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## entertainment



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# AIDing Awareness

■ Several events held on campus aim to inform students about this deadly disease.

by Kim Burdges & David Grasso  
staff reporters

A sparse crowd gathered in the Galloway Room in the Mills Memorial Building, on the evening of Monday, November 25th, to discuss an important world problem - AIDS. This invaluable presentation included a power point presentation, that highlighted the causes, effects and complications of the disease, as well as a lecture by Dyana Williams founder and educator of the Guardian Program, an HIV/AIDS awareness organization.

"Young people assume that they can get medications if infected [by HIV]," stated Williams. "People don't die from the virus or the disease; they die

from the complications associated with it."

Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) is most commonly contracted from those positively infected with the HIV virus. HIV is transmitted through unprotected sex, blood exposure (including blood transactions and sharing needles through tattooing and drug use), and it is passed from an infected mother to child during birth. A person can become contagious within 15 hours of first contact, but can test negative for the disease up to three months after infection. The disease is never dormant and those infected with it have to adhere to a strict, as well as expensive medication regiment. Currently there are no generic medications available to treat HIV or AIDS, therefore necessary medications are very expensive and can run up to several thousand dollars a month.

"We don't hear too

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photo: NATALIE MILAN

BENEFIT CONCERT: One of the several performers at the AIDS Benefit Concert held on November 22nd.

## Toronto Conference

■ Two Rollins students are selected to attend Harvard Pluaralism meeting.

by Pysan Yenchai  
contributing writer

Senior religious studies majors Anne Chernick and Jose Rodriguez-Sanjurjo attended the world's largest meeting of religious scholars November 22nd through the 26th. The American Academy of Religion (AAR) Annual Conference, held

this year in Toronto, attracted nearly 8,000 scholars and publishers of religious studies. Anne and Jose have been conducting research and contributing to the Harvard Pluaralism Project under the guidance of Dr. Greenberg, Professor of Religion, and Harvard Grant Affiliate. Dr. Greenberg had recommended their participation at the Harvard Pluaralism meeting in Toronto, which resulted in their invitation to attend and participate in this year's conference.

After the day long  
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photo: YUDIT GREENBERG

ANNUAL CONFERENCE: Jose Rodriguez-Sanjurjo, Anne Chernick, Dr. Diana Eck, and Dr. Yudit K. Greenberg.

## Right of Way

■ Several students walked down Park Ave, successfully blocking traffic.

by David Grasso  
staff reporter

On Tuesday November 19th over 20 people gathered to "take back the streets". The advocates hoped to send a message to the Winter Park community that cyclists and pedestrians have as much of a right to the roads as automobiles do. Bikers, skateboarders, and walkers all gathered on the Mills lawn prior to proceeding down Holt Avenue and eventually up Park Avenue.

"Park Avenue was deemed a good place to do it because it is the epicenter of Winter Park," explained senior Ben Prince, a participant in the demonstration.

Organized primarily

through Eco-Rollins with the help of senior Jill Franklin, junior Ian Thomas and several other members of the organization, the group set out to prove their point.

Armed with signs expressing their views regarding the rights of pedestrians and loud voices, the participants marched down one of the main thoroughfares of Winter Park until asked by the police to move to the sidewalk. They successfully blocked traffic and made their point clear to those in cars and shopping along the avenue.

Barry Allen, the head of the Environmental Studies department wore a shirt appropriate for the occasion that read "I could be another car." It sent a very strong message: the people in the cars who were being stopped would have not been mad if the pedestrians and cyclists had been

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## Harvard Conference

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meeting with other Harvard Pluralism Grant Affiliates, Chernick and Rodriguez-Sanjurjo attended other sessions in the AAR including discussing issues like "Bodily Mysticism of the Annihilated Self," and "Entertaining Evil," which presented the paper "Jesus Christ Action Hero" discussing the current Canadian film "Jesus Christ Vampire Slayer."

Attendance to the Conference is an honor for anyone, especially two undergraduate students.

"To be in the midst of so many brilliant minds was truly inspirational," shared Chernick.

Chernick and Rodriguez-Sanjurjo attended the Conference with Rollins' religion faculty: Dr. Yudit K. Greenberg, Dr. John Burris and Dr. Clarence Hardy.

The Project, directed and founded by Dr. Diana Eck of Harvard University, branches out throughout the U.S. profiling and studying its ever-changing religious and cultural landscape. Under the direction of Greenberg, professor of religion and director of Jewish studies, the Rollins affiliate program, has been working to map the religious life of Central Florida. Rollins works to emphasize "the shift from the homogeneous

western and predominantly Christian community to a multicultural and a multireligious one."

Affiliates like Rollins, are at the core of the project each profiling local religious communities, contributing to the overall work of the Project.

Chernick is currently involved in profiling Kashi Ashram for the Project. Kashi Ashram is self-described as an "interfaith spiritual, educational, and service community founded in 1976 in Sebastian, FL." The interfaith teaching, with its roots in Hindu Philosophy, teaches that all paths followed with a "pure heart lead to the God within". Chernick has spent two weekends at the 80 acre Ashram, participating in mystical meditations and teachings led by their spiritual guru, Ma.

Rodriguez-Sanjurjo is continuing research into the Christian theme park, the Holy Land Experience, and on interfaith dialogue in the Central Florida area.

The religion faculty work hard to promote student involvement in research, like the Harvard Pluralism Project that enable these students to participate in first hand, practical field work in the major. Attending the AAR was a profound education experience for both students, celebrating their hard work.

## Chapter 57 Amendment passed

■ The amendment will add sexual orientation to non-discrimination policy.

by David Grasso

staff reporter

On November 18th the Orlando City Council preliminarily approved the Chapter 57 amendment by a four to three ruling and again on December 2nd, the council voted with four to three approval of the amendment.

The Chapter 57 amendment adds sexual orientation to the city's anti-discrimination policy. A person's sexual preference will now be included with race, religion, gender and socioeconomic status under Orlando's anti-discrimination policy.

Rollins College has been actively involved in the

process of approving the amendment and has made their presence known. Several students and professors represented Rollins at the public hearings urging city council members to vote in favor of the amendment.

Petitions were also circulated at the college and submitted to council members, demonstrating the overwhelming support for the amendment. The student government senate unanimously passed a resolution that recommended the implementation of the amendment, which was sent to the city council members.

The decision brings a conclusion to a three-year long citywide debate. Many people have fought to gain immunity for homosexuals against discrimination or fervently oppose the change believing that it would set a precedent that was either immoral or unnecessary.

The leaders against

the amendment primarily involved local churches that strongly denounced the change in current law. However, there were some churches that chose to remain neutral and others that supported the change. Other individuals chose to stand against the amendment claiming that it would support an unacceptable lifestyle that was responsible for the spread of AIDS, pedophilia and various other problems in our society.

Those in favor of passing the amendment spoke of how imperative the amendment was in a community where hateful discrimination and bigotry are indeed rampant. Many people have lost their jobs or been victimized because of their sexual orientation.

Orlando follows the lead of other cities such as Dallas, Texas and Fort Wayne, Indiana in passing an anti-discrimination amendment.

## Students Take Back the Streets

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riding in cars instead of on foot and bicycles.

The march coincided with Orlando being named the most dangerous place for pedestrians in the country. According to the Sierra Club, the population of metropolitan Orlando grew 28 percent between 1990 and 1996. This has lead to more traffic

which is a threat for the few who decide to walk in a landscape dominated by automobiles.

