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Fearing Fear Itself

WARNING: Improper use of this newspaper may cause a nasty papercut. Perhaps that sounds a bit frivolous, but fear over race and religion are not. This week, we explore the dangers of promoting fear.

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It's Awesome, Baby!



The basketball intramurals program is nearing the playoffs, and the season has never been more exciting!

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Proud To Be A Tar

■ Rollins celebrates finding many positive trends in the college experience.

by **Karina McCabe**
features editor

Rollins College has to be one of the most beautiful campuses in America. This seems, at least, to be the opinion of many students and onlookers alike.

The financial aid office stated earlier this year that one woman refused to send her son to Rollins because even though everything else about the college made it a perfect match for him, she couldn't send him here because it was just too picturesque. Perhaps she thought that the poor boy would be so absorbed in staring at the buildings that he wouldn't be able to concentrate on his studies.

Many students of Rollins College are proud to say that their campus has more than just a pretty face; it has pretty good standing among other colleges too. According to the Princeton Review, Rollins ranks second among 351 colleges in the southeast.

Student-athletes are pretty impressive too. According to Dean Hybl, assistant Athletic Director for Communication, the athletes are showing their prowess in the classroom as well as on the field (or in the pool). For the fifth straight semester, 14 teams have a G.P.A. above 3.0.

In addition, according to the Office of the Provost, Rollins has a strong retention rate as well. Of the 497 freshmen that started in

Gathering Questionable Intelligence

■ The pre-war intelligence gathered by the CIA has recently come under fire.

by **Erika Batey**
asst. news editor

One year ago the fear and threat of Saddam Hussein's regime and his weapons of mass destruction dominated the U.S. media. The President warned that the Iraqi government was "a grave and gathering danger." When Colin Powell presented the case for war to the United Nations Security Council, he solemnly declared, "Every statement I make today is backed up by sources, solid sources. These are not assertions. What we are giving you are facts and conclusions based on solid intelligence."

One year later after a war, the overthrow of a regime, and more than 500 U.S. soldiers killed, the omi-

nous weapons of mass destruction seem to have evaded authorities.

The CIA is now under criticism for giving faulty intelligence. Questions have been raised as to whether the Bush administration willfully used bad intelligence to make a case for war.

Former senior U.S. weapons inspector in Iraq, David Kay, spoke out recently that he firmly believes intelligence given to President Bush before the war on Iraq's weapons programs was wrong. "It turns out we were all wrong, probably, in my judgment, and that is most disturbing," he told the U.S. Senate Armed Services Committee. It is highly possible that the stockpiles of chemical and biological weapons the Bush administration cited as a main reason to go to war were not as much of a threat as originally claimed.

CIA Director George Tenet is strongly denying

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WHAT DOES HE KNOW?: CIA director George Tenet faces tough questions about the intelligence gathered by the CIA.

Forty Years For The Fab Four

■ Forty years on, the Fab Four remain an unparalleled musical phenomenon.

by **Ben Wener**
syndicated writer

They played five songs that chilly Feb. 9, inside the same CBS studio in New York that David Letterman now inhabits. In order, "All My Loving," their version of "Till There Was You," "She Loves You," "I Saw Her Standing There" and "I Want to Hold Your Hand."

Five songs, performed for a measly \$600 per player. Five songs, that is, at a time when most guests were lucky to get two.



photo / GOOGLE.COM
THE FAB FOUR: Forty years ago, Ed Sullivan introduced America to the Beatles.

All of those tunes were original compositions, of course, save for the second, a

tune Paul liked from "The Music Man." And that last number - their oh-so-inno-

cent introductory single stateside, the one in which Dylan thought they were singing "I get high," not "I can't hide" - it had just topped the charts after entering at No. 45 only two weeks earlier.

That would kick off a year of unprecedented firsts - in this case, an unequaled four-month stay at No. 1, one hit bumping into another, to the point that during the first week of April they held the entire Top 5. "Can't Buy Me Love" came that week, too, racking up advance orders nearing 2 million.

And those were only the fundamentals fueling Beatlemania in 1964. Looking at it now, it all

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Kerry Sweeping Caucuses

■ Senator John Kerry pulls ahead of competition in recent caucuses.

by **Lara Bueso**

entertainment editor

This is quite possibly the earliest locked-up nomination for the Democrats. Senator John Kerry is on his way to becoming the Democratic candidate, as he has already won seven out of nine Democrat contests. Kerry, from Massachusetts, has a few other concerns on his table.

