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# Shattered Dreams

■ The mission of the space shuttle Columbia came to a sad conclusion when it exploded.

by **Robert Walker**

news editor

Shortly after 9 a.m. last Saturday, February 1, the nation was shook by the tragic explosion of the space shuttle Columbia.

Columbia is the second shuttle to be lost in NASA history. The first was the Challenger, which exploded shortly after take off on January 28, 1986.

Columbia's mission involved several research projects including ones in the fields of aging and cancer. There was also a study

on how roses would grow in weightlessness.

Columbia had successfully completed its mission and was bound for the Kennedy Space Center near Titusville. NASA lost track of Columbia shortly after it re-entered the earth's atmosphere. They never regained communications with the shuttle as it exploded seconds later over Texas.

Fragments of the shuttle have been found scattered over a five county radius of Texas, and NASA officials project that they may find smaller pieces of the shuttle scattered from California to Louisiana.

While it will likely be a while before NASA releases an official report on what happened to Columbia,

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photo / MATT MOORE

TRAGEDY IN THE SKY: The half staff flag reminds the Rollins community of the seven astronauts who lost their lives.

## Sister Act

■ Undergraduate women searched for their match among the five sororities.

by **Kim Burdges**

entertainment editor

Last week, undergraduate women across the Rollins College campus participated in the week-long sorority rush process. Over 175 women participated in an effort to meet more people and to try and find the place that was right for them. The week-long process included nightly visits to all the sorority houses, and joint eliminations between the rushees and

sorority sisters. Sorority sisters from the five on campus organizations invited all of the rushees into their houses and entertained the women with creative songs, skits, and tours of the houses. After a long tiring week, rush concluded on Friday evening in the Warden Arena, when the remaining rush participants enthusiastically received their bids.

"It was a lot more tedious than I expected," describes Natalie Jackson, '05, regarding the rushing process. "It was very long and tiring, but worth it."

For Jackson, the long rush process produced a positive result with a bid from Kappa Kappa Gamma.

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photo / CHARLES WOODS

FRIENDS FOR LIFE: The sisters of Kappa Kappa Gamma celebrate the end of rush week and their new pledges.

## McKean's Grant Endless Opportunities

■ The McKean grant gives faculty the opportunity to pursue academic research.

by **Darren Kettles**

staff reporter

Thanks to the generosity of Rollins College's most influential and outstanding contributors, Jeanette McKean, a lady who was as close to Winter Park aristocracy as you can get, and her husband, Hugh McKean, a former Rollins College president, the Rollins faculty have an opportunity to explore "once in a lifetime" study opportunities through the McKean Grant.

In 1982, years prior to their deaths, the McKeans established the competition for the annual grant. It has developed into a prestigious award that is coveted by Rollins faculty who are seeking academic pursuits.

The grant recipient from 2001-2002, Dr. Kathryn Norsworthy presented to an eager audience who undoubtedly, were captivat-

ed by her fascinating work in exploring the plight of post-colonial women in both Southern and Southeastern Asia.

Norsworthy's interests for studying the Far East comes from her passion for both Buddhism and traveling to Asia, having spent a large part of the past twelve years in that region of the world.

Norsworthy received her BA from Georgia Southwestern College and her Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota.

Through the work on the McKean Grant, Norsworthy, along with partner Deena Flamm, LMHC, explored the slow process of working with Burmese women, many of whom are in exile in Thailand. Norsworthy looked at ways to begin the processes of both understanding and healing the problems that many of the Burmese women live with in the aftermath of British colonialism.

Norsworthy did her best to articulate the massive amounts of information col-

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# McKean Legacy Lives On

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lected from her work while on sabbatical about the cultural issues, language barriers, and the eastern perceptions of westerners that come to their countries to do research.

"Westerners are perceived to go over and study their problems and then leave - we benefit from their struggles," is the eastern perception of western scholars. Norsworthy talked of how cognizant she was of not falling into that same situation, and not achieving the success she wanted in her research.

With such a reputation, western scholars have a very difficult time connecting

with the Burmese and Thai people because they are very private people who are apprehensive about letting anyone into 'the center of their worlds.' "The Thai people are very gentle people who avoid conflict whenever possible," says Flamm.

Knowing this, Norsworthy approached the project with much trepidation. The difficulty for Norsworthy and her team of professionals was the slow process of building trust with grass-roots organizations and key people who were willing and trusting enough to try to build a reciprocal relationship.

Norsworthy acknowl-

edges that a great deal of her success came from building a bond with a Thai woman named Ouyporn, a Thai word for blessing. Ouyporn's friendship proved to be instrumental for Norsworthy for she served as a translator and helped her get beyond the surface of the Burmese women who lived both scared and apprehensive while living in exile.

Burma is a country that existed under British colonialism for about 100 years. After the British pulled out, everything, as you can imagine, was left in turmoil and the Burmese were left with the task of trying to rebuild.

In the 1960s, a military

dictatorship came in to govern and have been there ever since. Many Burmese live in exile in Thailand, thus suffer abuse and ill treatment because of their exile status.

Norsworthy's project work is only about half completed, but has managed in this short one-hour presentation to bridge the gap and bring a better understanding of the plight of the Burmese women in Southeast Asia.

The portraits of Jeanette and Hugh McKean hung in the corner of the Galloway Room watching over the fruits of their grant like a pair of proud parents.



KATHRYN NORSWORTHY PH.D.: The 2001-2002 recipient of the annual McKean grant for her research in South Asia.

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## Ladies Rush

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"A lot of my friends were in the sorority already," states Jackson. "I just felt more at home and already familiar with the faces."

Many girls enter the rush process with the intention of meeting new friends and searching for a home away from home. "I met a bunch of people and saw a lot of faces that I had never seen before," says Chi Omega pledge Audra Alexander, '06. "[Chi-O] was where I saw myself. People just get a feeling of where they are most comfortable."

However, not all of the women participating in the rush process found it as enjoyable or rewarding. "I thought [rush] was fake," states Caroline Hollings, '06. "I think girls that mostly knew people in sororities were the ones that got [a bid.] It makes sense, but [rush] should probably be longer so that people in sororities get to know people they don't know."

Hollings participated in rush and she enjoyed certain aspects, but mid-week she decided to withdraw from the activities. "I was thinking about dropping out of rush. I didn't think it was for me," explains Hollings. "And, when I didn't get invited back to one of the places, it was a perfect excuse."

"I [entered rush] because everyone else was doing it and for a good way to meet people and I liked the house tours," continues Hollings.

Although sorority life

may not be the scene for Hollings, she admits that it is a big part of Rollins campus life. However, she feels that it plays an unfair role, because of the fact that it is only open to a select group of women.

"I don't feel that I missed out; it's not my thing," says Hollings. "But, a lot of my friends didn't get into the ones they wanted and they were bummed."

One freshman rush participant, who wishes to remain anonymous, related the experience to being back in high school and called the process a "popularity contest."

On the other hand, the week gave those searching to join a sorority the opportunity to learn more about Greek life and the different organizations.

"Thursday night was definitely the most fun, because you got to spend more time at one house and not travel to all of the houses," explains Chi-O pledge Meg Crowley, '06.

Both Crowley and fellow Chi-O pledge Alexander looked forward to the time consuming, yet fun, pledging process, and using the opportunity as a way to better know the active sisters as well as their other pledge-mates.

Although Alexander and Crowley are very excited with their bids, they acknowledge the stressful and difficult process of rush, especially due to the high interest but limited space.

"[Unfortunately,] it can be a numbers game, a luck of the draw," says Crowley. "Some girls didn't get bids that should."

## Columbia Tragedy

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many are pointing to a hard piece of foam insulation seen falling off one of the shuttle's external fuel tanks during lift-off. At the time of launch, NASA officials considered the small piece of insulation to be of little significance, but now many believe that this piece of insulation may have damaged a crucial piece of insulation tiling on the left wing of the shuttle. This insulation tiling is what protects the inner workings of the shuttle from the extreme heat the shuttle experiences during re-entry.