Orlando is not alone. Everyday our nation is a more dangerous place for pedestrians. Cities are no longer built around people, but around automobiles. Fatalities are now in excess of 70,000 cyclists and pedestrians each year.

"We wanted the cars to notice that we are still there", said Thomas of eco-Rollins.

The "taking back of the streets" exemplified the activism that is present on our campus and also showed that students are actively engaging in efforts to educate people about growing crises that threaten the future.

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# Spread of AIDS Awareness

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much about HIV/AIDS on campus," said TaLesia Barnes, a junior at Rollins whose involvement with the Orange County Health Department hosted the presentation. "It is a very important issue that people should start talking about. Statistics show that a lot of people in Florida have it and some don't even know it."

Barnes urges students to become more aware of the disease by doing research online, through such site as; <http://www.youthaids.org/>. She also urges interested students to lend their valuable time to non-profit organizations like Williams' "The Guardian" and for people to go-out and get tested to know their own status.

"It can happen to anybody," states Barnes. "You may think you know a lot about the people you sleep with, but they may not even know if they are infected. I hear a lot [on campus] about so called "hook ups" that nobody thinks about. But, do they use a condom? Most people wear condoms to protect against pregnancy, but they should also be aware of the threat of AIDS and other STDs, such as other incurable diseases like herpes. You should never get to the point where you feel completely comfortable with someone," continued Barnes. "You never know."

In her presentation, Williams also warned of the dangers, especially for the future, if AIDS continues to spread as it is. "The biggest thing we are trying to do through prevention is to let people know that everyone is at risk," said Williams. "In the next eight years, 40 percent of the United States could be infected. In this day and age there is no such thing as safe sex. The only safe sex is no sex, because you are not with your partner twenty four hours a day."

"I do what I do, because of the things I went through," explained Williams. She contracted HIV from her husband nine years ago, this February her illness progressed into full blown AIDS. Her husband, who passed away a few years ago from the disease, was infected before Williams ever married him.

"I didn't think it couldn't happen to me, but I thought that it wouldn't,"

said Williams. "I didn't drink or sleep around."

Since contracting the disease, Williams has endured many negative side effects from it and the prescribed medications. The illness has severely affected her eyesight causing rapid eye deterioration, and because of this, she has to wear four different pairs of glasses depending on her ever-changing sight. This year, she was diagnosed with cervical cancer. She also endures monthly medical and therapy expenses at around \$4,200. Although Williams has seemingly been defeated by her illness, she continues to rise triumphantly. Her positive attitude and strong commitment to educating others about HIV/AIDS is truly admirable. When she is not counseling people, who share her same illness, or collaborating with other organizations, Williams is traveling around metro Orlando helping to spread awareness. Sometimes she offers her expert advice without any financial compensation.

"It's not about the money, but helping to save peoples lives, including my own," said Williams. "Life is precious and we only get one."

The previous Friday marked the end of the Week of Difference featuring an AIDS benefit concert on the lawn behind Diane's Café. There were tables set up offering information to students about AIDS and what they could do to help pre-

vent the transmission of the deadly HIV virus.

Lollipops with condoms were also distributed to the students by the GLBTA. This promoted awareness of safe sex as well as smiles among the student body. The cafeteria in the Cornell Campus Center closed and temporarily moved their operations adjacent to the concert. Ten percent of all food sales went to a local AIDS charity. There was also a large display for students to sign. Some merely signed their names, while others wrote inspirational quotes to those battling AIDS.

Despite the earnest efforts to promote AIDS awareness on campus at Rollins College, there was very little turn out to the concert. It was disappointing to have the charitable event experience such a low turnout. Students are urged to attend next year's concert and help to support the battle against AIDS.

The events of the Week of Difference were intended to coincide with World Aids Day on December 1st, which marked over twenty years of the deadly disease existing in the United States. According to recent figures released by the United Nations more than 40 million people worldwide have HIV. Those statistics also state that AIDS will kill more than three million people this year and more than five million will become infected by the end of the year.

# Relay For Life

■ Students help American Cancer Society at Showalter Field with Relay.

by Katie Berzowski

Contributing writer

Relay For Life is the American Cancer Society's signature event and the number one non-profit special event in the country. The 18-hour team event is a celebration of life for those who have won the battle against cancer and a memorial to commemorate those who have lost the battle. Relay has a fun, party atmosphere created by team members of all ages camping out, enjoying entertainment, food, games, and contests all night long.

Last April, nine teams of ten to fifteen students and staff represented Rollins College at the Relay For Life at Showalter Field in

Winter Park. They raised over \$5000 to support the vital work of the American Cancer Society. All of the proceeds go directly towards patient services and cancer education in Lake, Orlando Metro, Osceola, Seminole, and Sumter County residents, life-saving research and national programs. This was first time that Rollins has taken an active role in Relay, and they hope to come out even stronger at this year's upcoming event.

The 2003 Relay For Life at Showalter Field, in Winter Park, is scheduled for Friday, April 11th to Saturday, April 12th. This is an excellent opportunity for students to give back to their community and have tons of fun. If any organization is interested in learning more about or participating in Relay For Life, contact Lauren Smith in the Office of Community Engagement 975-6406 or Katie Berzowski in Residential Life ext. 2649.



photo / Katie Berzowski

2002 Relay Participants: Sisters from Non Compris Mentis sorority volunteered their weekend to support Relay For Life.

# Running Off at the Mouth: The Editor Speaks

I find that the most difficult time of every fall semester is the two weeks between Thanksgiving and winter break. We felt teased by having just been home for several days to spend time with our family. We ate home cooked meals, went to our local mall, saw our friends from high school, and did not worry one bit about that test in biology that is coming up. We had a break so close to the end of the semester that it seems like a tease of things to come later in December.

After Thanksgiving, we are thrust back into school knowing that winter break is lurking around the corner. All of our work starts to snowball- papers, presentations, performanc-

es, and final exams. It seems like entirely too much to do in two weeks time. That is exactly what we have to remember; only two weeks left! Now I realize that this is not much consolation to those of us with 20 page papers to write, but it is something to consider.

Soon we will be back at home for four weeks enjoying time off from school. It is going to be great. No lengthy papers, no noisy roommates, and no 8 am classes. It sounds exactly like what we need right now.

However, I guarantee that by the end of it we

will all be dying to return to Rollins. We will be tired of arguing with parents about the volume of our music, bickering with siblings over the car, or freezing to death for those of us that live up North. We will start to miss all the freedoms we take for granted while at school.

I suspect that mostly we will be excited about seeing all of our friends again. In addition, although returning to school means going to classes, I assure you that we will be more than ready when the time comes. In fact, I bet there are some

people out there wondering if there are still openings in the winter intercession classes now that they are realizing just how long four weeks at home may seem. However you decide to spend your break, I hope you enjoy yourself.

Happy holidays from *The Sandspur*, and we will see you in the spring!

## CORRECTION:

The Editorial Board of *The Sandspur* would like to make a correction to the November 22nd article featuring the Greek fraternity Alpha Tau Omega. They do admittedly have a great overall GPA, but the fraternity with the highest is actually X-Club.

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



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## Putting The "I" In Crazy

■ Is it just me or is this semester never going to end? Deep breath, everyone.

by David Grasso

staff reporter

Welcome to the last week of school. Exams loom and the worst fears of the student body are coming true. Our mini-sabbatical is so close, yet so far away. Will I survive this torture? Can I outwit, outplay, and outlast my professors' exams? I don't think I can do it. I'm tired. Can I go home now?