With all the gay marriage controversies and the recent developments in Massachusetts, Kerry was forced to take a stance on the issue. The presidential race will likely not come down to gay marriage rights but will focus on a variety of larger issues, such as governmental spending, war, taxes, health-care, global warming, and family values.

Kerry has secured the support of Richard Gephardt, who dropped out of the presidential race after a fourth place finish in the Iowa Caucuses. This endorsement should also

provide a boost in industrial unions and blue-collar workers to support the Kerry campaign. Kerry has set an endorsement frenzy, also receiving the backing from Senators Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow from Michigan, John Baldacci and George Mitchell of Maine, and about 15 other members of the New York Assembly.

Kerry seems to be relating to the nation as a whole rather than targeting one explicit group. He connects with the young and old, retells the death story of his parents, and empathizes with the underprivileged. His wealthy upbringing prompted some dislike and skepticism since he was a lacking a common upbringing. Nevertheless, many young voters are supporting him, claiming that he is down to earth.

Many voters may not be voting for Dean because they agree whole-heartedly with his ideas, but they are on the prowl for a candidate that can beat Bush.

This presidential election, so far, has been swooned by anti-Bush sentiments. Kerry is sweeping the nation in states that Dean was expected to win, chiefly

because Kerry has the potential to beat Bush. Kerry has experience in both the Senate and service in Vietnam. Dean was lacking in foreign policy experience and, early on, gained a reputation for a bad temper that was sourly looked upon by the nation.

After what seemed like a WWE wrestling match at the Iowa Caucuses, Dean's chance of winning has slipped from slim to none. He announced that if he doesn't win Wisconsin on February 17, he's going to pack his bags and back out of the race.

His position was once so far advanced that supporters were concerned with who his running mate was going to be.

His once assured states, Michigan and Washington that housed the majority of his supporters, went to Kerry instead. Democrats feared the possibility of a divided party due to the sudden switch of nominations for the Democratic candidate.

John Edwards and Wesley Clark are battling in the South together, mainly in Virginia, where they are trying to give the dominating Kerry his first loss. While



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SPEECH TO THE PRESS: Senator John Kerry makes one of his many addresses to the press concerning his stances.

Edwards' focus is hard on trade issues, Clark has taken the critical route, saying, "The American people don't want another Washington insider who never plays it straight," referring to Kerry. Edwards has also jumped on the bashing bandwagon, explaining that Kerry has never had to work for his position.

Kerry responded by arguing that it is very noble to have fought for his way to the top but does not disqualify Kerry's efforts at making a difference. A privileged

upbringing does not mean that he cannot fight the fight as well as Edwards can, which was born the son of a mill worker.

Clark has had to redefine his stance on some issues such as abortion. He once stated that he was pro-choice and later admitted to being against abortion. He clarified his stance, saying that if at all possible, he would hope to refrain from abortion, but that it is the woman's choice.

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Black History Month

■ BSU has a month full of activities planned to celebrate black history.

by **Brittany Lee**

news editor

In honor of Black History Month, the Black Student Union will be holding a variety of events celebrating black heritage. The events run throughout the entire month and range from lectures and forums to dances, and even a fashion show. Among the variety of events, every Tuesday marks a movie night. The movies play at 7 p.m. in the Downunder for the entire month of February.

This month of events started off on February 2 at 6:00 p.m. with an opening ceremony at the BSU tree, near the bookstore. From there, the events begin in full force with the sale of Brown

Sugar Valentines, running from February 9 to 11 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. in the Campus Center. "Brown Sugar Valentines" are chocolate covered strawberries sold in sets of either small (4) or large (6). When someone purchases Brown Sugar Valentines, they receive a notice in their mail box and can then pick up the valentines in the Campus Center. The idea emerged after students watched the movie *Brown Sugar* last year.

On February 12, BSU combines with CUS, Chi Upsilon Sigma, to sponsor a step show. This will be held in the McKean Gym at 7:30 p.m. and will feature groups competing in step dance.

A book club meeting is the event for February 13, held in the Rice Bookstore from 4-5:15 p.m. The meeting is a discussion, led by assistant professor of English Jennifer Henton, on Toni Morrison's new novel *Love*. Popcorn and punch

will be served while attendees experience a stimulating discussion about this Nobel Prize winning author's newest work.