If this theory holds true, NASA officials are still very uncertain as to what exactly inside the shuttle would have been affected by the exposure to such heat that could have caused the shuttle to explode.

The launch of Columbia marked the first time an Israeli citizen journeyed into space. For that reason, there was extra security around the launch of the shuttle on January 16, but any thoughts that terrorism may have been the reason for the explosion have been ruled unlikely by NASA officials.

In the wake of the tragedy, many have stepped forward to question the safety of NASA. All of NASA's shuttles make repeated trips into space. This requires massive crews doing very detailed work to make sure each shuttle is maintained to space-flight-ready quality. Such a high level of maintenance is a multi-billion dollar endeavor. This and the Columbia tragedy are leading many in Washington to question the necessity and the economic practicality of NASA.

In the wake of the Challenger tragedy nearly two decades ago, it was over three years before NASA launched another manned space flight. In the wake of Columbia tragedy, NASA's future is again uncertain.





## Visiting Author Series Continues to Delight

■ Authors Connie May Fowler and Brad Watson read at Rollins last Thursday night.

by **Robert Walker**

news editor

Authors Brad Watson and Connie May Fowler paid a visit to Rollins College on Thursday, January 30. Their visit to campus and their readings were a part of the schools continuing visiting author series, which brings various authors to the campus throughout the school year.

During the authors' visit they hosted master classes in Bush room 108 at 4 p.m. and conducted readings in the Bush auditorium at 8 p.m.

The readings began with a welcome from Professor Philip Deaver. Deaver, who teaches in the English department and serves as a Rollins writer in residence, coordinates the visiting author series.

Connie May Fowler

was first to read. Fowler has written several novels including the acclaimed "When Women Had Wings", which Oprah Winfrey is making into a movie. She also wrote the novels "Sugar Cane", and "Remembering Blue".

Instead of reading from already published works, Fowler opted to read from a novel she is currently writing.

Fowler's prose verged on poetics, "you watch swaths of purple and gold brake the darkness....last night rushes at you like a violent fluttering of wings."

The story is about the great, great grandchild of a woman named Orchid recounting the story of her great grandmother's birth. The story winds into the revelation that the narrator is in fact deceased.

Fowler then introduced her long time friend, Brad Watson. She recounted how she met Watson on a bus riding from Cincinnati, Ohio, to Louisville,



photo / CONNIE MAY FOWLER  
**CONNIE MAY FOWLER:** Last Thursday, Fowler shared excerpts from the novel she is currently writing.

Kentucky.

Watson is currently the writer in residence at the University of West Florida. Prior to that, he spent time teaching at Harvard University building literary acclaim for his many short stories.

Watson read several passages from his debut novel "The Heaven of Mercury." The first passage is a conversation between

two hilarious old men. The two men were discussing the contents of beans. The lines range from hilarious dialogue to deep touching scenes.

The evening was a sure delight to all fans of fine literary art. Keep your eyes peeled for future visiting authors or stop by the English department for more information.

## Insurance Premiums Send Doctors Running

■ Increasing insurance premiums send many doctors into early retirement.

by **Daniel Tozzi**

sports editor

Due to the increase in malpractice lawsuits, medical insurance providers have raised their premiums. Many smaller practices and doctors, including many here in Central Florida, can no longer afford these skyrocketing rates. As a result many doctor's offices have been forced to close their doors.

With many doctors fleeing the region, we are now faced with the problem of providing adequate medical services to the ever-growing population of Central Florida.

According to a July 2002 report from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the costs are being paid by all Americans through "higher premiums for health insurance, higher out-of-pocket payments for care, and higher taxes."

The HHS also found that a \$108 billion dollar annual health care cost cut

could be enacted without damaging the quality of medical care. That could be achieved through limiting the amount that can be awarded in medical malpractice lawsuits.

In fact, President Bush has long supported such legislation and in his state of the union address last week he urged congress to consider legislation that would place such limits on awards in malpractice cases.

Opponents of Bush's solution have proposed placing limits on the amount that insurance companies can charge their clients.

Womens health care is already being hurt by the healthcare crisis. Six Florida hospitals have already closed their obstetric units. Other services, which ultimately include emergency care, surgery and orthopedics, also find themselves in jeopardy.

Many feel legislative action will be necessary in order for a medical disaster to be avoided.

There is still time to act so that a major medical disaster can be avoided.

For more information visit [http://www.healthcare.org/campaign/take\\_action](http://www.healthcare.org/campaign/take_action).

## Chemicals Spill In Bush

■ A chemical spill in Bush Hall brings fire trucks to campus and ends science classes.

by **Matt Moore**

photographer

Late Monday morning, there was a big kaffuffle outside of Bush. Emergency vehicles were present for what seemed to be a random occurrence in the science building.

Reports later confirmed that there was indeed a chemical spill inside that building, which was dangerous for the students and staff working in the building.

Classes were cancelled for the rest of the afternoon and campus safety was busy working late into the evening to remedy the situation. When questioned about the situation, Campus Safety refused to comment further except to say that classes would resume as scheduled on Tuesday.



photo / MATT MOORE  
**STEER CLEAR:** Bush Hall, home of the science department, closed Monday after an accidental chemical spill.

## THIS WEEK'S



## WEATHER

Friday 2-7

Scattered Showers



76°/49°

30% Chance of Rain

Saturday 2-8

Scattered Showers



57°/48°

50% Chance of Rain

Sunday 2-9

Scattered Showers



57°/48°

40% Chance of Rain

Monday 2-10

Scattered Showers



63°/45°

20% Chance of Rain

Tuesday 2-11

Partly Cloudy



67°/46°

0% Chance of Rain

Wednesday 2-12

Partly Cloudy



70°/47°

0% Chance of Rain

Thursday 2-13

Partly Cloudy



71°/48°

0% Chance of Rain



## Red Cross Creates New ERV

■ The American Red Cross prepares to release a new Emergency Response Vehicle.

by **Eliza Osborn**

features editor

The American Red Cross is creating a new version of their Emergency Response Vehicle. This new ERV has several advantages over the current ERV in use and will be tested and prepared for use in the coming year.

American Red Cross Community Relations Specialist, Maria Yabrudy says that creation of the new ERV is "an essential part of our responsibility to the community...we need to be prepared in case of any disaster or catastrophe."

The American Red

Cross has always used Emergency Response Vehicles to aid rescue efforts in major disasters. "The ERVs help us to respond to local and national disasters," says Yabrudy. "They help us to give food, drinks, and other supplies to people who need them."

The new ERV prototype has several advantages over the ERV currently in use. The new version is lighter, a mere 9600 pounds in comparison to the 14,050 pound 2001 model. The new prototype is also shorter in length, width, and height.

The compact features of the new model make it narrower and allow it to move more easily in heavy traffic. Rescue workers are also able to access client feeding areas inside of the cab, and the lower weight of the vehicle allows ERV qualified drivers to handle the

vehicle without a special driver's license.

"The idea for the new ERV came after September eleventh," says Yabrudy. "On nine-eleven it became too complicated to navigate the bigger versions with all the debris in the streets."

Because the new, smaller, ERV has a lower food capacity than the 2001 model, it will be used primarily for small, inner-city disasters. "We will use them to help in areas that the larger ERVs can't reach," says Yabrudy.

The Red Cross will put the new vehicles under many tests in the upcoming year.

When put into use, the new ERVs will certainly be a great asset to the American Red Cross.

## Ryan Friel: Future Rock Star

■ Rollins' own guitarist Ryan Friel makes a splash with his musical talent.

by **Kim Burdges**

entertainment editor

Among the many publicized talents that are showcased at different Rollins events, such as theater productions and musical recitals, there are those gifted students whose talents we do not often get to witness.