Exams are so annoying. No matter how much you try to downplay the magnitude of your exams, they are inevitably crucial to your academic performance. Put simply, they are absolutely insane!

I have come to the conclusion that some of my professors are crazy. In one of my classes, my final counts for 35% of my grade. In the span of two hours, I will determine a considerable portion of my grade that will affect my future in countless ways.

I will not be seeing much of the outdoors this week, confined to the educational version of a prison—the Olin library. Farewell crazy squirrels and Lake Virginia, I am going to be studying confounding variables, monetary theory, and conservatism every waking moment.

I think I am starting to develop end of semester attention deficit disorder. All I can think about is being home and going on vacation far away from all this stuff I have to learn in the next week.

Can someone please press the fast forward button? Take me away from this land of exams and send me homeward bound, where food is plentiful and you don't have to worry about your R-card balance being so dangerously low.

I will be the happiest man alive on December 13th, when I get to indulge in some R & R. Until then, catch me at Diane's sipping an outrageous amount of Caffeine with my nose in a book, pressing on in the pursuit of good grades.

## No Time For Giving

■ Poll shows lack of student involvement, need for classes in service learning.

by Jonathan Strout

contributing writer

I recently conducted a survey of 60 Rollins

students if they felt it was important for Rollins to become involved with the Winter Park community, most of them, 87%, think it is. (Figure 1) Unfortunately, out of the 60 respondents to my survey, 23 had never participated in any form of community service.

Why haven't some students ever participated in

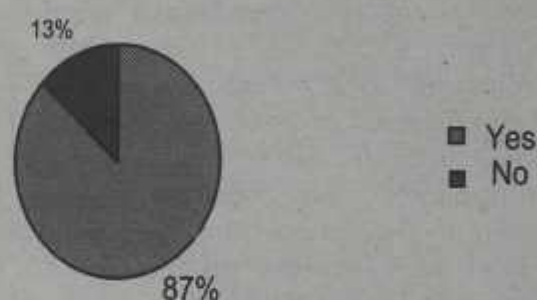
One possible solution is more classes integrated with service learning.

In service learning courses, active community participation is integrated into classroom activities so that what you learn in the classroom can be brought into the community and vice versa. There are currently some of these classes in place at Rollins, and I asked students if they would like to see more of these opportunities (Figure 3). The results proved that a majority (38 out of 60) would like to see more of these classes available to them. Interestingly, close to all of the juniors and seniors felt this was important, while the underclassmen seemed fairly split on the idea.

Perhaps this is because more upperclassmen have taken these classes and found them beneficial, or possibly they wish there had been more of them available during their Rollins career.

These classes offer an opportunity for service,

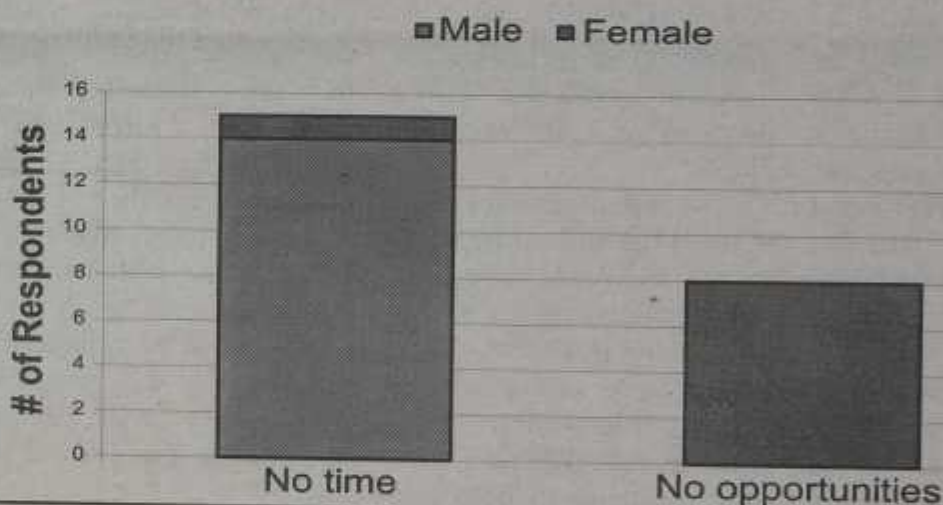
Do you feel it is important for Rollins to become involved with the Winter Park community?



College students. Walking around with a clipboard, I harassed students at Beans, the library, and other student-frequented places to steal a few moments of their time for an inquiry on community service.

community service? The number one reason given is simply a lack of time. Out of the 23 respondents who have never done community service, 15 attributed it to a lack of time, while the other 8 said it was because of a

### Why haven't you participated in community service?



The results were varied between those who logged many laborious hours fulfilling high school graduation requirements to those who have spent too much time running from class to meetings to social events to stop and think about serving others.

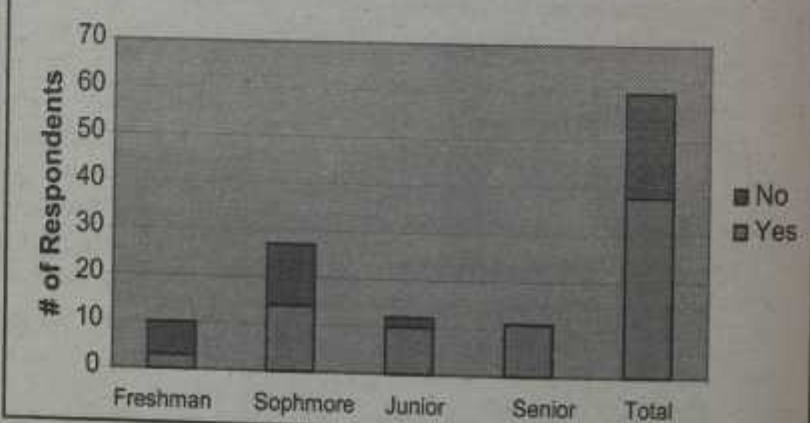
Community service is an opportunity for an individual or group of individuals to engage themselves in their community and render services to benefit those in need of assistance (be it educational, training, physical or emotional support), and in turn, profit from the experience as well. The opportunity to fortify one's character with the ethical and moral duties necessary of any human, is one that should not go overlooked, especially by young people in need of cultivating and enriching experiences.

When I asked stu-

lack of opportunity. Interestingly, the gender distribution in these answers is overwhelmingly skewed. As you will see in Figure 2, females expressed a concern for a lack of opportunity,

and by setting a few hours aside per week for a class that a student can take as an elective in their major or otherwise for credit, is a lucrative offer. So why not save a spot for a service learning

### Would you like to see more classes integrated with hands-on service learning projects at Rollins?



while their male counterparts cite their reasoning as having no time.

Is there a feasible solution to this problem that would give students more outlets and time opportunities for community service?

class on your transcript, or better yet, just get out there and practice your civic responsibility to serve your community.



# Christmas Spirit With Adam Sandler

■ Devout Sandler fans may not feel as satisfied with the most recent fix of oddball humor.

by **Susan M. Herrada**  
entertainment editor

November 2002  
Entertainment Weekly's writer Bruce Fretts refers to this movie as the "most ill-conceived animated comedy since the 1991 dog 'Rover Dangerfield.' He felt that the voices (Sandler voices three characters in the movie) were annoying and the plot

development was poor, as well as lacking in creativity and tension.