On February 15 at 2:00 p.m., there is a HIV/AIDS forum in Pinehurst that will answer questions students have on this terrible illness. To celebrate Martin Luther King Jr.'s life, there will be a banquet on February 16. Speaker Jeffrey Johnson lectures at 6 p.m. in the Bush Auditorium, followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. in the Galloway Room.

Folk Tales and Mancala Madness takes place on the February 20, location and time to be announced, and the next day, there will be the Soul Glo Masquerade Ball. This event will be held at 10 p.m. on the Chase Patio. Another forum, this time on the controversial issue of reparations, will be held at 2:00 p.m. at Pinehurst. On February 28, there will be a fashion show from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the DownUnder. Finally, Soul Food Sunday wraps up the month on February 29 in Sutton. Events for this month have taken a lot of planning and are sure to be both fun and stimulating. Help celebrate Black History month by taking part in any one of these exciting events.

Making An IMPACT

■ Want to do something different for Spring Break this year? Make a difference with IMPACT.

by **Brittany Lee**

news editor

IMPACT has created an alternative spring break trip to Sebastian Inlet State Park, from March 10 to 14.

The trip, as IMPACT states, was created to "provide Rollins College students the opportunity to work together through community engagement and promote a sense of citizenship as well as community through service."

Only students can participate in the trip, including the facilitation of it, creating a distinct feeling of pride for all that is accomplished; it is entirely through their own efforts.

On March 10, participating students will depart from campus to a camping spot. The area is secure and provides access to restrooms.

During the trip, students engage in community service activities ranging from shore bird studies and trap-

ping beach mice to hanging nature trail signs and cleaning up the beach.

The exact activities carried out are determined by the students facilitating the program and are flexible depending on the interests of students participating. Every day consists of six hours of community service, with breaks in between and time to leisurely explore the area.

All students are welcome to attend this trip, and it is entirely free. IMPACT will cover the cost of the trip, food, and transportation. Spending money is recommended, however, because there will be many opportunities to shop, go to museums, visit restaurants, canoe, and snorkel around Melbourne Beach.

Forms to sign up for this exciting trip are available in both Chase Hall and at the Campus Center.

IMPACT has put a lot of work into organizing this trip that will stimulate environmental awareness and a sense of community service, while providing students with a fun destination to be with friends.

All interested are encouraged to attend. Remember, the trip is absolutely free!

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Bad Intelligence

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that there was any bad intelligence. He also rejected the suspicions that intelligence was influenced by political pressure. "No one told us what to say or how to say it," he said.

In a recent TV interview, Bush stood behind Tenet, saying "I strongly believe the CIA is ably led by George Tenet."

The administration stands firmly by its original position that Iraq was in possession of weapons of mass destruction before the U.S. invasion. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld has stated that weapons inspectors need more time to come to conclusions about the existence of weapons. Bush has announced that he will appoint a presidential commission to review intelligence reports. He is confident that the war in Iraq was justified. Last week, he announced, "Knowing what I knew then and knowing what I know today, America

did the right thing in Iraq."

Yet one year after the Iraq invasion, it is undeniable that WMDs have not been found. Where is the stockpile of "between 100 and 500 tons of chemical weapons agent...enough agent to fill 16,000 battlefield weapons" that Powell talked about in his presentation to the UN Security Council? Then there were the aerial photographs that apparently showed chemical weapons dumps being sanitized. Since these stocks have not been found, it is unclear what was actually taking place in these photos.

The new presidential commission in charge of investigating intelligence findings will present a report in July 2005. In addition to this report, investigations within the next year will attempt to reveal the truth of Saddam Hussein's weapons development programs and determine whether the war was, in fact, justified.

Positive Trends For The Tars

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August, 96.2 percent stayed on for the spring semester.

Jim Eck, Assistant Provost for Institutional Research, declared that this is the highest retention rate this decade, which is "just one of a few positive trends that we've seen...Increased student retention is a direct reflection of student satisfaction."

The Office of the Provost, can be found in the Warren Administration building. The Provost, Dr. Patricia A. Lancaster, is, according to her website, "responsible for administering the educational programs, for making faculty appointments, for coordinating all academic activities of Rollins College, for overseeing institutional and faculty research, and for maintaining the institution's academic standards."

