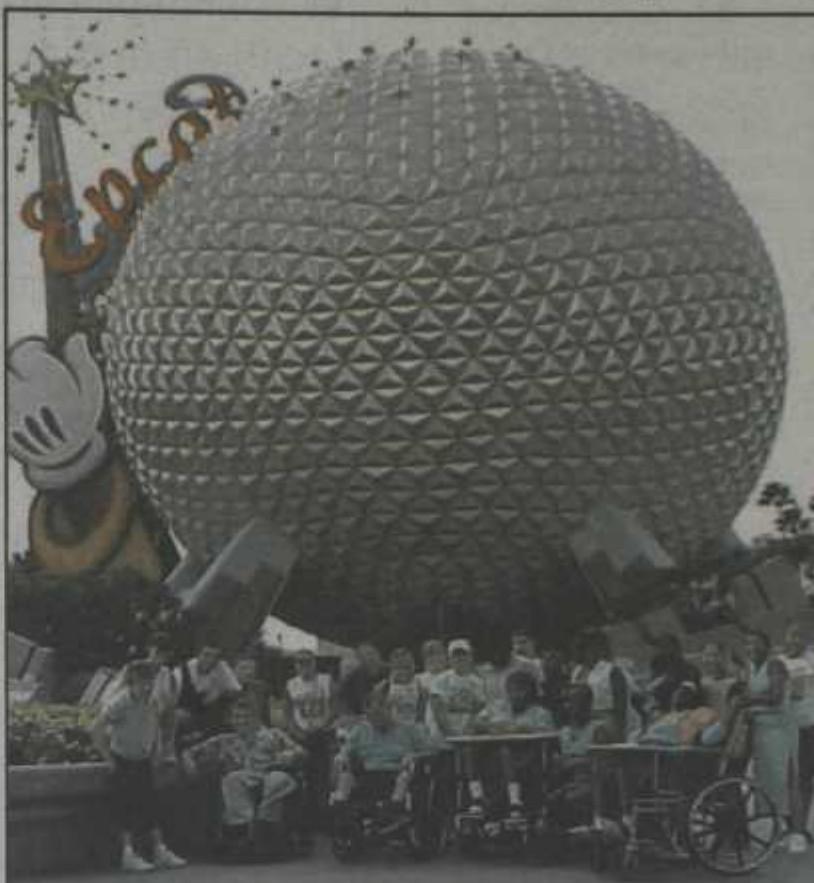


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BEST BUDDIES: Rollins students spend the day with their buddies, exploring all the different countries at Epcot.

having a good time.

The mission of Best Buddies is to enhance the lives of people with intellectual disabilities by providing opportunities for one-on-one friendships and integrated employment. The Rollins' chapter focuses on the one-on-one friendships by having group outings such as trips Disney, Sea World,

sports events, and the movies, as well as ice cream and pizza socials.

The Rollins' chapter, led by Heather Gennaccaro, currently has 27 members, 22 of whom are paired with a Buddy, and 5 of whom are associate members. All of the Buddies are from a group home on West Kennedy Blvd.

A "Hopping" Controversy

■ Playboy ranks Rollins as number three party school.

by Brad Aboff

production manager

The controversial Playboy Bunny has hopped its way onto the Rollins Campus.

In their November 2002 edition, Playboy Magazine has released their rankings of the top twenty-five party schools in the country. In the article, Rollins College is ranked third.

While this ranking might be amusing to some, it has not sat well with the Rollins Administration.

According to Anne-Marie Varga, Assistant Vice-President of Public Relations, "There are a lot of distinctions we have earned and deserve, this is not one of them."

The SGA has dismissed the rankings as

"meaningless filler" and "not quantifiable". Leaving them wondering where the media coverage was when Rollins was ranked as the number one private university in Florida.

The article itself, which features several quotes from Rollins' students, uses "country club" as Rollins' nickname and calls the best bash of the year Fox Day. In the article, students call the school "the Beverly Hills of the South," and say that every night at Rollins is "a big party."

Dean of Students Steve Neilson feels that the article "Does not represent the institution as a whole. Every school has parties, but if students partied every night they would not be able to survive at Rollins. At Rollins we feel our students have a fine balance of both academics and social events."

Theresa Hennessey, Publicist at Playboy

Magazine, when asked why the magazine published the rankings after not doing so since January 1987 stated, "We did it because of a great student demand. It had become an urban legend on many campuses that it was a poll that was conducted every year. It was time for a new one."

Hennessey says the criteria used to judge the schools was "a combination of how many votes received, interesting student testimonials, and a little bit of research on Playboy's part."

"The rankings were meant to be fun. Just because a school is on this list does not mean that it not a fine academic institution," states Hennessey.

"It will mean a great deal more to a Rollins graduate to be associated with a school ranked number one academically than a "top-ranked" party school," stated Rollins President Dr. Rita Bornstein.

Call to Action

■ The Cultural Action Committee prepares for the 2002- 2003 school year.

by David Grasso

staff reporter

The Cultural Action Committee is "an organization committed to increasing awareness and promoting diversity through programming." The CAC serves as a support mechanism and acts as an umbrella for the twelve cultural organizations on campus.

The nine active cultural organizations, which work closely with the Office of Multicultural Affairs include Asian American Student Association (AASA), the Black Student Union (BSU), Caribbean Student Association (CSA), Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender and Ally Alliance (GLBTA), International Student Organization (ISO), Jewish Student League (JSL), Muslim Student Association (MSA), Native American Cultural Alliance (NACA), Voices For Women (VFW). All of these organizations coordinate activities frequently and conduct meetings weekly.