I found the movie to be your typical Sandler loud-mouth film... and very unfunny. It even includes the very irritating new version of Sandler's "Chanukah Song." But maybe I'm just a square! That's why you may want to check it out yourself.

Basically, the movie is set in a shopping mall. The main character is Davey,

a 33-year-old party animal drunk slacker-type who farts in Christmas carolers' faces. Davey Stone is a regular troublemaker and has gone too far, and finds himself in trouble with the law. He felt

Then he meets Whitey, the short, hairy, albino head referee for the basketball team. Whitey "takes Davey in" and puts up with his bad attitude and sour temper. Whitey, along with his sister Eleanor, somewhat end up "melting" Davey's cold, Scrooge-like heart with the



unconditional love and familial atmosphere they offer to him.

However, when they touch on his past, Davey is reminded of his sorrows of his parents having died in a car crash on the first day of Hanukkah. Jennifer, his childhood sweetheart (along with her son Benjamin) also work at softening Davey's sad past to face a happy holiday.

This Sony Pictures film also includes actors such as Tyra Banks, Rob Schneider, and Jon Lovitz. The film was co-written and co-produced by Adam Sandler himself. You can make what you want of this film- it can either end up being the longest 71 minutes of your December life or it can serve to rouse a few smirks as an average feel-good holiday cartoon. The flick somewhat reminds you of a dorky version of the classic redemption tale seen in *It's a Wonderful Life*. But hey, if you're in the mood to watch something that is simply laid-back and goofy, *Eight Crazy Nights*, and it's main focus on Christmas, redemption, basketball, ex-girlfriends, and the mall that can fill that need quite well.

But look out, Adam Sandler will have another opportunity to redeem himself once again in the movie *Anger Management*, which will be released April 2003. Adam will play Dave Buznik, a timid businessman who is sentenced to an anger management program where ultra-conservative aggressive counselor Buddy Rydell gets a little too involved with his entire life. More??? AdamSandler.com.

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## RESTAURANT REVIEW:

## DEXTER'S

In the midst of Old Winter Park and just a hop, skip, and a jump from Rollins College is Dexter's, a restaurant and winery that is too good to miss.

This trendy little café, on the corner of New York and Lyman, is the place to be if you are an aspiring wine buff—or just looking for a nice night out with friends. Their wine list is full of variety, boasting a terrific selection of imported wines, and the prices are reasonable. If you just need some wine for a relaxed evening at home, stop in to Dexter's to pick something up—their prices for "take out" wine are slightly less expensive than a bottle for "dine in."

As for the food, you can't miss the Asiago Cheese Crab dip to start off your meal, served hot and fresh, with large chunks of avocado and chopped tomatoes and onions. If you're watching your spending habits, try their fresh-baked Plantain chips to give your dinner a sweet and salty start.

For the entrees, I don't say this often, but go crazy. I have had the pleasure of dining at Dexter's often, and I have yet to find something I did not care for. This time around I had the Eggplant and Portabello Pasta Bake, which was delicious—especially if you love lots of sun-dried tomatoes, which give the dish a deliciously sweet zest. I have also heard rave reviews about the tortilla pie, which from the looks of it would be good to share (it's enormous).

Dexter's also has a small selection of some delicious desserts. I recommend trying the Snicker's cheesecake, which is rumored to be fat free when paired with a bottle of wine. It is ridiculously good.

Stop into Dexter's on a Thursday night for live entertainment after 8 pm. They always have great local talent coming through. In fact, that's one of the greatest parts of Dexter's; they are all about the local talent. Check out the often funky and always impressive art on the walls (it's for sale!), and Orlando-area artists do it all.

Overall, I give Dexter's an A. It is a hidden treasure among the sometimes-bland Winter Park restaurant scene. Check it out and you might just become a regular like so many other Rollins students before you.

## OVERALL RATING: A

Sally Smith



# FRED STONE: WAITING FOR GODOT



photo / KIMBERLY HENRY

**ACTORS IN FULL ACTION:** Once again, the Rollins Players and the Department of Theatre Arts and Dance present a well-attended play dealing with the matters and meaning of life.

## ■ The Fred Stone Theatre presents a Samuel Beckett play on time slowly passing.

by Jennifer Williams

editor-in-chief

*Waiting for Godot* was the second production of the year in the Fred Stone Theatre. The show opened Friday, November 22nd and ran through Sunday, November 24th. The Saturday evening performance began at 8 pm and was well attended.

Samuel Beckett's *Waiting for Godot* is a play that, to most, makes little to no sense at all. The play centers around two men, Vladimir and Estrogen, who are waiting for Godot. While waiting, they meet Pozzo and Lucky who provide company for awhile. Then a strange and shy girl appears with the message that Godot will not come today. The second act is filled with much the same as the first. They are again waiting for Godot, Pozzo and Lucky pass through, and the girl returns with the same message that Godot will not come today. The play has the overall feeling of time slowly passing, but nothing really changing.

Vladimir and Estrogen are waiting for something or someone to come along that is going to "save" them. They do not even know if Godot exists. It likens itself to human beings' existence on Earth. We are constantly waiting

for someone or something miraculous to come along and give us some direction or meaning to our lives. While we wait, we fill the time with school, sports, and entertainment, anything to give us something to do.

Some may walk away from this play not knowing what went on for the last two hours. Others will say that it described our desire to find anything to do to avoid boredom as we wait for some unknown thing to occur in our lives. Whichever camp you reside in, it is an interesting experience nonetheless.

There were many things to be said about this production of *Waiting for Godot*, presented by Rollins Players and the Department of Theatre Arts and Dance. The modern setting of an airport gave the audience something they could understand; it was a familiar setting. The sounds of planes flying overhead and the simulated airport announcements (no smoking, and do not leave bags unattended) greatly added to the setting.

The make-up and costumes designs were very good. Estrogen's tired face with heavy circles under his eyes, and Lucky's almost demonic appearance was perfect for the characters. The costumes were also varied, and very appropriate for the characters. Vladimir and Estrogen wore pants, coat and hat; Pozzo wore a black suit and hat; Lucky wore jeans, black shirt and red ribbon; and the girl wore a plaid skirt and white blouse.

The director's choice of blocking worked very well throughout the show. The entire stage area was utilized. There were times when the actors/actresses even walked, or ran, behind the audience seating area. It added interest to the play, by not focusing constantly on one part of the acting area.

The chemistry between Greg McIver (Vladimir) and Jamie Cline (Estrogen) was incredible. They played off each other throughout the entire show. One of the most amusing parts was when the two were playing the hat game where they were tossing hats about like Frisbees. The two formed a perfect acting team.

Keira Keeley (Lucky) created a highly unpredictable character. One minute she was still, the next minute she was kicking and screaming. The whole scene where Lucky "thinks" was great! Lucky just went on and on, getting progressively louder while all other characters tried in vain to get her to be quiet. As soon as that was over, she went right back to being silent.

There were so many good things about this performance of *Waiting for Godot*, but there was one thing that could have been improved. Some of the lighting was distracting to the audience. In particular, going from very dim to bright light seemed unnecessary.