On average, around 84 percent of the freshmen students will remain at Rollins for the following semester. One student, Kim Hartman, '07, stated that she stayed for the spring semester and hopes to remain at Rollins until she graduates because "my classes are intriguing; I've learned so much in one semester." On a side note, she also mentioned that "the parties aren't bad either."

Speaking of parties, Playboy Magazine gave Rollins a prestigious #3 in the nation for best parties thrown by students. Now there's a positive trend to tell mom and dad about! Nevertheless, if a person was to visit Rollins on any given weekend, he or she might assume that the students are an unhappy bunch, miserable with their living situation, and eager to leave campus considering each Friday's mass migration to UCF or the beaches. However, the Princeton Review states that we rank our quality of life at 84 percent.

Speaking of satisfaction, Rollins students are "most satisfied" about their feelings of security in the residence halls, according to a national survey.

Another positive Rollins trend is the fact that the college is number twelve in the nation for "class discussions encouraged." This figure is, again, thanks to surveys taken by the Princeton Review and can be found on their website (www.thep-

incetonreview.com).

Another equally important website, Rate My Professor (www.ratemyprofessor.com), shows that many of the students gave their professors glowing reports, except, it seems for the ones who gave too much work or graded harshly.

Freshmen have hope for the future! Further national surveys show that by senior year, the majority of freshmen should rank their confidence levels about their social skills, self-understanding, and writing abilities much higher than they do now.

For example, 71.4 percent of seniors vs. 54.7 percent of freshmen reported that they have an above average self-confidence in their intellectual abilities. There is, of course, the possibility that the seniors are simply just more conceited than the humble little freshmen. However, that may not fit with the theme of "positive trends at Rollins," so just ignore that option.

Nevertheless, by continuing to study at Rollins, students are more likely to want to make a difference in the world. Almost twice as many seniors as freshmen are interested in "influencing the political structure," while 63.7 percent of seniors as opposed to 37.4 percent of freshmen are more likely to at least keep up to date with political affairs, according to the Office of the Provost.

Finally, another important positive trend at this college is the fact that Rollins graduates usually have great futures! According to President Rita Bornstein, "Rollins' young alumni are recruited to jobs and graduate programs all over the world. Our many distinguished alumni include Fortune 500 CEOs, leaders in public service, professionals, scientists, educators, performers, writers, directors, and artists. Among our most famous graduates are children's TV personality Fred Rogers and Nobel laureate Donald Cram. Our alumni tell us the friendships they make at Rollins last a lifetime."

So there you have it, ladies and gentlemen of the country club. Rollins is the place to stay, and by hanging around here for a few more years, one is more likely to become an active citizen in the world with a great job.

Why Is It Called Rex Beach Hall?

■ Discover the fascinating life of one former Rollins Student, Rex Beach.

by Heather Williams
staff reporter

Any Rollins student who has been on campus more than a semester has become quite familiar with the buildings around them. Rollins is a relatively small campus that is easy for students to navigate within their initial arrival, and its buildings have memorable names that make these buildings more familiar. Have you ever wondered what the names of all of our buildings on campus mean? Who are these alleged people they are named after?

Rex Beach Hall, currently home to Phi Delta Theta, is named after a real man, Mr. Rex Ellingwood Beach himself. Mr. Beach was born in 1877 in Michigan but moved to Tampa and attended public schools. His move to Florida led him to the Rollins Preparatory Department and later Rollins Collegiate Department. His goals soon changed, and he left Rollins without graduating in hopes of becoming a lawyer. He attended Chicago College of Law and Kent College of Law and worked for his brother's law firm in Chicago. Not surprisingly, Mr. Beach once again changed his mind and decided to take another course in his life. The thrill of the Gold Rush in 1897 caught his attention and led him away from his legal career. Gold was discovered in the Klondike, and Mr. Beach moved to Alaska to pursue these dreams of riches and wealth. Accepting defeat and instability at his dreams of gold, Mr. Beach's life once again took a completely different path.

Have you ever heard of the novels *The Barrier* or *The Silver Horde*? What about the novel *The Spoilers*? Mr. Beach turned into quite an accomplished author, considering the fact that he had not even achieved an undergraduate degree. His stories told of adventures and travels in Alaska and became best sellers, published in such works as McClure's Magazine and the short story journal of literature *Partners*. *The Spoilers*, his first full-length novel,

became a 1906 best seller and was made into a movie in 1914 with the top actors and actresses of that time period. The movie itself was remade five times and, in 1942, featured Marlene Dietrich and John Wayne as characters. Mr. Beach also received an Olympic Silver Medal in the 1904 Summer Games in St. Louis, making him the first Olympic medalist from Rollins College.