One of the main misconceptions surrounding these organizations is that in order to be a member of a certain organization, you have to fit a specific criterion. The rule is that there are no guidelines for joining. You can be of any race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, economic background, ability, age, or religion.

"I joined the JSL, because I have a deep appreciation of the religion, even though I am not Jewish," explains Freshman Cherie Ramirez.

Ramirez is not an isolated incident; many students around campus join organizations to gain an appreciation of other cultures or religions, or just to show support.

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Cultural Action Committee Prepares for Year

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Sophomore, Giselle Peruyera holds the job as the Cultural Action Committee Chair. The Committee Chair not only facilitates the CAC, but is also on the Executive Board of the Student Government Association and regularly attends Senate meetings.

According to Peruyera, the goals of the CAC are to strengthen unity and bonds within the Rollins community, improve relations with the community outside of Rollins, and to focus on attending CAC's own needs as well.

"I am very excited about being your CAC chair, and I look forward to shaping and molding the committee to serve the needs of the organizations, and essentially the entire Rollins student body by implementing our goals," said Peruyera.

Upcoming events for organizations that fall under the Cultural Action

Committee include LASA's Hispanic Heritage Month, which encompasses the entire month of October.

"We are really excited about the events this month and look forward to seeing many students attend our events," said Natalia Leal, the Vice President of LASA.

Wednesday October 9th, Jose Fernandez, a Rollins Alumni who is the president and CEO of the Hispanic Business Initiative Fund, is coming to speak to the Rollins student body.

The "Mocail Fiesta" on October 25th is also on LASA's agenda for Hispanic Heritage Month. It is a collaboration between LASA, Bacchus, and Chi Upsilon Sigma.

Look for other upcoming events listed in future issues of the Sandspur. If you have any questions regarding the CAC feel free to contact David Dgrasso@rollins.edu at

Intramural Tennis Singles Tournament Is A Smashing Hit

■ Tennis players faced off at the Tiedtke Tennis Courts In September.

by Meagan Kula

contributing writer

The Rollins College Intramural Department and the U.S.T.A. have come together to offer two great tennis programs this fall, the Intramural Tennis Singles Tournament and the USA Team Tennis League.

The Intramural Tennis Singles Tournament was held Sunday, September 15th at the Tiedtke Tennis Courts. It was a great day of tennis with a fun, relaxed atmosphere. There was

music, food, and prizes for all.

The eighteen competitors played a round robin within their division and the winners of each division advanced to the semifinals. In the semifinals, Jeff Friedman defeated Julio Portes, while Phong Ho defeated Michael Kula. Friedman eventually prevailed to secure the intramural tennis singles championship.

The singles tournament helped kick off the USA Team Tennis League. The league is held on Wednesday evenings at 5:30PM through October 30th.

If you are interested in participating in the



photo / RC INTRAMURAL DEPARTMENT
TOURNAMENT WINNER: Junior Jeff Friedman beats out eighteen competitors to secure the Intramural Tennis Championship.

league, please call Meagan Kula, Director of Intramurals, at (407) 691-1275.

Upcoming Intramural Events

Swamp Bowl- UF Flag Football Tournament (Men's and Women's)

Date: Fri October 25- Sun, October 27

Location: Gainesville, University of Florida
See Meagan Kula (x1275) for more information.

RCC Sand Volleyball Tournament (Coed)

Event Date: Fridays, October 25 and November 1

Time: 2:00 pm
Registration Deadline: Friday, October 11

Softball (Men's, Women's and Coed)

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CorpoRealities Exhibit

■ Rollins museum introduces new art exhibit.

by **Eliza Osborn**

features editor

The Cornell Fine Arts Museum is planning to "show flesh," with its newest exhibit.

CorpoRealities will be on display from October 4th through January 5th. This exhibit aims to explore the techniques of contemporary oil-painters such as Odd Nerdrum, Gregory Gillespie, James Valerio and Susan Moore, all of whom deal with the issues of painting human flesh realistically.

The museum hopes that by featuring these leading, cutting edge artists, viewers of the exhibit will see the many different ways that oil-painters approach the idea of painting flesh. The exhibit features the various methods of oil painting that each artist uses to depict the human body, ranging from abstract, to impressionism, to realism.

According to museum official Vicki Brodnax,

each artist has "a different perspective on the human body," and this allows the exhibit to have great variation regarding artistic techniques. Brodnax says that these techniques "broaden the way that I look at the human body." She hopes that others will walk away from the exhibit with the same feeling.

In addition to the exhibit itself, there will be a gallery talk discussing the artists included in CorpoRealities on Sunday November 3rd at 3 pm. The featured speaker will be Thomas P. Johnson Distinguished Visiting Scholar, Rober Fishko, director of the Forum Gallery in Los Angeles and New York.

In its exploration into the oil painter's depiction of the human flesh, the exhibit begins the museum's season-long glimpse into the work of Figurative artists. This, along with Robert Fishko's visit to the campus, will continue the museum's trend of putting fascinating artwork at the fingertips of Rollins students, faculty, and visitors.

Running Off at the Mouth: The Editor Speaks

Graduation packets have recently arrived in the mailboxes of all seniors. It serves as a concrete reminder that this is our final year here at Rollins. It is time to start reviewing our transcripts, updating our resumes, and making decisions about life after college.