On January 30, ACE sponsored a special guitar contest that gave musicians the opportunity to display

their musical talents in order to win a brand new, never released Ovation guitar. This guitar donated by the Winter Park Guitar Center was valued at \$800.

Approximately eight students participated in the contest, playing to a packed house at Dave's Down Under, and making it one of the most attended school sponsored events of the year. The contestants were judged by Shawn Tooley and Jimmy Landry, musicians from that night's featured band, The Wine Field Duo, who played before the contest.

Ryan Friel, an English major, wowed the audience with his own original acoustical piece. He describes his music as an acoustical funk jazz compilation that borrows from many different styles of music. Although Friel's talent appears to come naturally, he has an extensive musical background.

"[I] played mostly classical piano for six or seven years and my teacher told me to quit, because I didn't like it," stated Friel. "A friend of mine had a guitar and I picked it up and I wrote a song on it, without having taken lessons."

Friel soon started to take formal lessons. "I started taking lessons for about 2 years," Friel said. "I then taught myself for awhile, and then I started private lessons at Rollins."

His hard work and dedication appear to have paid off. Not only did he win the coveted Ovation guitar, but he has also gained praise from fellow students.

"He has real talent," enthusiastically expressed one member of the audience. "He displayed a lot of skill; it was awesome!"

Although Friel did play in various bars and venues during his high school years, he is not currently participating in any public performances. However, he does hope to get something together for the future. Whatever musical path Friel decides to follow, it is evident that he will have a solid fan base at Rollins.

As one student commented after seeing Friel's performance, "He was unbelievable. He blew everyone out of the water."



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## Professor Creates Leaders



DR. RICK BOMMELJE: This Rollins professor stresses the importance of listening skills. photo / NATALIE MILLAN

**Dr. Rick Bommelje** motivates students by improving their communication skills.

by **Natalie Millan**  
photographer

As advances in technology decrease the frequency of face-to-face communication in our world, effective listening, and communication skills are becoming increasingly harder to find. The difficulties that communication and listening deficiencies pose are detrimental to both interpersonal relationships and chances of business success. As Rollins students prepare for entry into the professional world, many may be left wondering what they can do to boost their opportunities for success. This is where Rollins professor Dr. Rick Bommelje can help.

Bommelje is an Associate Professor in the Department of Communication, as well as a nationally recognized expert in the discipline of listening. Bommelje has been working at Rollins for over 25 years, first serving as the Associate Dean of Lifelong Learning and then resuming the role of professor.

Bommelje teaches courses in Listening and Leadership, and as any student who has taken one of his classes can tell you, he is a force of motivation and energy, making a truly unique connection with his students. Bommelje has played a critical role in the professional and personal development of thousands of students and business professionals. Not only is he

a respected author, lecturer, and consultant in the field of leadership, but he also serves as President of The Leadership and Listening Institute, a professional development firm that specializes in the development of people's leadership, listening, and teamwork skills.

Bommelje is well known for his practical and "real world" approach to education and training, and it is obvious, from the impressive list of organizations that have sought his seminars, from Walt Disney World to AT&T and Dow Jones & Company, that his methods are effective.

He remains modest, however, about his success, "I teach in the areas that I need the most help in. My approach is based on the action-learning model. I attempt to get the participants actively involved in the learning process and then I get out of their way."

Bommelje's effectiveness has been recognized by many. Most recently he received the prestigious honor of the Walter E. Barden Distinguished Teaching Award from the Hamilton Holt School of Rollins College. He is listed in "Who's Who in Listening Training, Speaking, and Consulting", and is a member of the National Speakers Association.

Regardless of any public honors, he maintains that the most memorable event in his life was his marriage to current wife Quinn, whom he says, "...has taught me more about leadership and listening over the past three decades through her values and actions than anyone else on this earth."

There are two other events that he recognizes as very important to him he

says, "coming to know Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior," and, "the wonderful opportunity to be employed by Rollins College for the past 28 years."

"I have served as a staff member, administrator, and faculty member," he said. "These varied experiences have provided me with an incredible opportunity to grow every single year."

Bommelje effectively juggles the various roles of family man, educator, advisor, researcher, author, and of course, leader. He says, "the courses that I guide at Rollins, the research and writing that I am engaged in, the service initiatives that I am involved with, and the organizations that I have been privileged to connect with, all form a fascinating learning mosaic. Each experience exponentially helps the other."

To any students who are interested in learning the key points of leadership, Bommelje says, "self leadership is the first level of leadership. The first step is to BEGIN."

His teaching and advising are nationally recognized and sought after, and his methods have been proven time and time again. In regards to success and happiness in life, Bommelje declares, "it is vital to always keep in mind that time is our most valuable resource. It is precious and we should be stewards of it. So MAKE TODAY COUNT!"

You heard him, Rollins College, so heed his advice and make this day an important one. Soon, like Bommelje and the thousands of people he has motivated to achieve great accomplishments, you too will be on your own journey to success.

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## THE HOT SPOT: MOE'S SOUTHWEST GRILL

Moe's Southwest Grill is a great bang for your buck. The atmosphere of the restaurant is very casual with a wide selection of good quality Tex-Mex fare. Moe's is located in the Publix shopping center on 17-92 west of Fairbanks.

The menu is full of cleverly named entrees that match the very good food. Music in the restaurant is a nice selection of classic rock at a comfortable volume level. The menu has a selection of Tacos, Fajitas, Burritos, Salads, Quesadillas, and Nachos, which are all very tasty. Your order is customized to the way you like it with as much salsa, shredded cheese, jalapenos, or black olives as you can handle on your food. Recommended items off of the menu include the Home Wrecker and Joey Bag of Donuts burritos, the Close Talker salad, and the Billy Barou nachos.

The restaurant also has a tasty selection of beverages, which you will have to try for yourself. Most items on the menu are very reasonably priced which is ideal for any tight budgeted, college student. For those who are young at heart, Moe's offers a kid's menu.

The only downside to Moe's is that it is a HOT SPOT on the weekend, which can make it difficult to get a seat. The food is great, the music is great, and the atmosphere is very cool. The service staff is very friendly and eager to provide all patrons with a great eating experience. Food is also prepared very quickly, hot, and fresh so that you do not have to wait long to enjoy it.

If you are running short on time you can call at least 15 minutes ahead and have your food ready to take out hot and fresh when you arrive. Be sure to check out Moe's this weekend for an awesome dining experience, but be prepared, to wait for a seat.

Look for a new location coming soon in Maitland!