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



# MUSIC FOR YOUR EARS

■ Sinead O'Connor is back with a beautiful compilation of the songs of her past.

by **Robert Walker**

staff writer

Sinead O'Connor is the often-enigmatic Irish banshee, who built a career by mixing her ethereal voice with lyrics that were equal parts social commentary and deep introspective journey. In recent years, O'Connor has become well known for the conflicts in the way she lives. The woman who once ripped-up a picture of the Pope is now an ordained priest in an offshoot of Catholicism. The woman, who only a few years ago, proclaimed her lesbianism and released the hit song appropriately named, *No Man's Woman*, is now happily married with children. And the woman who once wailed for change has now made a tender album of traditional folk tunes.

The album, *Sean-Nos Nua*, which means "old style new", is a compilation of the songs of Sinead's ancestors. Most of these songs were probably first performed decades ago in the Irish country. O'Connor stays true to the origins of these songs. The instrumentation is light



**SINEAD IS BACK AND Badder THAN EVER:** O'Connor's new album *Sean-Nos Nua* shows off her truly majestic voice.

and it all works to frame her beautiful voice. Oddly, the two songs that O'Connor performs in Gaelic have the most untraditional sound, with near Jamaican/reggae overtones. The album starts soft and melodic. On the first four songs, Sinead sings in a voice so soft and fragile, one worries that it might break. On the fifth track, the first of two tracks in Gaelic, Sinead seems to find her strength and she sings the rest of the album with the fierceness we are used to. There is little here, other than Sinead's beautiful voice, to tie this album to

any of Sinead's past work. In fact, *Sean-Nos Nua* sounds more like a stripped down Enya than anything Sinead has ever done before.

Sinead may no longer be the wailing Irish banshee, no now she is something more akin to a pixie or a singing nymph. But her voice is as bold and majestic as ever. And it is evident from the first note to the last that this album truly was a labor of love for Sinead. This is the album she has wanted, or even needed to make. And I for one am glad to be here to hear it.

## Counting Crows: Keeps It Cool

■ *Hard Candy* is the new promise of a fresh direction for this musically gifted band.

by **Robert Walker**

staff writer

Since their brilliant 1993 debut *August and Everything After*, the Counting Crows have faced the daunting task of trying to make lightening strike twice. Their debut was a perfect exercise in the art of seamlessly blending music with lyric. Singer and lyricist Adam Duritz constructed an opus of morass and self-exploration that ended in self-pity that made even the great Van Morrison jealous.

Since then, critics have harshly panned everything Duritz and company offer. Their second album, *Recovering The Satellites*, was

considered too dark and brooding for a newly famous rock star. As Duritz quickly learned, critics would accept this gloomy disposition and melancholy lyrical style from a nobody, but now that Duritz's was famous he wasn't allowed to be sad. Their third album, *Desert Life*, was accused of being too commercial. And in defense of the critics, it wasn't the best the band could do.

*Hard Candy* is the promise of a new direction for this musically gifted band. There are still the great melancholy songs that Duritz writes so well (like *Butterfly in Reverse*, which features Ryan Adams on background vocals, and the solemn *Goodnight L.A.*). But the album goes into new directions. Like the fun and funky rocker *New Frontier*. And the first single *American Girls*, with Sheryl Crow's

beautiful background vocals and its endless good time summer vibe is as close as the Crows have come to *Mr. Jones* in the last decade.

It's hard to say if Adam Duritz still wants to be Bob Dylan, but what is certain is that no one wraps angst in easy to swallow rock songs like Duritz. And that simple fact makes this candy well worth a taste.

Want Additional Information On The Band?? <http://www.countingcrows.com>... This website contains news, tour dates, "For the Fans" sections, archives, pictures, and even a link to the Counting Crows radio.

To pre-order Counting Crows tickets, there is also a new system that allows you to buy tickets online, directly from the band for upcoming shows, in efforts to reduce high surcharges while increasing convenience.

## WORD ON THE STREET

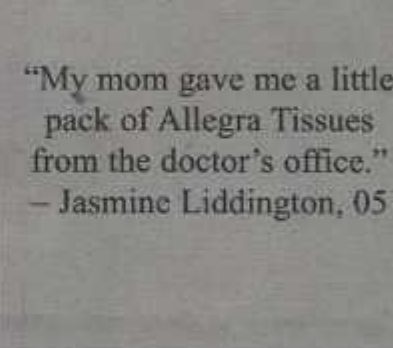
by **Heather Gennaccaro**

photo editor

December. The time of year that everyone associates with "the holidays" and presents. We all love giving and receiving gifts, but what makes the most memorable holidays is those gifts that aren't quite what we asked for. So, what are some of the worst holiday gifts that you have received?



"A decorated can of spam."  
— Shelley Ponce, 06

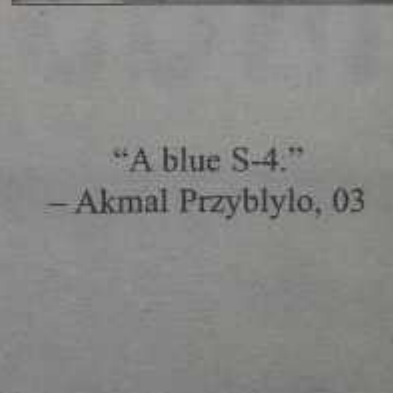


"My mom gave me a little pack of Allegra Tissues from the doctor's office."  
— Jasmine Liddington, 05



"A book reading light."  
— Kate Antik, 06

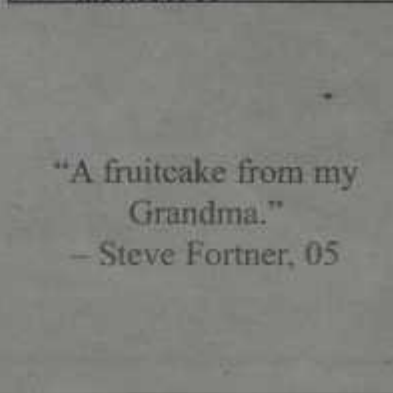
"Coal. I honestly did."  
— Leeann Willard, 06



"A blue S-4."  
— Akmal Przyblylo, 03



"Those pajamas with the little feet in them."  
— Mary Meyers, 05



"A fruitcake from my Grandma."  
— Steve Fortner, 05



## Bach Festival Presents: "Christmas Magic"

■ The Bach Festival prepares its annual holiday performance.

by **Eliza Osborn**

features editor

The holidays are once again upon us, and the Bach Festival is helping bring the spirit of the season to Rollins. On December 14th and 15th they will put on their annual Christmas performance, entitled "Christmas Magic."

The "Christmas Magic" performance, taking place at the Knowles Memorial Chapel, will feature the Bach Festival Choir and Orchestra led by Dr. John Sinclair. The 150 voice choir, backed by the music of the orchestra, will perform old and new Christmas carols. Bach Festival Executive Director Josh Garrick says that with the "amazing acoustics, the choir and orchestra have never sounded so good."

"The Christmas spirit is so amazing," says Garrick. "You can't help but feel wonderful after walking

out of a performance like that."

Garrick believes that an enlivening performance is exactly what Floridians need. "I often hear people say that it is hard to get into the Christmas spirit when you live in Florida," he says. "This show is the favorite of a lot of people, because it helps everyone get in the Christmas mood."

According to Garrick, people also enjoy the Bach Festival Holiday performance because of the musical content. "The carols are accessible," he says.

The "Christmas Magic" performance is a great chance for Rollins students and the outside community to start getting excited for the Yuletide season. With lively music sung by professional singers, it is clearly something that should not be missed.