The typical options seem to be graduate school, travel, or a full-time job. The decision is probably the hardest one we have had to make thus far. Not only must we figure out which road to take, but we also have to choose where we want to go geographically.

The choices seem endless and can often be overwhelming. Where does one start? The only answer seems to be to begin thinking of possibilities that appeal to you. Maybe you know you want to get a master's in business, or travel across North America, or perhaps get a job in your field of environmental stud-

ies. Then again, maybe you have no idea at all.

The answer is different for each individual, but the process is the same. Start by spending some time just thinking of things that you may want to do as well as those you know you do not

help you sort out your jumbled thoughts.

Students also have another resource at their disposal- the Office of Career Services. They are ready to help you work on your resume, prepare for an interview, get through the graduate school application process, apply for a job, or just discuss your options. Remember that this resource is always available to Rollins' students and alumni so why not use it?

Although graduation may seem like an eternity away, you have to start planning now. Graduate school applications are due this semester, if you want to go next fall. Likewise, the job that you want may be unavailable if you wait until April to apply. Get on top of things by thinking about post-graduation now!

You do not have to know all the answers just yet, but you should be able to figure out a few.

**Jennifer L.
Williams**
Editor-in-Chief

want to do. Make a list if it helps you to organize your ideas.

The next step would be to meet with your advisor and discuss your thoughts with them. They may be able to share some ideas or comments with you that could aid in your decision making process. Realize that they have gone through this procedure with loads of students before and can often

Ground Breaking by Habitat For Humanity

■ Students plan to volunteer Saturday mornings to build at Habitat for Humanity's Winter Park site.

by **Kim Haire**

news editor

Students from Rollins College, Trinity Preparatory School and members of the Winter Park community came together this past weekend for a groundbreaking ceremony on this year's Habitat for Humanity building site.

The site is located on the corner of West New England and N. Capen Avenue. This will be the thirty-fourth home to be built in Winter Park by the Maitland Habitat for Humanity volunteers and the seventh house that Rollins' students have collaborated on to build.

Former Rollins' president and current Maitland Habitat Chairman, Thaddeus Seymour and Vice-Chairman, Hal George, kicked off the groundbreaking ceremony. Seymour and George recognized the out-

standing efforts of the students from the local high school and college that give their time and energy so generously to the Habitat sites.

"There are often days when we cannot find enough work to keep the sixty to eighty students busy, who have come to help," said George.

Rollins' student volunteers are under the guidance of freshman Pierce Neinken. Neinken has been involved with Habitat for Humanity for five years.

Currently, Rollins' students are working on the completion of last year's house and plan to join in on the work at the new location in early November. Neinken is coordinating dates for clubs, organizations and any individuals that want to volunteer this year. Neinken and the Rollins' volunteers will be working every Saturday morning from 9 am until 12 pm along with Trinity Preparatory School.

Even with the help of many, it takes about one year to complete a house in its entirety from the ground breaking ceremony to the dedication of the home to its



photo / KIM HAIRE

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: Pierce Neinken, Donna Lee, Craig Maughn, Anita Brown and Porscha Mills hold the shovel which marks the beginning for this year's Habitat site.

recipient.

Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit organization that strives to eliminate poverty housing. One way they try to achieve this is through no-interest loans. In return, the family works each weekend on the Habitat house to meet a

sweat-equity requirement, which is a specified number of hours they must work before receiving their home.

Habitat volunteering benefits Rollins' students and the community in many ways. It creates ties between the students and their neighbors, brings unity among

groups that work together on the project and it helps out the surrounding community.

Anyone interested in volunteering at the Winter Park site can contact Pierce Neinken at PNeinken@rollins.edu.

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Annie Russell Presents *Into the Woods*

■ Rollins applauds a job well-done for the actors in this new Rollins' musical.

by Jennifer Williams

editor-in-chief

Into the Woods marked the beginning of the 71st season for the Annie Russell Theatre. The show opened on September 27th and ran through October 5th. The opening night performance began at 8 pm and was well attended.

Into the Woods is a musical written by James Lapine with music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim. The tale begins in the house of a Baker and his wife. The Witch from next door had laid a curse on them so that they would be forever childless. She tells them that they can reverse the spell if they bring her ingredients to make a potion: "the cow as white as milk, the cape as red as blood, the hair as yellow as corn, and the slipper as pure as gold."

The couple enters the woods in search of these four things running into Jack, Little Red Riding Hood, Rapunzel, and Cinderella who are all there pursuing their own wishes. As the show continues, it splendidly interweaves all the fairy tales together providing an interesting twist.



photo / HEATHER GENNACCARO

A Magical Performance: The characters from the Cinderella storyline gather after Cinderella and the Prince are married.

There were numerous things to be said for this production of *Into the Woods*, presented by the Department of Theatre Arts and Dance in association with Rollins Players. The set was constructed extremely well. The trees extended past the proscenium arch onto the side alcoves producing the image of a large, deep forest. There were many different points of entry and exit, as well as trees that flew in and out to change the overall appearance of the set from time to time.

The actor portraying the part of the Baker was amazing. He had great facials, a lot of energy, and blended well when singing with other characters especially Cinderella in "No One is Alone".

The actress playing

Little Red Riding Hood characterized her part very well. She always had great facials, and delivered her lines extremely well. It was very funny to watch her; the audience laughed every time she came on stage.