*Alan Moore*



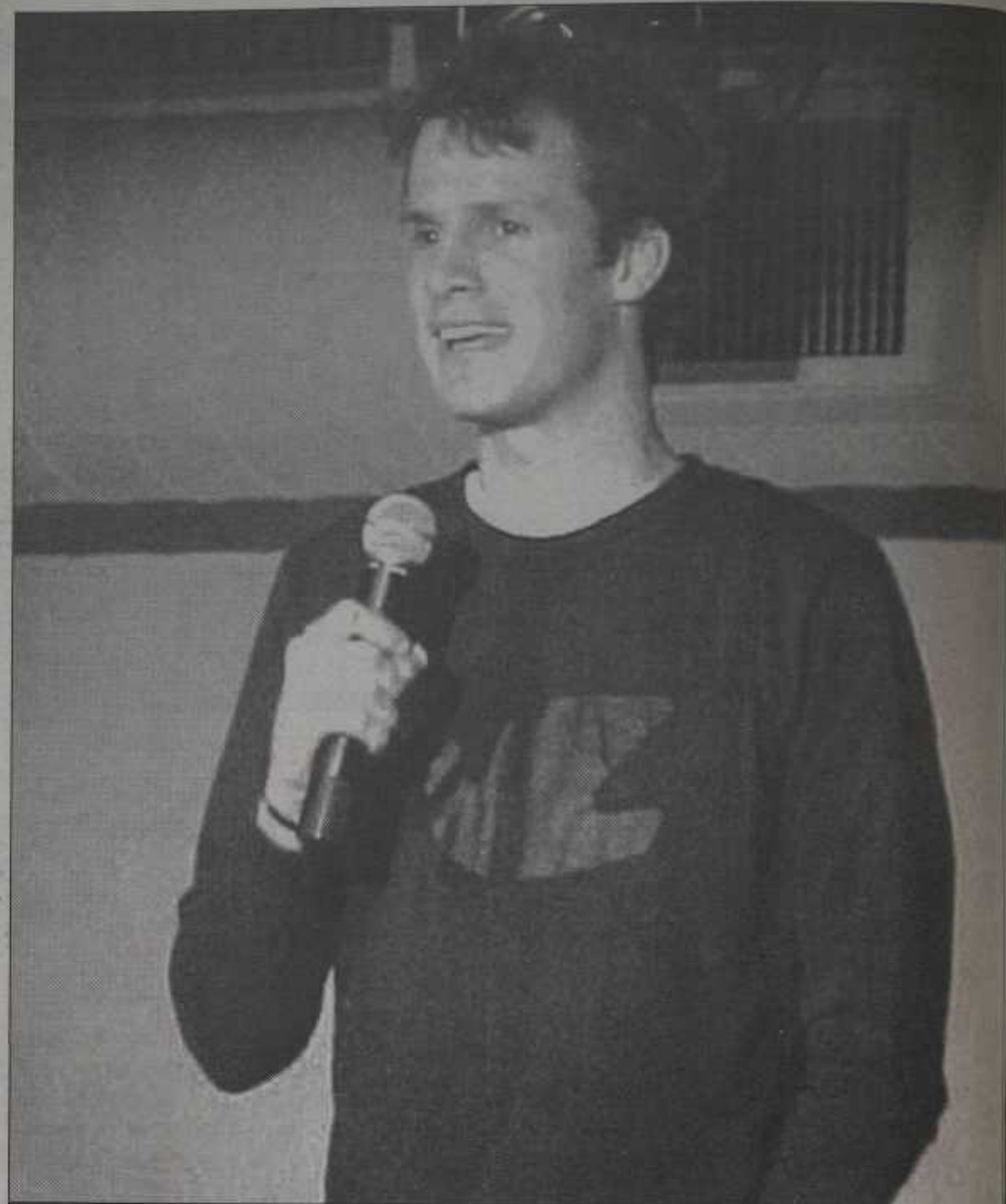
### TRASH TALK:

*A Celebrity Gossip Column  
by Kim Burdges*



Last Friday, January 31, Justin Timberlake celebrated his 22nd birthday with a star-studded party at Dublin's in Los Angeles. Ex-girlfriends, Britney Spears and Alyssa Milano, were in attendance as well as upcoming tour mate Christina Aguilera. Guests dined on a birthday cake made of Twinkies; Timberlake was surprised by a personal show from a stripper dressed like a nurse.

Actor Arnold Schwarzenegger was hospitalized on February 1 after a motorcycle accident on the set of his new film, "Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines". Reportedly the action star tore the rotator cuff on his left shoulder, but he is expected to make a speedy recovery.



**PUNCH LINE:** Local funny man entertains students at Dave's Down Under with a fresh, humorous act, including bits of improv. photo / MATT MOORE

## A Night of Laughs

■ Central Florida native and comedian, Daniel Tosh entertains Rollins students.

by **Kim Burdges**  
*entertainment editor*

On January 26, while sitting near the front of the hall eyeing my watch, I patiently awaited for the comedian to approach the stage. I had actually seen him before on Comedy Central's Premium Blend, a 30-minute show that gives four comedians a chance to get a piece of the spotlight.

When Daniel Tosh came out on stage, he began with some improved humor, remarking on the "elaborate" stage set-up (there was only a hand-made sign proclaiming ACE) and the small crowd. His gig had been conveniently scheduled on the night of a home basketball game and during women's rush week. All that proved to be fodder for Tosh's unique sense of humor later on in the evening.

When he told jokes, it is easy to tell that he does

not follow a set script. He feeds off the crowd and likes to 'wing it' while he is on stage. Such jokes revolved around simple things such as the C-store's full name, because, of course, saying the full word "convenience" would be such an inconvenience.

A graduate from the University of Central Florida, Tosh claimed that his parents were never wealthy enough to send him to Rollins.

Quite a few of his personal friends along with family friends made the voyage to Dave's Down Under to watch his stand-up act.

Thirty minutes into his routine, the basketball game had ended and students began pouring into the campus center order burgers, drinks, and snacks, and the noise began to intensify. Tosh really got the crowd riled up when he began yelling at everyone just arriving telling them to quiet down because it was his show and not theirs.

I am an avid fan of stand-up, and although Tosh's style is a little unorthodox, I found it to be highly entertaining. He

would jump from subject to subject, sometimes not finishing a joke until ten minutes later. The topics of love, sex, family, money, the dreaded 'f-bomb', the bible, and just about everything in between fueled his performance.

What makes him such a funny guy is the fact that he likes to catch people off-guard. He targets the people in the crowd and gets a kick out of picking on them. During one of his jokes about racial stereotypes, he remarked on every ethnic background but Caucasians. He jokingly said he made the omission not for a laugh, but simply to watch the ones in the audience feel uncomfortable. No one, it seemed, was safe from his comic assault.

Daniel Tosh is making a name for himself in the comedy arena. He has been a guest on such programs as the Late Show with David Letterman, NBC's Late Friday, FX's The List, and Comedy Central's Premium Blend. He also has a 30-minute comedy special that will air on July 25 at 10 p.m.



## Tower of Thrilling Terrors

■ A new exciting twist to the popular ride gives guests the thrill of a lifetime.

by **Kim Burdges**

entertainment editor

As guests enter the lobby of the Hollywood Tower Hotel, they are immersed in a dusty haunted 1930's hotel. The Hollywood Tower Hotel is home to one of Walt Disney World's most popular rides: The Twilight Zone Tower of Terror, located at Disney-MGM Studios. This thrilling attraction engages guests into an episode of the famous dated television program, "The Twilight Zone", in which guests strap into a mock freight elevator and drop 13 stories.

The ride has been a hot spot at the park since its 1994 debut. However, over the years the Tower of Terror has undergone several improvements in order to keep the ride fresh and new.

This year, the ride unveiled its most ambitious renovations. Not only have more drops been added, but every adventure on the Tower of Terror is a different experience. Through the wonders of technology, multiple random ride sequences have been added, meaning that the rider has no idea



**FREE FALL:** Visitors to Disney-MGM Studios flock to the new and improved Twilight Zone Tower of Terror. photo / MORGAN MIRACLE

which type of experience they will encounter. The fourth transformation of the attraction also involves the addition of new visual effects including ghostlike images, blasts of chilling air, faster drops, and quick ascensions.

"I had ridden the ride once four years ago, but I said that I would never ride it again. I was too scared," says Sherry Sparadley, an

Indiana tourist. "[This time] it was a lot better. It was awesome; I give it high ratings."

Although Sparadley admits that the ride is still terrorizing, she describes it as being a more exciting ride, instead of just the original straight drop.

In order to experience the full chilling effects, visit Disney-MGM Studios.

## Strike a Pose

■ A local modeling agency hits the Rollins campus to find the next fresh face.

by **Kate Alexander**

staff reporter

Last Thursday, representatives from Alpha Model Group were stationed in and around the Cornell Campus Center handing out cards to prospective models. Many Rollins College students received modeling cards, which were essentially invitations for an audition at Alpha Model. The back of the cards read, "You were given this invitation by someone who thinks you have a marketable look" and gave directions to the Alpha Model Group office.