The Bach Festival performs "Christmas Magic" on Saturday December 14th at 3 pm and 7 pm, as well as on Sunday December 15th at 2 pm. For tickets or information, please call (407) 646-2182.

## Rollins Students Give Back To Community

The Community School of Music Celebrated its 10th Anniversary in November on Mills Lawn and Rollins Students Were There Lending A Hand



One little boy tries out a clarinet at the "Instrument Petting Zoo," a table set up where children could play with several different instruments.



Pictures by Natalie Millan

Enca Garcia, one of the many volunteers from the Rollins College Department of Music, helps one of the children with an arts and crafts project.

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# Nursing Education: Saving Lives

■ Better nursing education in El Salvador gives hope to other third world countries.

by **Eliza Osborn**

Features Editor

Nursing education in El Salvador has come a long way in the past few years, thanks in great part to the Japan International Cooperation Agency. The agency, also known as JICA, launched the "Project of Strengthening Nursing Education in El Salvador" in 1997, in response to the country's poor medical and insurance systems.

El Salvador's civil conflict lasting from 1982 to 1992 had left many social

and economic burdens on the economy. The lack of medication given to the general population was one of the most critical issues. There were major problems with malnutrition, enteritis and pneumonia, and to make matters worse, all national nursing schools were privatized, resulting in insufficient training for nursing students.

JICA came to the rescue in 1997, after recognizing the seriousness of these problems. They helped the personnel of El Salvador's Ministry of Public Health and Social Welfare to prepare curricula and assignments, and to attain textbooks and other teaching materials. They also hosted workshops and seminars for teachers at each of the six

nursing schools in the country. The seminars gave teachers tips on how to pass on their knowledge and experience to students.

As JICA chief Advisor Ogawa Masako told *Look Japan Magazine*, "Repeated seminars enable trainees not only to obtain the knowledge and skills, but also to learn ways to train others." Because of the JICA project, nursing education in El Salvador has become standardized. Nursing and government officials were able to come up with a standard curriculum for nursing education in El Salvador, and teaching materials created in the program are now used in every classroom.

The next step that members of JICA are work-

ing on is the implementation of a national qualification exam for nursing school graduates. This will help to assure that the standards among working nurses are maintained.

The ultimate goal of the JICA project is to get nursing personnel to the point where they can continue the activities that they have learned without assistance. According to Ogawa Masako, the El Salvadorans have "gained operation and management capabilities. By the end of the project, they were able to handle everything properly by themselves."

Ogawa says that "Salvadorans are capable, enthusiastic, and very positive. If they are given opportunities and incentives, the

whole nation will develop on its own."

After seeing such success in El Salvador, JICA made the decision to launch a Third World Country Training Programme. The program began in September and will provide the same knowledge that has been so beneficial to El Salvador to all seven of its neighboring countries.

Having achieved their goals, the JICA Project has ended in El Salvador, but will continue in other third world countries. The "Project of Strengthening Nursing Education" will surely keep improving health care systems throughout the world.

Information for this article gathered from *Look Japan Magazine* (November 2002).

## Holiday Spirit Comes to Florida

■ Winter Park attempts to bring Christmas to Florida shoppers.

by **Marissa Block**

staff reporter

Take off your flip-flops and shorts and strap on your hats and gloves because winter time is here! Or is it? While the month might be December, January, or February, the weather here in Florida does not always reflect the time of year.

One of the most important times of year to reflect upon, of course, is Christmas. But with the sun and the days at the beach, does it even feel like Christmas at all? Children up north can look forward to a white Christmas and hot chocolate for a reason but what can the children in Florida anticipate? More than we might think, actually.

Winter Park is doing its best to make December and Christmastime feel more like the holiday season. On Park Avenue, many businesses are doing the best they can to give their stores an individual and wintery Christmas feeling. Pottery Barn, for example, has a giant Christmas tree decorated with ornaments, and Christmas music is constantly playing. They are also selling items specifically designed for the Christmas season so that customers can bring the holiday into their

homes.

Red Marq also plays Christmas music and the entire store is decorated in a Christmas motif. They are selling specialty Christmas items as well. When the holiday comes closer, the employees will all be wearing red to conjure even more of the holiday spirit.

The GAP on Park Avenue will also have their employees wearing red when the holiday comes closer, but until then only their bags will carry this signature Christmas color. They have also decorated the store in a Christmas theme. The windows are all based on Christmas or winter scenes.

Fairy Tales, a recent arrival on Park Avenue, is spreading their Christmas cheer onto the street. They are hanging sleds in their windows for all to see, as well as decorating the store from head to toe in Christmas bows, lights, and other decorations. There will also be a tree in the store and Christmas music will be playing.

The city of Winter Park is also planning several Christmas events, including a Christmas tree lighting, and a Christmas parade featuring Santa and Mrs. Claus, as well as some of the nicest cars in the city.

This Christmas should be a festive one with all of the decorating and preparing that Winter Park and Park Avenue are doing. Visit any stores on Park Avenue to see their Christmas displays.



## Savvy shopping

Some tips from the U.S. Federal Trade Commission on wise holiday shopping:

- **Deal with stores you know**, especially if you shop by catalog or online; if you are unfamiliar with the seller, check its location and reputation with the Better Business Bureau
- **Know your rights**: Check the company's refund and return policies, warranties and delivery dates; retailers must ship orders within the time advertised or within 30 days of receiving the order
- **Get satisfaction**: If you are dissatisfied, contact the company by e-mail, regular mail or phone; if you feel you are a victim of fraudulent, unfair or deceptive business practices, complain to the FTC at 877-382-4357 or [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov)

## Personal Finance

### Holiday spending

Projected U.S. spending, 2002, by income group:

Less than \$30,000	\$380
\$30,000 to \$75,000	\$620
More than \$75,000	\$960

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Source: U.S. Federal Trade Commission, NPD Group  
Graphic: Pat Carr



# College Football: A Look At How Florida Teams



## University of Florida

As the season concludes with a record of 8-4 (6-2 in the SEC), the Gators find themselves bound for the Outback Bowl in Tampa, where they will face the 9-3 Michigan Wolverines. The big story for UF this year was the fact that the program entered the beginning of a new era, one without Steve Spurrier. Ron Zook managed to lead the Gators to a #11 national ranking before falling to FSU in the final game of the season. UF finishes second in the SEC East standings behind 11-1 Georgia. Quarterback and heisman hopeful Rex Grossman will have to step up his performance in order for the Gators to be victorious over the Wolverines. With his future lying in the NFL next year, look for Grossman to end his tenure with UF on a high note.

Ending the season at 9-4 (7-1 in the Atlantic Coastal Conference), the Seminoles are still in contention for a BCS bowl game. As confusing as the BCS can get this time of the year, most scenarios see FSU with a birth in the Orange Bowl. If this were to be the case, then their opponent would be the University of Iowa. BCS officials will not rule out a potential FSU-University of Georgia Sugar Bowl match-up, however. With the arrest and team dismissal of quarterback Adrian McPherson, Chris Rix looked impressive in his start against the rival Gators and will be an asset to the Seminoles come New Year's Day. FSU now must await the announcement of their opponent as they will look to have yet another 10-win season.