The actor playing Milky White added so much comedy to the show. He was constantly reacting to what others said and did, especially when Jack's mother was saying how old she was. He was always very humorous.

The song "Agony" came across very well. The two princes worked wonderfully together as they played off one another for a great comic effect. The two made a great acting team throughout the show.

The actress portraying Cinderella had an excellent singing voice as evident in her song, "On the Steps of

the Palace". She characterized her part well and was a pleasure to watch.

There were many good things about this production of *Into the Woods*, but there were still a few things that could have been improved. First, the fact that the orchestra was warming up before the show and during intermission was highly distracting. They should do that before people enter the house. Another curious thing was that for once the pit orchestra was actually not loud enough during the show.

The sound system was horrible, in particular the microphones. They faded in and out, and sometimes were not even on at all, which was the case with the Narrator a couple times. Also, there were times when the Giant's footsteps were obviously missing. The characters were suddenly talking to the Giant as if she just appeared out of nowhere.

The actor portraying Jack rushed through his song, "Giants in the Sky". This is a beautiful song and the effect was lost as he jumped measures of rest resulting in early entrances. The pit orchestra tried to follow, but the incident could have easily been avoided.

Overall, this show was performed very well. Congratulations to a cast and crew for a job well done!

July for Kings Jams at Rollins

■ This year the kings of July come in October.

by Robert Walker

staff reporter

On October 16th ACE (All Campus Events) will be hosting the highlight of their semester long "Wickit Wednesdays": The Your Saw it First Tour. The tour features a collection of five young bands all signed to major labels. One of these bands is the hot young band *July for Kings*.

The band is a tight-knit collective of five childhood friends from Middletown, Ohio. They first began making music under the name *Swim*. *Swim* released two independent records, which garnered rave reviews and quickly caught the eye of several major labels. Including MCA, with whom the band

signed two years ago.

"When we signed with MCA we decided to change the name of the band," said Joe Hedges, the band's main song writer and lead vocalist. "There were so many other bands out there named *Swim* that we decided to change the name to avoid lawyers and all that legal mess."

The bands press release mentions "religious references" on the bands upcoming album *SWIM*. While Joe does state that for him, the use of religious iconography is an easy way for to express deep emotional issues, but also adds, "We certainly aren't a Christian band or a religious band."

"We're a musical band," Joe says. "All our songs start out as acoustic pieces at 4 am in a quiet room somewhere. They're all built on chord progression and melody and every-

one in the band adds their own flavor to every second of the music. Growing-up my parents played a lot of folk music, namely Simon and Garfunkel records and that stuff has always been a huge influence on me lyrically. I'm a big fan of the 'story song' and that's something I tried to do in my songs. In fact, that's my biggest beef with the top forty music of today, it seldom feels like anyone is telling me anything, there's no story."

For Joe, it is not just about making it big. "Obviously we want what any other band wants, to reach as many people as possible, but making records and playing shows is what we do and I don't see us stopping anytime soon. As long as I have a pack of cigarettes in my pocket and some food on my plate I'm content."

All five of the band members are in their twenty-somethings and as a result came of age during the big grunge, Seattle, Nirvana music revolution. That "heavy rock with melodies" sound has heavily influenced the band. In fact, the band has had the privilege of playing with several early nineties grunge/ alternative stars like *Collective Soul*, *Local H*, and *Dishwalla*.

Joe promises a live show is definitely worth seeing. "The live show is always more rock than people expect. We always try to step things up a few notches for the shows, so they're pretty raw rock n' roll."

So be on the lookout for ACE posters letting you know where this concert will be held. And look for *July for Kings'* MCA debut, *SWIM* in stores November 5th. Check out the band's website at www.JulyforKings.com.

Is War Necessary?

■ As Bush leads the nation to war, we must ask: Is it right or is it just the right time?

by **Darren J. Kettles**

staff reporter

The drums of coming war beat louder and louder as the Bush administration attempts to convince the world of the paramount need for a physical attack on Saddam Hussein. Bush claims that Iraq threatens U.S. interests by cooperating with Al Qaeda terrorists, but credible evidence of this is yet to surface.

One of Dubya's best traits, when compared with the more egregious, is his arrogance, but this unwarranted self-assuredness has been cause for careless leadership and put the United States and its citizens in a precarious situation both domestically and internationally. With the U.S. economy spiraling out of control and unemployment rates rising, what is a president supposed to do as his popularity erodes away? Just look at the history books.

War traditionally boosts a president's popularity, and now seems a perfect time for Dubya (as Senior James Gooch has nicknamed him) to call for action. Unfortunately, the Texan with the biggest gun

believes that he has the ultimate authority to make such a call.

Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution says that it is the power of the Congress, NOT the president, to declare war. We all learned this in junior high. Maybe Dubya missed that day.

President Bush somehow believes The Constitution does not apply to him and that his judgment somehow is superior to our founding fathers. A 'trigger happy' President Bush would certainly make our founding fathers turn in their graves.

If Bush declares war with Iraq, he will not only violate our own law, but also international law, which says that one country cannot attack another unless already attacked or is on the verge of being attacked, and this clearly has not happened.

Certainly, Hussein is a tyrant and is guilty of defying United Nations weapons inspectors, but at the moment there is no proof that he poses an immediate mortal threat to anyone. Hussein may be power hungry, but he is not stupid. Surely he realizes that threatening military action on any other regime would be to his detriment.