"[Rollins is] usually where we find people interested in fashion and model-

ing," said Karen, an employee of Alpha Model Group. "It is one of the best places." She also stipulated that handing out cards to prospective models is a much more effective way of attracting and obtaining talent. "We can be more selective," she said. "When you use radio ads, you never know who is going to show up. This is more personal. One on one is best."

The way that Alpha Model Group finds their models with this more personalized method is by sending roughly four to six representatives out to find people who look like they would fit into a certain market. However, model selection is not haphazard or arbitrary. Alpha Model Group trains their representatives to find models who look particularly marketable. "[Representatives are] given training for what

kind of people or personalities we are looking for," said Karen.

Judging by the variety of students who received cards, Alpha Model Group searches for models that fit into a number of different categories and do not just resign themselves to finding talent for a niche market.

"When I got one I thought, is he handing these out to everyone or just me," said freshman Morgan Jones. "It is certainly a way to get yourself out there, but it seemed like they were begging people to take the cards."

Morgan admits though that her interests do not lie in modeling and she probably does not have a career ahead of her in that field. "Being 5 feet tall, I don't think I have much of a career there," she said jokingly.

## word on the street

by **Chantel Figueroa**

calendar

While Rollins College is a small campus, it remains a mystery why it is so difficult to meet people, despite the minute size. The staff here at *The Sandspur* wanted to ask you, the experts, about the best places to meet people on campus.



**"Chi Psi."**  
— Chris Williamson, '04 and Matt Haslett, '03



**"Fiddler's...Oh, that's off campus?"**  
— Jacob Chriqui, '04



**"At a theme party."**  
— Whitney Chamberlin, '05 and Larua Guild, '06



**"Well, the best place to meet me is Elizabeth Hall, Room 306."**  
— Jeff Petrie, '05



**"Third floor, women's bathroom, Bush Auditorium."**  
— Rebecca Rutt, '04



**"Dave's Down Under, under the stairs."**  
— Nicole Gilpin, '03



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■ A Rollins life outside the Greek system is just as fulfilling and offers many benefits.

by Sally Smith

opinions editor

During the last few weeks of men's and women's rush, I have been faced with the fact that I spent the past four years on the outside of the Greek system at Rollins. Confronted with such an astounding revelation, I had to ask myself: what did I miss?

After thinking long and hard about the parties and the life-long friendships and the formals and the fun, I came to the calming conclusion that I did not miss out on much. Sure, all of these things are possible benefits of joining a sorority, but choosing not to go Greek, as they say, does not mean you miss out on them entirely.

As it turns out, I have no regrets whatsoever to my decision. I would like to share my non-Greek experience with all freshmen who did not rush and are maybe feeling a little left out. This is for you, girls:

## Top Six Reasons To Be Glad You Did Not Join A Sorority:

### #1: Dues

Members of sororities and fraternities pay several hun-

dred dollars a year in dues (and sometimes more, I hear). Think of all the other things you could spend your money on (or your parents money, as the case may be): a plane ticket to Las Vegas, a meal off-campus every night for a month (or two), a week-end trip to the Bahamas.

### #2: Friends

Yes, it is true that if you are in a sorority, you are almost guaranteed a set of close friends, but I have heard countless stories about sorority sisters who hate each other—or feel like they do not fit in with their sisters. Plus, you will make friends no matter what organization you join or do not join. I have made some of the best friends of my life as a result of not joining a sorority. Also, it is easier to make friends from different sororities when you have no affiliation.

### #3: Parties

Come on, people. This is college. You will go to more parties than you ever wanted. You will go to no more or no fewer because you are in a sorority. In fact, being a free agent gives you license to roam around without feeling out of place.

### #4: Cheers

I am sorry, but it must be said. What grown person really wants to spend their time chanting and cheering and singing? Even

girls in sororities admit that this is, by far, the worst part of being in a sorority. No offense to the Greek system, but this reason alone was enough to turn me off to the whole thing.

### #5: Time

Truthfully, I thought about rushing when I was a freshman. I was not sure if it was right for me, but thought I would at least see what all the fuss was about. But, as it happened, the surf was really good that week, and I took it as a sign. And as I sat in the ocean on those beautiful January afternoons, I could not help but feel sorry for all the people who were undoubtedly chanting something ridiculous at that very moment.

Thinking back, this is probably the reason I am most glad I did not join a sorority. Time is a precious commodity—especially in college—and I could not have done half the things I did if I had to spend my time doing sorority stuff (studying abroad two semesters, working on the paper, taking on a major and two minors). Even leisure activities such as reading books and going on camping trips would surely have been hampered if I had spent my time going to chapter meetings.

Keep in mind that although being social is a part of college, the main purpose of your four (or more) years here at Rollins is to get an education. So, at the very

least, you can feel better knowing that by not joining a sorority you will have more time to dedicate to your work (if that sounds utterly depressing, just remember that you are among the lucky few world citizens who even have the luxury to pursue higher education).

Also, you could use your extra time as an excuse to take the fun classes you really want to take, like screenwriting with Dr. Boles or anything with Dr. Van Sickle. Maybe you could add a minor in art or learn how to windsurf.

### #6: Nobody cares

Don't kid yourself. Whether or not you are in a sorority does not make a difference to anyone on this campus but you. People do not think or say bad things about you for not being in a sorority.

This also works in your favor because people are less inclined to gossip about you or know exactly what you did or who you hooked up with last weekend.

Now, of course, I have to say that there is nothing wrong with being part of the Greek system (and I do mean that). For those people who want to do it, I am all for it. But it is not for everyone, and I am here to tell you that choosing to be unaffiliated at Rollins may be the best decision you will ever make.

## Running Off at the Mouth: The Editor Speaks

Prior to last week, the most recent basketball game I had gone to at Rollins was two years ago. I decided it was about time for me to go out there and support my school. I attended the men's basketball game last Wednesday against Florida Southern, one of our biggest rivals. The gym was jam-packed as fans from both teams poured into the Alford Sports Center.

It also happened to be spirit night so many people proudly displayed their blue and gold school colors. Many of the guys from Alpha Tau Omega painted their faces and chests in true spirit. Numerous fans sported the big blue foam

fingers indicating that Rollins was in fact, number one.

There were many comic moments at the game including the appearance of the Fox, crowd jeers at bad referee calls and the Rollins student who yelled, "Look at me!" from the side-

lines whenever Florida Southern was taking foul shots. The interaction between J.J. Jumper, the NCAA mascot, and the cheerleaders was also amusing to watch. At one point, J.J. Jumper switched around

the TARS letters to spell RATS. The cheerleaders laughed and returned it to the correct name.

The game itself was awesome! It was constantly back and forth, so it succeeded in keeping

the fans on the edge of their seats. The fans spent most of the second half on their feet cheering at the top of their lungs. The Rollins Tars eventually won 75-65 after a long, hard fought battle increasing their winning streak to 11 straight games.

Then the men's team faced Lynn last Saturday

and played another close game. The lead constantly switched from one team to the other, particularly in the first half. Rollins exploded in the second half and won 78-62 earning their 12th straight victory.

I was so proud to be a part of the screaming Rollins crowd. I do not know about you, but I plan on getting out there and supporting our highly ranked men's basketball team! The last two home games of the regular season for the men's basketball team are against Tampa on Saturday, February 8 at 4 p.m. and against Barry on Saturday, February 15 at 4 p.m. See you there!

Jennifer L.  
Williams

Editor-in-Chief



# Response: Merit Misunderstood

■ **Misconception of merit reinforces common myths about affirmative action.**

by **Ryan Williams**

contributing writer

Sandspur staff writer Ilsey Colton was correct in the January 24 issue when he said Americans should celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr.'s greatness and contributions to American civil rights. He was wrong when he asserted that affirmative action betrays Dr. King's vision of equality.