## Florida State University



## University of Central Florida

In what proved to be a roller-coaster season for UCF, they finish the season 7-5 (5-1 MAC East). Their season began with a loss to #23 Penn state 27-24. Their first victory of the season came against Liberty on September 28th by a score of 48-17. The Golden Knights turned their season around after tasting victory, winning 6 of their last 8 games. Quarterback Ryan Schneider had a strong season as he completed 265 out of 439 passes (31 touchdowns, 16 interceptions) and posted 3,770 passing yards. Alex Haynes led the rushing attack with 204 carries and 1,038 yards. With such a strong finish on the regular season, UCF should have motivation heading into the off-season. Their confidence should be visible come next fall.

With one more game remaining in the Hurricanes' season, they will look to keep their Fiesta Bowl hopes alive as they face Virginia Tech on December 7th. Ranked #1, the Hurricanes are riding a 34-game winning streak. Should UM (11-0) get past #14 Virginia Tech, the National Championship would pit the Hurricanes against #2 Ohio State (13-0). Should that match-up occur, UM is the clear favorite as Ohio State has been slightly inconsistent, with six of their victories being decided by just seven points or less. The Hurricanes' only real close contests came with the 28-27 victory over FSU and the 28-21 win over Pittsburgh. Look for UM to defeat Virginia Tech and then show their dominance against Ohio State.

## University of Miami



The Bulls finished off an extremely impressive year as they end the season with a 9-2 record. The only losses they experienced were against Arkansas (now #22) and Oklahoma (now #9). The main highlight of the season came with their win over #25 Bowling Green on November 16th. The 29-7 victory was their only win over a nationally-ranked team this season. In addition to beating a ranked opponent, the victory extended USF's home winning streak to 19 games. That streak is only second to #1 Miami's 20-game home streak. The Bulls showed a varied running attack throughout the season as they utilized four running-backs on a consistent basis. Next season will see USF attempt to extend their winning ways at home.

## University of South Florida

# Flag Football Finishes Rough Season

■ A tough season comes to a close with a 25-7 loss.

by Kim Haire

news editor

The women's flag football team ended their season with a disappointing 25-7 loss against Stetson University.

The ladies hosted Stetson at Rollins on November 23rd. The Tars were disappointed with their performance on both the offensive and defensive sides.

"We tried to pull through but it wasn't enough for us to come out victorious," said freshman Emy Cardoza.

Freshman Audrey

Penn scored Rollins' only touchdown. Center Natalie Hernandez went out for a short pass and scored the extra point.

There was no more scoring after the touchdown for the Tars, but the offense showed remarkable improvement from previous games this season against Florida Southern College, the University of Florida and the University of West Florida teams. The improvement was not enough, however, to defeat Stetson.

"[Freshman] Amanda Moon completed four incredible passes," said junior Jenna Hubner.

The defense could not shut down the running action by the Stetson Hatters but they were able to stop



**FLAG FOOTBALL SQUAD:** It was a challenging season, yet the women that make up Rollins' flag football team stuck together and had fun.

the passing plays. Later on in the game, while the tars were down 7-18, sophomore Keri Dye caught an interception obtaining valuable yards for the Tars. However,

after Dye passed all but one of the Stetson offenders, she slipped and downed the ball.

This game finished off their fall season but

according to Intramural director, Meagan Kula, Stetson would like to host the Tars in another game during the spring semester.



# Men's Basketball Shows Their Drive

■ A week of playing yields a victory as well as a hard-fought loss.

by **Daniel Tozzi**

sports editor

With the help of sophomore Eric Faber's career-high 25 points, Rollins was victorious at home with a 65-54 win over Puerto Rico-Rio Piedras. The match-up took place on November 27th.

The game was closely contested for most of the first half until two three-pointers help give the Tars a 19-11 edge with 10:12 remaining on the clock. Both teams traded scoring drives, but a 9-4 scoring run put Rollins ahead 31-20 with three minutes left in the first half. When the clock displayed zeros, the Tars entered halftime with a 33-24 lead.

Scoring was slower in the second half of play as only eight total points were scored in a seven-minute time span. From that point on, the Tars lead by at least nine points and cruised to their 11-point victory.

Junior Chad Dircks had 13 points, three steals, and seven rebounds in the game while senior Matt Williams had 12 points. Both junior Donald Banks and Faber added five assists to the Tars' victory.

Despite a solid performance, November 30th saw Rollins fall to New Orleans on the road by a score of 65-57. The loss drops the Tars to a record of 3-2.

The game opened up with a 7-0 run for New Orleans before Rollins hit a 9-2 run of their own to tie the score. Dircks, with the Tars trailing 18-10, stepped up and scored eight of the next nine points for Rollins, cutting the lead to 22-19 with

3:46 left in the first half.

The Privateers went on a 10-0 run to take a commanding 32-19 lead. Dirck once again stepped up and scored by hitting a jumper and a three-pointer, bringing the score to 32-24 at the half.

With 12:16 left in the second half, Rollins actually found themselves with a 44-41 edge after outscoring New Orleans 17-5. The game went back and forth until Dircks, the leading scorer in the game, fouled out after receiving his fifth foul of the game.

The second half saw both teams score 33 points, but having been behind by eight points at the end of the first half, Rollins ultimately lost the game.

Dircks led the Tars with 22 points and nine rebounds and Faber dished out 11 points. Williams had nine points and Banks had seven points, eight rebounds, two blocks, and four steals.

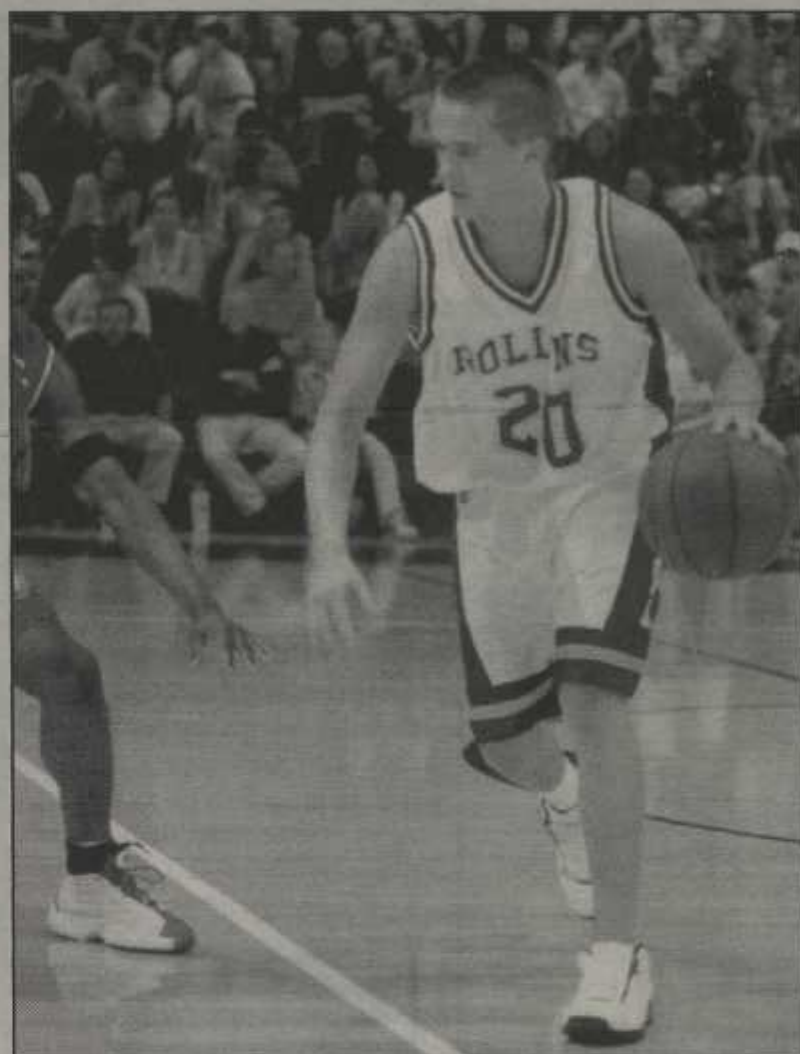


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**HELPING HAND:** Sophomore Eric Faber (#20) offered a big lift as he scored 25 points in the Tars 65-54 victory.