Even if Hussein is in possession of nuclear weapons, his threat hardly

compares to the thousands of nuclear weapons the United States possesses. But the Bush administration would like us to believe that we are not a threat to the world. Maybe they should read the news. Oh, yeah, they control that too.

Not even the first Bush president felt an attack on Iraq was in the best interest of the United States. Iraq's population is in excess of three million people and any invasion would kill tens of thousands of men, women and children who already greatly suffer. A war would also put thousands of U.S. men and women into combat.

According to a recent article in the New York Times by U.S. scholars of international security, military force should be used only when it advances U.S. national interests—and in my opinion, war with Iraq does not meet these criteria. Rather, the United Nations along with the Bush administration need to completely exhaust all diplomatic efforts before any military action is considered.

Perhaps President Bush should not be part of these diplomatic efforts since it is not part of his repertoire. Maybe instead he should start focusing on the real threat to U.S. citizens – our sinking economy and his oversized ego.

Word on The Street

by **James Meniates**

word on the street editor

Cartoons have it made. You can throw them off a cliff, run them over with a steamroller, blow them up, drop an anvil on them, shoot them, and in the very next scene they will be as good as new. No doubt it would be cool to be one. So tell the Word, if you could be one, which cartoon character would you be?



"That's a tough one...I'd have to say the Tasmanian Devil pops into my head right off."
Joe Fay - 04

"Uh... Inspector Gadget because I got so many tricks up my sleeve."
John Culverhouse - 03



"Goku, from Dragonball Z."
Jonathan Paets - 04

"Rainbow Bright... No, no, I changed my mind. I would be She-Ra."
Marie Armstrong - 04



"I would be Shaggy because he has the cool hair and the snazzy duds."
Jon Strout - 05



"Bubbles, the Powerpuff girl, because they're crime fighting chicks."
Audrey Penn - 06



Reality TV: America's Favorite Guilty Pleasure

■ Love it or hate it, you have to admit that you are in fact watching it.

by **David Grasso**

staff reporter

Settling into America's natural habitat, the couch, and performing the commonplace ritual of channel surfing, one finds a veritable farrago of what are labeled "reality shows". Though ironically unrealistic, these shows have recently become mainstream. They offer anything from the "outwit, outlast, outplay" theme of *Survivor*, to the scope of peoples' private lives on MTV's *The Real World* to the cut-throat competition to stardom on *American Idol*. And we can't forget, my personal favorite,

the reality dating show for multi-taskers: *Eliminate*.

On *Eliminate*, four people simultaneously compete against one another on a group date for the chance of a possible relationship with a single male or female. I find it incredibly entertaining because it is so shocking to see how nasty people get on their first date—the show might as well be called "eliminate those you don't want to hook up with."

I think *MAD TV* provides the most humorous parody of the show, in which the contestants are "aspiring sandwich artists," have no lives, and no intention of actually forming a relationship. It's almost as ludicrous as the actual show.

So why as Americans do we crave to incur on people's private lives? I believe this want

stems from the lack of social interactions. We don't talk to anyone as we shop at our local super-duper Wal-mart or we shop online where we don't even have to see another person. The only time we actually have to talk to anyone is at work—unless your business is online.

By creating this very impersonal, individualistic society of convenience, we have created a void that we then have to fill with television, the computer, and other electronics.

But there is hope. In my opinion, it is our generation's duty to break this sad and modern tradition. So go outside, get some good old fashioned fresh air, socialize with a real person and next time you turn on the tube, just think: isn't there enough reality in leaving your dorm?

Could Girls Be The New Boys?

■ Girls are slowly but surely taking the lead in the dating game.
by **Sally Smith**
Opinions Editor

I have noticed an interesting change on the dating scene in the past few years, one that has affected the very rules of dating. What is the impetus for this change, you ask? Do not ask what, ask who: women.

Yes, it appears that women's lib has taken on a new life, not in the job market or on the home front, but rather in the wild world of male/female relationships.

No longer are most girls out there looking for Mr. Right so much as they are out there—brace yourself—having a good time. Girls are out at bars and clubs and wherever else with their friends, just looking to have some fun.

Girls are just doing what they were afraid to do in the past; they are acting like boys. Now this does not mean that all girls are interested in one-night-stands. On the contrary, many are choosing to remain single because they are freed from the pressure of having a boyfriend. It is not about finding a guy; it is about finding yourself and having a good time.

For girls, dating is like shoe shopping. In the past, girls thought of boys as something to obtain, something that would solve their

problems, like Dorothy's ruby red slippers in *The Wizard of Oz*. Society only reinforced their desperation to find a mate by telling them they must find and buy a pair of shoes as quickly as possible before their feet shriveled up and they could no longer even wear shoes.

Women got a little sick of the nonsense and today, dating is more like shoe shopping at the Mall of America. Now there are thousands of shoe stores with so many to choose from, and nobody telling you what to buy. Heck, if you want, you can go barefoot. Nobody cares (except, of course, for your mother, who always wants to see you in a decent pair of shoes).

Although they realize that one day they might want to settle into a comfy pair of Birkenstock's forever, modern girls are taking advantage of the time when they can wear Stiletto's one night and flip flops the next.

I think now that girls do have more options and are not being told they need to get married right out of college, their true nature is finally being revealed. As with shopping for shoes, they like having options. They might go shopping for weeks without buying anything, and they certainly prefer to have more than one pair in their closet at home.

The point is that girls are no longer bound by the notion that they need a man in order to complete their

lives. Of course they dream about finding the perfect guy from time to time, but they appear to have come to take pleasure in the "shopping" of it all.