The goal of affirmative action is equality extending beyond rhetoric and into reality. Dr. King often spoke of and hoped for a race-blind society, but he understood equality in terms of America's unique history of slavery and racial oppression. When interviewed in January of 1965, and asked if he endorsed "a multibillion-

dollar program of preferential treatment for the Negro, or for any other minority group," his response reverberated loudly and unequivocally. "I do indeed," he said, "can any fair-minded citizen deny that the Negro has been deprived?"

Affirmative action is a complex issue that many of its opponents, like Mr. Colton, grossly oversimplify. When examined in the proper context and free from common myth, affirmative action programs are actually very similar to preferences regularly found in American society. The only difference is that affirmative action deals with race, and racism. The recent debate over the use of race in college admissions provides an excellent context for this discussion since higher education is the greatest opportunity the United States can provide to its citizens.

Mr. Colton and many other opponents of affirmative action argue that

it is unfair to admit students to college because of their race, especially if they are "equal" to another person. This argument is about merit, and it is problematic for many reasons.

First, Americans often violate merit when allocating scarce resources, and the college admissions game is no different. The same points given to a candidate's admission index for race are provided for students whose parents attended the college or university. This student, almost certainly white when discussing elite institutions since state governments enforced racial segregation a mere 50 years ago, did nothing to deserve the points he or she was rewarded. Yet, no one gets upset about these so-called legacy preferences. The difference is race.

Second, assuming a slightly better test score merits admission ignores the many contributions a student makes in other areas,

including any obstacles overcome. I for one refuse to believe that a white student who attended a private high school and took an SAT prep course to score 1350 is more deserving than the inner-city minority who worked during school and studied on their own to earn a 1220.

Merit comes in many forms and must be examined completely. Affirmative action in this context makes more sense, even absent a discussion of the two centuries of slavery and 50 years segregation that prevent color-blind laws from creating true equality.

Oddly enough, Mr. Colton agrees with admissions committees examining the "backgrounds" of applicants, but opposes the use of race. This is odd because a person's race largely shapes his or her experiences, and it is nearly impossible to consider the two independently. The problem is that whites take their skin color, and the advantages that go with it,

for granted in a way most racial minorities never can.

Affirmative action, especially in the context of higher education, is not only justified but also perfectly in line with American conceptions of merit. The problem is that affirmative action invokes negative racial stereotypes that blind Americans to the level of racial inequity present in our society. Racism is a strong word, so let us be clear about what it is. When anyone sees that their doctor is black, and then wonders about his or her qualifications, they make an assumption about an individual because of his or her skin color. That is racism. That is discrimination. Eliminating these assumptions requires more than telling racial minorities they need to work harder. Moving beyond racism requires the steps and ideas advocated by Dr. King.

# Fate of the World Rests On Bush

■ **Bush's role goes from semi-elected President to self-appointed king of the world.**

by **Darren J. Kettles**

staff reporter

The biggest threat to world peace is not Saddam Hussein—it is George W. Bush's over-inflated ego. The Bush administration hopes aggressive political persuasion will trump lackluster, futile arguments and win the support of Americans, allies, and the United Nations' Security Council.

George W. Bush is an ego-maniac who does not like to be wrong and does not like to lose. This we learned from the 2000 presidential election where he bitterly fought the results until he got the U.S. Supreme court involved and eventually received the presidential post. So much for states' rights.

Bush's over-inflated ego is like a time bomb that could go off at any time. Fortunately, the UN Security Council is the buffer for the rest of the world that does not hold a personal vendetta against Saddam Hussein or are not seeking revenge against a dictator that nearly

killed their father.

I say it is not my problem. After all, George W. Bush admitted his 'beef' against Saddam during one of his well-deserved vacations.

Although the Bush administration has vowed to go to war alone without the endorsement of the UN Security Council, it is Bush's ego getting in the way.

As a permanent member of the UN Security Council, the United States realizes that the UN charter mandates all threats to peace and diplomatic resolutions are required first before moving to any other measures. The Bush administration begrudgingly accepted to follow the first resolution of the UN Security Council.

On the United Nations Official Website under the UN Charter, all members of the UN agree to accept and carry out the decisions of the Security Council. While other organs

of the UN make recommendations to governments, the Security Council alone has the power to make decisions which member states are obligated under the charter

favor, and thus faces a growing opposition to military action against Iraq. Within the Security Council, the U.S. and U.K. favor U.S. action, while Germany and

France do not.

Granted, the United States has the carry-over elected members and newly elected members of the Security Council support of six smaller countries

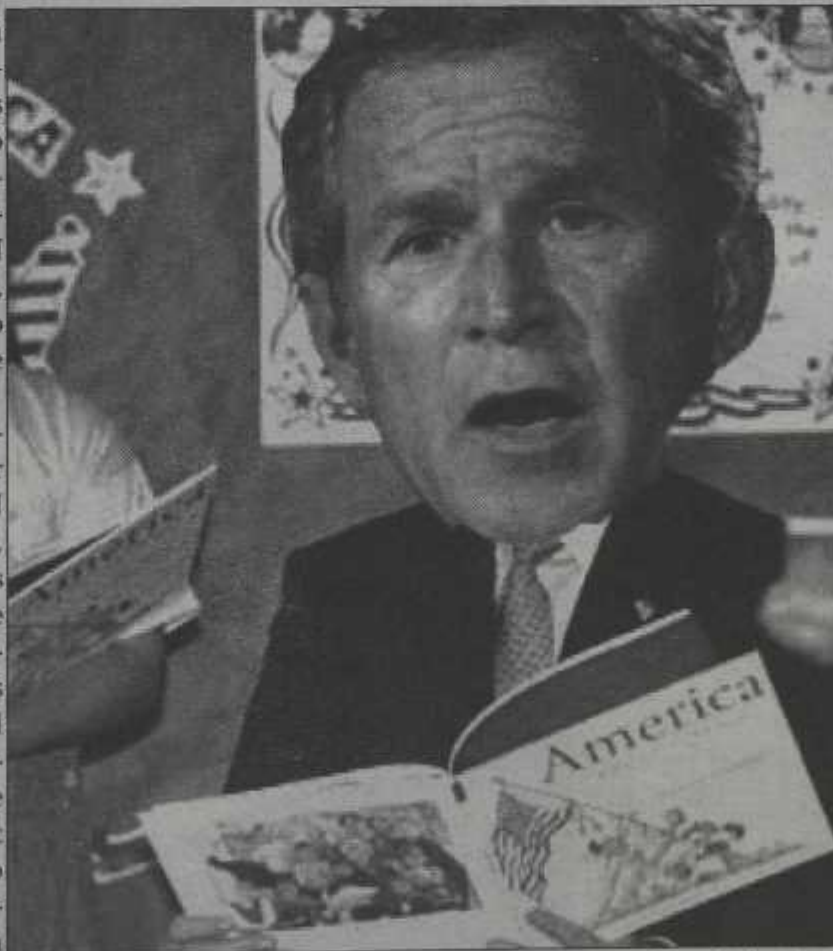
such as Bulgaria, Cameroon, Guinea, Angola, Chile and Spain.

One has to wonder what kind of pressures the U.S. has placed upon these smaller countries in order to gain their support. Poorer countries, unfortunately, do not have an equal voice to stand up to the wrath of the

United States. Some foreign policy experts reinforced a notion claiming that "even the support Washington has is tepid, and is due mostly to a fear of the enormous pressure the U.S. can bring."

This sitting president already has one war under his belt and it was justified considering the threat of Al-Qaeda. As Bush scrambles at great length to establish the threat and sell his war, the rest of the world is not buying his pitch. If the Bush administration ignores a second UN Security Council resolution to seek further diplomatic efforts, Bush could find himself on the defensive against allegations of a war criminal.

For a man that has lived most of his adult life with little responsibility and with some regretful living, it is difficult to imagine that at this stage of his life he can suddenly entertain, with credibility, making the most responsible decisions that will affect not only the U.S. but the entire world. I personally do not have the confidence, and strongly doubt I ever will in an impulsive, trigger-happy president who continues to impose his personal vendettas to get even for something that transpired in his father's tenure. God help us all.