## Three Tars Earn Top SSC Honors

It's been one great year for the women of volleyball here at Rollins. Not only was this fall their best season since 1995, but three of their players recently earned All-Sunshine State Conference volleyball honors for their performance in an outstanding season of victories.

The three players: senior Noel Moore and freshmen Julia Caner and Allison North, all played crucial roles in the Tars' 23-14 season.

Moore, a native Floridian, was named to the All-SSC second team for her

highly successful season which included setting a school record for career kills with 1519. She led the Tars with 491 kills this season to rank seventh in the conference kills per game with 3.78, and also posted 105 blocks to rank second on the team. This is the second time that Moore has been bestowed an all-conference honor. She was also named to the All-SSC freshman team in 1999.

"I was excited to end my four years on such a great note. Without the help of my teammates it would not have been possible," said

Moore.

Freshman Allison North, hailing from Mobile, Alabama, was named to the All-SSC freshman team. She has made a great impact on the Rollins volleyball team

by *Sally Smith*

this year with 354 kills and 737 attempts with only 127 errors for a .308 percentage. North ranked an impressive seventh among the conference leaders in hitting percentage. She also showed herself to be a strong server, with 69 aces that led the

team and ranked her third in the SSC. North also led the team and ranked third in the conference with 120 blocks.

"Coming in as a freshman was a big adjustment, and having such a supportive team and coach really helped me feel more comfortable at the college level," said North.

Also proving herself to be a standout player is Julia Caner, a native of Boca Raton where she attended Olympic Heights High School. Caner was also named to the All-SSC freshman team for her awesome season, after coming back

from a back injury. Caner's season included 361 digs and 301 kills. She also placed third in the conference in total digs and second in digs per game.

And this is certain to be only the beginning for Women's Volleyball here at Rollins.

"I think this is the starting point for which Rollins volleyball can begin a long list of victories," said Moore. "Watch out for the Rollins College volleyball team. In the next few years it will be one of the top performers in the SSC."

**JULIA CANER**



**NOELLE MOORE**



**ALLISON NORTH**





## What's Happening? ROLLINS CALENDAR

### Friday 12-6

Last Day of Class  
Men's Basketball, Alford Sports  
Center, 2 pm  
Public Christmas Vespers,  
Knowles Memorial Chapel, 6 pm  
Happy Birthday Gail Kennedy,  
Laura Shuford, and Kyle Stedman

### Saturday 12-7

Reading Day  
Public Christmas Vespers,  
Knowles Memorial Chapel,  
6 pm  
Happy Birthday Nilani Trent

### Sunday 12-8

Reading Day  
Christmas Vesper Service,  
Knowles Memorial Chapel,  
6 pm  
Happy Birthday Christina  
Fernandez

### Monday 12-9

#### Final Exams

### Tuesday 12-10

Final Exams  
Crummer information session 6  
pm

### Wednesday 12-11

Reading Day  
Happy Birthday James Gooch,  
Anh Thu Nguyen, and Jason  
Rivas

### Thursday 12-12

Final Exams  
Happy Birthday Carol Jones  
and Carlos Machado

# Undefeated And On A Roll

■ With six wins and no losses, the Tars look poised for another great, productive year.

by **Daniel Tozzi**

sports editor

On Monday, December 2nd, the Rollins women's basketball team won at home in a strong fashion by a score of 59-40 over Puerto Rico-Rio Piedras.

The victory puts the defending conference champions at 6-0 on the season as they look to be very strong this year.

Opening up the game with an 8-0 run, the Tars quickly showed their dominance. The Gallitos managed to cut the lead to three points with 6:35 left in the first half. When the first half reached a close, however, Rollins had a 36-26 lead. Leading the Tars was sophomore Nicole Warder with seven points and two steals in the first half.

Entering into the second half, the score was 47-34 before a three point shot cut the Tars' lead back to 10 points. From that point on, a 12-3 run by Rollins led to a 59-40 victory and a continued undefeated streak.

Junior Jennie Brown and Warder both dished out a combined 20 points while junior Lindsey Woodcock delivered six points in the



**ON THE DRIVE:** Junior Mary Lou Johnston (#12) attempts to get past the opposing defender as she heads toward the key.

Tars' winning effort.

Saturday, November 30th, also saw the Tars face the Gallitos at the Florida Tech Classic. Unlike the closer contest on December 2nd, Rollins won easily in a 89-31 blowout.

The game began on a 12-2 run for Rollins and the first half ended on a 21-3 run. Entering into the half-time break, the Tars held possession of an impressive

25-point lead with a score of 44-19. Woodcock led the Tars in the first half with 10 points and seven rebounds.

The second half saw Rollins outwardly dominate their opposition as, with 13:12 remaining in the game, they went on a 23-0 run. The uncontested run gave the Tars a large 77-22 lead and the game clearly appeared to be over. For 8:10, Puerto Rico-Rio Piedras went score-

less as Rollins ran away with the easy 89-31 win.

Sophomore Randi Weiss had 10 points and four rebounds for Rollins while junior Gabrielle Blankenfeld and Brown both scored eight points. Freshman Sarah Lancaster also had a solid performance with six points and six assists.

## Outswimming The Competition

■ Both the men and women find victory at Florida Southern College.

by **Kim Burdges**

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The Rollins swim team continued to streamline past the competition at their last meet on November 26th in Lakeland, Florida at Florida Southern College. Both the men and women's teams were victorious, the women winning with an overall score of 106-68 and the men sweeping all of their events with a final score of 96-6.

The men's team successfully rebounded from back to back losses against University of Tampa and Florida A&M. The men won all of their events, including

an impressive win by BJ Callahan in the 100 backstroke. The women's team has also had an especially strong start this season with only one loss against the University of Tampa.

The Lakeland meet provided an opportunity to showcase some of Rollins' strongest women swimmers, including Perng Chen, who won in both the 100 butterfly and 100 backstroke. Another member of the women's team that had a good showing was Donya Saunders; she won the 500 and 1000 freestyle events.

"We did really good," states Saunders, a recent junior transfer student. "Florida Southern had good swimmers and some of the races were close, but we cheered each other on and got each other pumped."

This is Saunders first



**MAKING A SPLASH:** BJ Callahan leads his team to victory in Lakeland against Florida Southern College.

year on the Rollins swim team, she was previously a swimmer on the St. Cloud Aquatic team, and she has only positive acclaim in regard to her involvement on the Rollins squad.

"I've been having a lot of fun and it's been a great experience," says Saunders. "It is one of those things you jump into to keep

you focused."

The Rollins swim team has a long break before their next meet, on January 4th, at the Alford Pool against Wingate and Transylvania.

"A lot of us will go home and practice," explains Saunders. "[When we get back,] it will be a lot of team building and togetherness."