You see, people want what they cannot have. Women of the past were so adamant about finding husbands at an early age—it was a challenge for them.

Moreover, now that girls are not concentrating all their energies on men, they are infinitely more interesting. They are out in the world traveling, learning, reading, teaching, jumping out of airplanes, running companies, and living for themselves. And isn't that something we all want and admire?

This being said, I do acknowledge that not all girls think or live this way and I do realize that there still exists the double standard that a girl who hooks up a lot is a tramp while a guy who does the same is a 'ladies man' as Craig Zissel says.

A lot has changed. I think it is interesting to see how young women are starting to come into their own not only sexually, but in their levels of confidence, ambition, and independence.

Hats off to the ladies, you have come a long way. Do not forget to thank your mom for burning her bra and blazing the trail, but keep in mind—you would not be here if she had not settled into those Birkenstocks you call dad.

Who Says You Can Never Go Home?

■ *Sweet Home Alabama* cute, nothing to write home about.
by **Marcie Weinstein**
staff reporter

In *Sweet Home Alabama*, hot new fashion designer, Melanie (Reese Witherspoon), has to travel back to Alabama to divorce her childhood sweetheart, Jake (Josh Lucas), in order to marry her high-class fiancé. In doing so, she finds herself sucked right back into the life from which she has been trying to escape for seven years. Melanie is a complete snob to her friends and family. She is ashamed that they are such "rednecks". She refuses to admit that she herself grew up in this great southern town with so many loving, happy people. Melanie's denial of her past leads her to a heap of trouble, and a huge pile of lies. It

is in dealing with her two lives in New York and Alabama that shows the view how truly lost she is.

This movie is saturated with laughs, great southern lifestyles, and even a bit of depth. It is a great movie for girls to see with their friends; and for the really brave guys, maybe even a date. I will not deny that this is a chick flick, and it probably will not be nominated for any Academy Awards; but *Sweet Home Alabama* is worth a trip to the movies. Reese Witherspoon does a great job of being torn between two worlds and two loves (even her two accents). If I had to describe the movie in one word, I would call it "cute." I love the Southern life portrayed by Civil War Reenactments and Fried Pickles. There are far too many movies based only in big cities. I hope to see more of the South in movies to come.

SGA Corner

The first Senate Meeting was held Wednesday, September 25th, 2002. Thank you to Dr. Bornstein and Dr. Malek for speaking. Congratulations to the newly elected positions: President Pro Tempore is Brad Aboff, Parliamentarian is Crystal Watson, Clerk of the Senate is Joanna Leung, and the Review Board Committee Chair is Pierce Neinken.

The Senate was presented with two bills, both of which were requesting a beer and alcohol permit. A resolution was presented that dealt with sexual orientation and the Orlando City Council's Article 57, non-discrimination ordinance. These issues were tabled until the next Senate Meeting.

Josh McCoy, SAFAC Chair, had his first Council of Leaders Meeting on Wednesday. Representatives met each other and gave ideas on how the SAFAC Chair can help the organizations. John Tessier, Director of Collegiate Relations, has been working with the Women's Football Team in preparing for their big game on November 16th. Giselle Peruyera, CAC Chair, has been working to promote the Disability Awareness Week and Hispanic Heritage Month.

Why did the laundry prices go up from last year?

New machines were installed at the beginning of the year. While Dave Carson promised more time on the dryers, we have not seen any change in the amount of time. His comments on the matter remain unavailable at this time according to the Student Services Chair, Melinda Green. We will continue to persuade Mr. Carson to correct the time issue.

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Fighting the Freshmen Fifteen

■ Tips for college students on avoiding freshmen weight gain.

by **Jenny Petters**

staff reporter

One of the biggest fears facing all freshmen entering college is "the freshman fifteen". Most people know that that the "freshmen fifteen" is the "average" weight gained by most freshmen by the end of their first year at college. It is surprising to see how many kids return from college carrying extra pounds.

It is extremely easy for college students to develop bad eating habits over the course of a year. Studying leaves little room for exercise and means lots of time doing deskwork. Students should avoid eating out of boredom or getting up to take Twinkie breaks.

Ordering pizza consistently on late study nights is also a way to put on weight. Another mistake that many students make is skipping breakfast and eating large meals at lunch or dinner. In actuality a large breakfast helps the brain to function properly and is usually burned off by the end of the day. Downing a

big breakfast is much healthier than carbo-loading at lunch or dinner.

Because it is easy to fall into erratic eating patterns such as these. It is important for students to increase their daily amounts of physical activity. They can do this by taking advantage of Rollins' wonderful workout facility, and developing a varied exercise program.

When working out, a good balance of cardiovascular and strength training is ideal. Students can also take classes such as Yoga, Pilates, Taebo, Dance, aerobics or spinning, which offer different approaches to getting in shape.

For students such as Freshmen Ian Dunnroberts, who has "already gained 8 pounds" due to late night snacking at the Grille, it is important remember that it is not all in eating, but in daily exercise as well. If there is not time to work out, students can burn calories quickly by simply standing up and walking while they are on the cell phone, taking short walks to visit a friend in another dorm, or even using the stairs instead of the elevator.

Staying active, even in small ways such as these, is the key to keeping weight off. The National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute

says "Physical activity should be part of a comprehensive weight loss therapy and weight control program because it: (1) modestly contributes to weight loss in overweight and obese adults, (2) may decrease abdominal fat, (3) increases cardiorespiratory fitness, and (4) may help with maintenance of weight loss."