# Tars Send Knights To Middle Ages

■ Men's basketball tears up the competition.

by **Robert Walker**

news editor

The Knights from Lynn University came into Alford Sports Center last Saturday to face the red-hot Rollins men's basketball squad. The Tars entered the contest with an 11-game winning streak and leading the Sunshine State Conference by two games over Florida Southern.

After posting a 78-62 victory over the Knights (12-9, 4-4 SSC), the Tars are now 18-3 on the season and a perfect 8-0 in the SSC.

The Tars opened with a sluggish first half. "They came out and showed us their best half of basketball," said Rollins Coach Tom Klusman, "and we simply didn't play our best half."

Lynn come out firing and managed to connect

on 46.9% of their shots. Meanwhile, the Tars only connected on 40% of their shots. As the teams headed in to the locker rooms at halftime the Knights held a 38-30 lead.

The Tars came onto the court in the second half with guns blazing. Matt Williams, '03, hit a huge three pointer early in the half, "I really got some nice screens from Placide Muhizi, '05, and Chad Dirks, '04," said Williams, "and that gave me a good look at the basket. I was able to pull up and knock it down."

After that the Knights defense seemed helpless against the Tars steady offensive assault. The Tars shot a blazing 57.7% for the second half, meanwhile the Tar's defense held the Knights to shooting a sad 29.4%.

"We set a goal to out play the other team in the last twenty-minutes," said Williams.



**MAKING STRIDES:** Donald Banks, '04, outsprints the trailing defender as he makes his way towards an easy basket.

The Tars managed to shoot a stellar 54.5% from behind the three-point line for both the first and second half.

When the second half ended the Tars found themselves with a 16-point victory, extending their

winning streak to 12 games and keeping them undefeated in conference play.

The victories have propelled the Tars to #17 in the latest NCAA Division II top 25 poll. Head Coach Tom Klusman was also recognized for the recent suc-

cess as he was named the Division II Bulletin "Coach of the Month" for January.

Rollins will host the University of Tampa on Saturday, February 8. Game time is 4 p.m. at the Alford Sports Center.



**SPIRIT NIGHT ENTHUSIASM:** Fans crowd the Warden Arena as they show their school spirit at a home basketball game.

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# Comeback Kids: Baseball Rallies

■ The baseball season looks promising with a strong 3-0 start.

by **Matt Moore**

photographer

The first weekend of the 2003 baseball season proved very successful for the Tars.

It was just what the Tars had hoped to start off with, especially since they started on the road at Webber International. The Tars won both games of their doubleheader with very good showings as they proved deserving of their number 15 national pre-season ranking. They then defeated conference rival Florida Southern in their home opener. They were able to prove their pre-season national ranking of fifteenth.

Webber jumped out early to take a 3-1 lead in the third inning. With a two run rally in both the fifth and sixth innings, Rollins regained the lead and kept it

for a 5-3 victory. Gator Brooks, '05 relieved starter Rob Cloar, '06 to earn the victory. Joe Sapp, '03 finished the game to earn his first save.

The second game started out similarly with the Tars trailing 3-0. Two singles by Zach Thompson, '05, and Tito Alfonso, '04, drove in Toby Rice, '04, and Ron Baptiste, '05, to bring the Tars back within one. Rollins added a few more runs to take a 5-4 lead. Then Webber was able to tie the game at five. In the sixth inning Jason Cloar, '03, singled up the middle to bring Alfonso in for the final run. Nick Manson closed out the game to earn the victory.

The Tars home opener Sunday was filled with the same sort of success as their previous two games. This game was against tenth-ranked Florida Southern who came into the game as the obvious favorite. Alfonso led off the game with a solo home run to the right giving the Rollins squad a 1-0 lead. They held this lead going into the sixth



photo / MATT MOORE

**ON THE MOUND:** After the wind-up, pitcher Stephen Edsall (#3), '04, takes aim as he looks to make the opposing batter hit nothing but air.

inning when Florida Southern finally tied the game at one. Rice pinch hit in the bottom of the seventh inning and drove in the winning run to give the Tars back the lead and establish the final score 2-1. Dennis

Cavilla, '04, was the winning pitcher for the Tars with Sapp earning his second save in three games.

The Tars finished the weekend at 3-0, confirming the high hopes for the team. Following the victories,

Rollins jumped to twelfth in the Collegiate Baseball top 25 poll. The Tars hosted Saint Leo on February 5. After playing at Barry and Lynn this weekend, they will return home to host Lynn on February 15.

## Home Court Advantage

■ Women's tennis opens the season at home with a big win over Wofford College.

by **Matt Moore**

photographer

The Rollins College women's tennis team opened their season Sunday, February 2, at home against Wofford College.

The Wofford College Terriers came into the match with a 1-0 record for the spring season after having defeated Sunshine State Conference member Florida Southern 9-0 in their season opener. The Tars had a great day on the courts as they cruised to a 6-3 victory.

The doubles matches were not the best showing and Rollins only took one out of three doubles matches. Jill Oppenheim, '04, and Frances Giron, '04, defeated the Wofford number three doubles team to clinch the doubles match for Rollins.

Vanessa Caddick, '04, played magnificently to win her match. Carla Prieto, '04, won the number two singles match easily over the Wofford opponent. Lindsay Soffes, '05, and Giron both

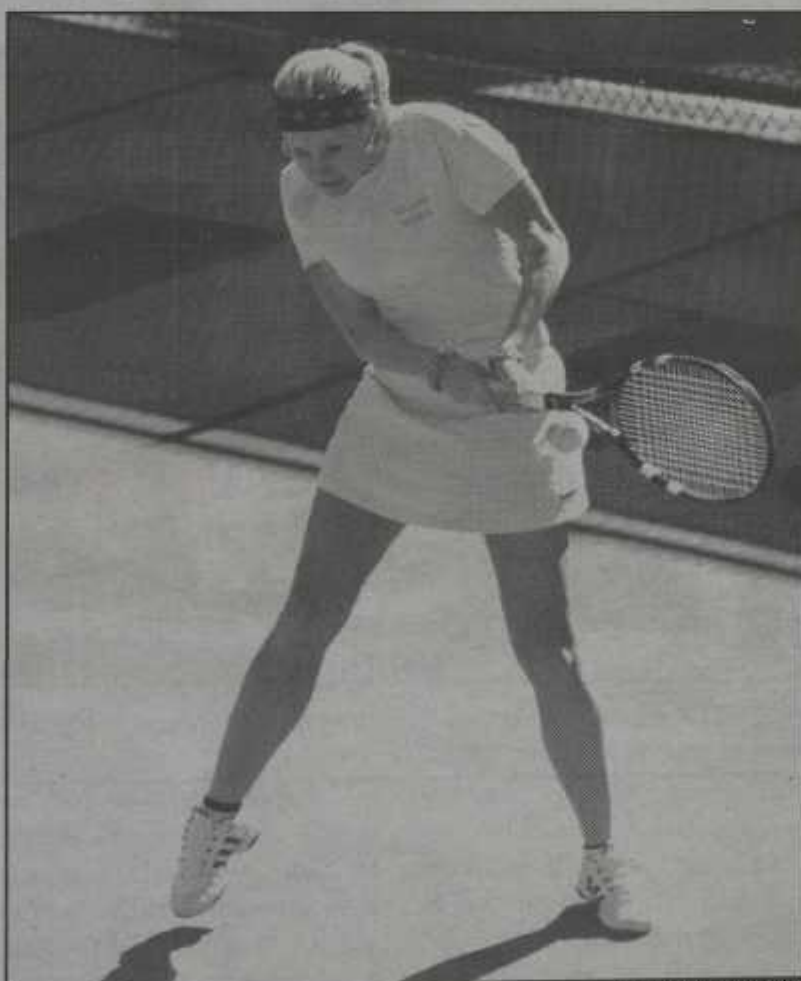


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**BACKHAND RETURN:** Vanessa Caddick, '04, shows concentration as she awaits contact with the oncoming ball.

won their matches in straight sets. Oppenheim closed out Rollins' winning ways with a three set victory. The Rollins' women played spectacularly in their win and definitely started out the season on a good note.