Karen Miller-Kovach, M.S., R.D., and Chief Scientist at Weight Watchers International, also suggests following "a night of partying with a day of lighter meals," to avoid gaining weight. She recommends avoiding snacks and the tendency to center social events around food.

It is also important to remember not to take dieting too far. Students should make sure to get plenty of fiber and to stay in their ideal body mass index (see website given below.) There are many options for eating correctly and still enjoying food, without going overboard.

Making time for physical fitness is a great idea even if it means combining exercise with the things that have to get done. A moderate diet and exercise routine will help prevent the "fifteen" before it hits.

Princeton Review Releases New College Guide Book

■ The 2003 Best College Guide-Book hits stores.

by **Marissa Block**

staff reporter

The Princeton Review College Guidebook: *The Best 345 Colleges* has just released its 2003 edition. This annually updated guide ranks only about 10% of the nation's colleges, those that it considers to be the best colleges in the country. Rollins has once again been included in this list.

The Princeton Review College Guidebook is the only college guide to include rankings based on how the students view their campus and school experiences. This information is gained through a survey given out to over 100,000 students nation-wide.

The survey asks 70 questions about colleges' academics, campus life, student body, study hours, politics, and much more. The book also includes 60 lists of the top 20 schools in categories ranging from academics, to campus life, to

extracurricular activities.

Rollins' academic rating and quality of life rating were both 82%. Among the many facts included in the profile were Rollins' student to faculty ratio of 12:1; the most popular majors being economics, psychology, and English; and over 60% of our student population is active in Greek life.

In the quality of life category, Rollins was ranked fourth for its beautiful campus. This ranking was based on the students' rating of campus beauty. Vassar College and Bryn Mawr College – both private colleges in suburban settings – were ranked second and third in this category. The City of New York – Brooklyn College was ranked first; it is a public college in an urban setting with a 60% selectivity rate. The quality of life category also rates schools on their food quality, dorm quality, and happiness of students.

For more information contact Jeanne Krier at Random House/Princeton Review Books at 212-539-1350.

Semester at Sea Program Plans New Adventure

■ The Semester at Sea Program announces plans for new trip.

by **Marissa Block**

staff reporter

On June 17 2003, the Semester at Sea Program will kick off its first voyage around the Pacific Rim. Semester at Sea is administered by the Institute for Shipboard Education and is academically sponsored by the University of Pittsburgh.

This summer, for the first time, horizons will be broadened when the Semester at Sea Program departs from the port of Vancouver, British Columbia and sail onward to Sitka, AK; Vladivostok, Russia; Pusan, Korea; Shanghai, China; Hanoi, Vietnam; Keelung, Taiwan; and Osaka, Japan before returning to Seattle, WA at the end of August. The Pacific Rim itinerary will allow students to study issues that link the US to Asia socially, politically, and economically. Over 600 undergraduate students will embark this journey as well as up to forty senior citizens and 65 faculty and staff.

While abroad, students to take advantage of structured travel opportunities set up by the faculty, or they can opt to travel independently.

On port visits – which can last up to three to five days – students can participate in home stays or university visits, and can travel to many historically or culturally significant places, all the while experiencing life in the cities and rural areas.

While students are traveling, they also take part in donation projects, helping those in need. Organizations involved in these projects include Mombassa SOS Children's village in Kenya, Mother Teresa's Mission in India, relief organizations in Japan, and many others.

The summer program is offered to qualified undergraduate students as well as senior adults who enroll in the Continuing Education Program.

Rates and application for this program and others, are available on the website at <http://www.semesteratsea.com>. Those interested can also get in touch with Julian Asenjo at 800-854-0195.

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What's Happening? ROLLINS CALENDAR

Friday 10/4

Mens and Womens Tennis ITA Regionals
SAFAC Contingency Hearings
Volleyball, Alford Sports Center, 7 pm
Into the Woods, Annie Russell Theater, 8 pm
"Blue Room," Fred Stone Second Stage, 8 pm

Saturday 10/5

Mens and Womens Tennis ITA Regionals
Kayaking Day Trip
Into the Woods, Annie Russell Theater, 2 pm and 8 pm
"Blue Room," Fred Stone Second Stage, 2 pm and 8 pm
Volleyball, Alford Sports Center, 4 pm
Womens Soccer, Sandspur Field, 7 pm
Central Florida Dance Festival, Walt Disney Amphitheater, Downtown, 7 pm

Sunday 10/6

Mens and Womens Tennis ITA Regionals
"Blue Room," Fred Stone Second Stage, 2 pm and 8 pm
Happy Birthday Julie Langheim

Monday 10/7

Auditions for Annie Russell and Fred Stone Theatre, Annie Russell Theatre, 6-10 pm

Tuesday 10/8

Bacchus, Bieberbach and Reed, 6:30 pm
ACE meeting, 7 pm
Volleyball, Alford Sports Center, 7 pm

Wednesday 10/9

Petition to Graduate Deadline! Sigma Tau Delta sponsored discussion with Dr. Gail Sinclair, Woolson House, 5 pm
SGA Senate Meeting, Galloway Room, 6:30 pm
Mens Soccer, Sandspur Field, 7:30 pm
ACE Wickit Wednesday, Down Under, 9 pm
Happy Birthday Jill Franklin

Thursday 10/10

Music at Midday, Keene Hall, 12:30 pm
Sandspur meeting, workroom, 5:30 pm
RHA Meeting, 7 pm
Dr. Edmund Wasserman from the Miami Herald, Galloway Room, 8 pm
Happy Birthday Leah Stafford

Rollins Sweeps Opponent

■ Volleyball team is victorious as they face Warner Southern.

by **Daniel Tozzi**

sports editor

Led by several strong individual efforts, the volleyball team cruised past Warner Southern (2-10) in three games to improve their season record to 9-7.

In the first game of the evening, the Tars jumped to an early 6-3 advantage and gradually continued to distance themselves from the Royals. With six serving aces, Rollins went on to take the game by a score of 30-17.

In a similar fashion to the opening game, the second saw Rollins record 15 kills as they managed to take control right from the start.

Warner Southern tied the game early at 3-3, but Rollins quickly turned the tide with a 9-3 run, and went on to take the game by a score of 30-13.

Game three saw Rollins fall behind early on 5-4, but nine aces and a 25-6 scoring run later, the Tars sealed the victory by the count of 30-11.

Several notable performances led Rollins to the landslide win. Freshman Allison North racked up 10 kills along with 5 blocks. Tammara Sanchez, senior, also got 10 kills and managed to serve 5 aces.

Another solid effort was given by freshman Julia Caner, who had 9 kills and earned a remarkable 7 aces.

Coming off of such a dominating performance, coach and players alike were pleased with the results.



photo / TIG WOODS

TAMMARA SANCHEZ STRIKES: Having set several records, she is shown here spiking the ball towards the opposition.

"I thought we all played very well, Caner said. "I'm very proud of our team."

Coach Sindee Snow, has been rather impressed with the performance of her players. "We need to improve in our conference, but I'm real pleased with the way we're playing."

"[The biggest sur-

prise has been] the improvement and just the fight and will of the kids," Snow said. "I think they're ready to take the next step."

The team will face tough tests this weekend when they host Florida Southern on Friday at 7 pm and Saint Leo on Saturday afternoon at 4 pm. Both matches are at home.

Standout: Volleyball Star

■ One of Rollins' own has been making a name for herself in the world of volleyball.

by **Amy Brewbaker**

staff reporter

If you have attended one of the women's volleyball games this season, you are sure to have noticed senior Tammara Sanchez and her incredible talent.

She has contributed greatly to the team, offering her experience and leadership to the newer players. Sanchez is a friendly, outgoing young lady from Tampa, Florida. In the time she has been at Rollins, Sanchez has made a name for herself as a skilled athlete.

Tammara has broken numerous records during her volleyball career. Last season, she set an impressive new school record with 503 digs. She also led the team with 44 service aces, and was second with 57 total blocks along with 360 kills.

Sanchez recently set a new school record for career digs and is within range of establishing career records for kills and total attacks.

Tammara has been a volleyball player since the seventh grade. At her high school, Berkeley Prep, she received all-conference hon-



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A KEY PLAYER: Sanchez has raised her game to a new level, giving her team a lift while breaking school records.

ors twice, and helped her team to a state championship and state finals. She was also an all-state basketball player and softball mvp.

Tammara has much hope and confidence in this year's team. "I think this year our team has the potential to break history and make it to the NCAA's," she said. "This year, we have the most talented recruiting class we've ever had."

A dedicated athlete, Tammara spends much of her free time being active. "Anything that requires competition is fun for me," she said. Her plans for the future include getting married in May after she graduates.

As far as whether or not she will continue playing volleyball, she said, "It's a possibility. Right now I am focusing on a career in international business. I'll always be very active."

Tournament Held at Rollins

■ Both men's and women's divisions find success.

by **Kim Burdges**

staff reporter

Last weekend, Rollins hosted the annual C.L. Varner Invitational tennis tournament on the Martin and Tiedtke tennis courts. The Rollins men and women competed in the singles and doubles events against other Florida schools, including Barry University, the University of North Florida, Florida Southern College, Eckerd College, Stetson University and Embry-Riddle College.

The three-day tournament showcased a strong Rollins performance as three Rollins' players advanced to the semi-finals.

For the men's team, Carlos Custodio and Mark Thompson reached the semi-finals. Vanessa Caddick was the lone representative from the women's squad. Caddick's teammates, Carla Prieto and Allie Nicholas, reached the quarterfinals, but were defeated by players from USC and Barry.

Perhaps the fiercest competitor during the tournament was the heat. Rollins junior Andrew Groslimond defaulted on his match due to the extreme heat. The heat also forced top seeded

Carlos Custodio to default during the third set of his semifinal. Many players were treated for heat exhaustion while some were even taken to the hospital for treatment.

"[The heat] was awful," said Groslimond. "Off the court the temperature was around 95°F and on the court it had to be close to 110°F."

The biggest win for the Tars came from Vanessa Caddick and Carla Prieto, women's doubles competitors. They won the doubles title with a score of 8-3, over the NFU doubles pairing of Allison Davidson and Melode Legoff.

This week, the tennis team will host a regional tournament to qualify for nationals. The team hopes to repeat their past success on the national stage, where they won the title two years ago.

Groslimond remains fairly optimistic that his team will advance and do well. "We have a good chance. Our number one [Custodio] and number two [Thompson] players are very tough."

As for the rest of the season the outlook seems positive. "It is really nice to have Ron [Bohrstedt] as our coach," adds Groslimond. "He is a great guy and hopefully some great things will happen this season."