Following her excellent play during the match, Oppenheim was honored as the Sunshine State

Conference women's tennis "Player of the Week."

After playing road matches at UCF and Embry-Riddle, the team will return home to host Saint Leo on February 11. The match will be played on the Martin Tennis Courts and will start at 3:30 p.m.

## Bouncing Back: Tars Victorious

■ After a tough loss, the women's basketball team rebounds with a big home win.

by **Daniel Tozzi**

sports editor

The Tars looked solid as they routed Lynn University at home on February 1 (4-17, 2-6 SSC) in an impressive 62-47 victory.

Lynn took an early 15-6 lead, but the Tars rallied to take a 25-23 halftime lead following a basket by Lindsey Woodcock, '04, with nine seconds remaining.

The second half saw Rollins remain in control and never look back. After an initial see-saw battle that saw both teams score 12 points, a 13-4 Tars run gave Rollins the 50-39 edge with under seven minutes remaining.

As the clock wound down to a Tars victory, Rollins found their final margin of victory their largest lead of the game.

A large factor in Rollins' win was their increased efficiency in shooting during the second half.

The first half saw Rollins shoot 33.3% from the field while Lynn was held to just 29.2%. As the second half of the game commenced, Rollins had shot 53.8% while Lynn was stabilized at 30.8%.

Shannon Pranger, '03, contributed 15 points and had 11 rebounds in a solid all-around performance. Woodcock had 14 points and Jennie Brown, '04, had 13, giving three Tars a solid double figure night.

Sarah Lancaster, '06, said, "I thought it was a really big win for us. After a couple of losses, we needed to come off strong and we needed to focus."

Mary Lou Johnston, '04, feels that the team is heading in the right direction.

"We realized how well we can play against Lynn," said Johnston, "and hopefully this will be a turning point."

After playing at Saint Leo on February 5, the Tars will return home to host the University of Tampa on February 8. Gametime at the Alford Sports Center is 2 p.m.



## What's Happening? ROLLINS CALENDAR

### Friday 2-7

Career Expo 2003, Orlando Expo Center, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Yearbook Photos (Seniors Only), CCC, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Happy Birthday Patrick Antell, Derek Murphy & Stephanie Rima

### Saturday 2-8

Free Skin Cancer Screening, Alford Sports Center 108, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Women's Basketball, Alford Sports Center, 2 p.m.  
Men's Basketball, Alford Sports Center, 4 p.m.  
Block Party & Carnival, Mills Lawn, 4 p.m.-12 a.m.  
Happy Birthday Jane Ahrling, Trevin Cooper & Phillip Susi

### Sunday 2-9

"Evidence to an Era: The Varnished Truth about the Farm Security Administration Photos," Cornell Fine Arts Museum, 3 p.m.

### Monday 2-10

Healthy Loving Week  
Women's Basketball, Alford Sports Center, 7 p.m.

### Tuesday 2-11

Women's Tennis, Martin Courts, 3:30 p.m.  
Baccus Meeting, Bieberbach & Reed, 6:30 p.m.  
DEVO, Darden Lounge, 7 p.m.  
ACE, Warden Dining Room, 7 p.m.  
Happy Birthday Chad Guzzo & Melvin Rodriguez

### Wednesday 2-12

Senate, Galloway Room, 6:30 p.m.  
Alpha Omicron Pi Open Rush, Cross Hall, 7 p.m.  
Wickit Wednesday, Dave's Down Under, 9 p.m.  
Happy Birthday Kristin Langer & Michelle Ramirez-Matabu

### Thursday 2-13

Swimming, Bluegrass Mountain Conference  
Sandspur Meeting, Workroom 3rd Floor Mills, 5:30 p.m.  
RHA, Bieberbach & Reed, 7 p.m.  
Atlantic Monthly Fiction editor Michael Curtis & novelist Elizabeth Cox, Bush Auditorium, 8 p.m.

# Tars Return To The Courts

■ Men's tennis serves up an impressive season opener, routing Embry-Riddle.

by **Matt Moore**

photographer

The Rollins Tars opened up the 2003 men's tennis season against the Embry-Riddle Eagles. It was a beautiful, sunny day at the Bert Martin Tennis Complex where these two teams faced off for a brilliant display of tennis.

The team started out playing three doubles matches that were most exciting. The first doubles team of Carlos Custodio, '04 and Matt Umbers, '05 won their match in exciting fashion on court one in front of Rollins' fans. Andrew Groslimond, '04 and Bert Martin, '03 also won their doubles match allowing Rollins to take two out of three doubles matches.

In singles play the Tars thrived to give themselves the overall victory in the matches. Custodio, who was later honored as the Sunshine State Conference "Player of the Week" easily won at the number one position. Mark Thompson, '04 also continued Rollins winning ways by taking his singles match. David Tafur, '06 and Umbers both won their singles matches to help seal the 6-3 victory.

The team was thrilled to start off the season with a big victory. Coach Ron Bohrnstedt was very happy with his team's performance on Sunday. "It was a great way to open the season. We learned a lot in our match, and it prepared us well for the rest of the season," he said.

The Tars next game is today at UCF at 2 p.m. The next home match is February 26.



photo / MATT MOORE

**WATCHING THE BALL:** Matt Umbers, '05, keeps his eyes locked on the ball as he prepares a forehand return.

# Swim Team Makes Waves

■ Both the men and women give an inspired effort as they outswim the competition.

by **Natalie Millan**

photographer

Rollins' swim teams came out on top in the competition this past Saturday, with the men's team defeating both the University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh (53-42) and Florida Southern College (77-6). The women's team won over Florida Southern (79-16), but fell short against Wisconsin-Oshkosh, and was defeated 50-43.

At this final home meet of the swimming season, the men's team witnessed a crucial win in the 100 backstroke by Austin Tellam, '04. Their success was secured by victory in the freestyle relay.

Besides Tellam's impressive performance, the men's swim team saw a strong performance by Kyle Thompson, '05, who zipped past the competition in the 200 freestyle and 500 freestyle. Sean Thomas, '06, furthered the victory when he seized a win in the 1650 freestyle.

The women's team



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**MEDELY RELAY:** A Rollins Swimmer in mid-dive, is ready to swim the butterfly stroke for his leg of the medley relay race.

had strong performances as well with Abbey Griffin, '05, claiming victory in both the 50 and 100 freestyle events, and Perng Chen, '05, winning both the 200 individual medal and 100 breaststroke.

The swim teams were justifiably proud of their performances. Tellam said, "We all stepped up individually where we needed to."

Alice Elebash, '06, said, "I am impressed [with] how the swimmers have come together to form a team".

These victories are just in time for a much-needed

confidence-boost for the teams after a recent defeat by Tampa despite a strong performance by the swimmers. Regardless of the loss, a new team record was set that day by Thompson in the mile race (17:03.46). He was also victorious in the 500 freestyle. The women's team saw wins by Olivia Malloy, '05, in the 100 backstroke and Gretchen Huff, '04, in the 500 freestyle.

In regards to the competition Saturday at Rollins, Callahan said, "Everyone has been feeling better in the water recently and today was a clear dis-

play of that."

All the swim team members have high expectations for the rest of their season. "The team has been practicing hard, so hopefully we will see the results at the conference," said Kacey Barrett, '04.

Laura Subrizi, '04, said, "I think we are going to do well at conference this year. The men have a solid team and the women have a lot of depth."

The teams will conclude their season at the Bluegrass Mountain Conference Championships February 13-15.