Having been away from Rollins for long enough, Mr. Beach returned to Winter Park and became close friends with the President of Rollins at that time, Mr. Hamilton Holt. This friendship and their joint efforts greatly enhanced progress at Rollins. Mr. Beach became President of the Rollins Alumni Association from 1927-1940, quite a tenure, considering the ironic fact that Mr. Beach had never technically graduated from Rollins, thus not making him an official alumnus. Rollins did, however, grant him the honorary Doctor of Literature degree as well as his Bachelor of Science degree. (After becoming a published author, one could suppose that he was worthy of a college degree.)

Mr. Beach continued his life as a writer up until his death in 1949. He lived a happy life with his wife Edith Greta Carter but took his own life by shooting himself. Archives state that the ashes of him and his wife are interred on the Rollins campus underneath the grounds near the Alumni House and the Beal Maltbie Center.

Rumor has it that Mr. Beach has a ghostly presence on campus with such reporting as sightings in Rex Beach Hall itself, as well as his presence being felt late at night on the grounds around where he is buried. An archive collection on Mr. Beach is available to all students in the Archive Department on the first floor of Olin Library. This collection consists of some of his original manuscripts, memorabilia, photographs, and copies of all of his novels. Students are welcome to take a look at this collection as well and ask their professors about historical figures at Rollins.

Who would have known that such a famous person who shaped so much of American culture was an alumnus of Rollins?



photo / ROLLINS RESIDENTIAL LIFE
REX BEACH HALL: This building, named in honor of Rollins alumnus Rex Beach, houses the Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

Circle of Friends

Chase Hall
Friday, February 13
8:15 p.m.

Still Rocking Forty Years Later

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seems so predetermined. After all, the phenomenon already had spread like mad through Britain the year before, and the albums that would be reconfigured to form "Meet the Beatles!" and "The Beatles' Second Album" and "Something New" — all of which arrived here in '64 — had become chart-toppers across the pond months earlier.

We were merely catching up. And craving more, more, more.

All that was required to open the floodgates here, launch the British Invasion and change not only the face of rock 'n' roll but ultimately mold popular culture the world over was one big push. A spark to start a wild-fire.

It came that February day four decades ago, when an estimated 73 million Americans tuned in to watch the Fab Four on "Sullivan."

But that's not the real phenomenon. Nor is the Beatles' massively influential string of groundbreaking recordings the real phenomenon. Nor their personalities, looks or trend-setting sense of wit and style.

No, the real phenomenon is that virtually everything about the Beatles, from

the most important albums to the most trivial details, is every bit as prevalent today as it was 40 years ago. Though it's so commonplace now it's practically taken for granted, amazingly the Beatles' phenomenon keeps extending to each new generation.

We live in a world in which the Beatles' music and legend is often more ingrained in young minds than the order of the Ten Commandments. Just like John said: They're more popular than Jesus.

Indeed, their cultural dominance right now couldn't be more stupefyingly vast. Think about it: In 1964, did many teenagers spend their afternoons spinning dusty 78s of music that came 40 years earlier?

Granted, 40 years earlier there hadn't been an explosion of mass-marketed music and teen consumer culture. "Hit radio" didn't exist, and the elements that were being revived — big-band and wartime music — belonged to an older generation. That wasn't necessarily geared toward teens, not like rock 'n' roll was, so it didn't resonate with them.

Yet what's astounding today is that, though there are more musical choices for



HELP ME: Beatle Paul McCartney explains the finer points of playing a guitar to Ed Sullivan.

young people than ever, many still take to the Beatles first, as if their music had been created specifically for them.

That's only one matter that speaks to the ageless appeal of the Beatles. Consider that a rearranged retrospective like "1," composed of recordings that haven't been remastered in nearly 20 years, rocketed to the top of the charts. Tribute bands regularly pack 'em in at theaters while boomers and their grandkids shelled out upward of \$200 recently to see Paul play sets consisting mostly of Beatles classics.

And people have been going to church — literally or figuratively, while on the way to brunch — to this music every Sunday for years, courtesy of radio programs like "Breakfast With the Beatles."

Most surprising to me — and happily so, despite the sadness it marked — was that the untimely death of George, oft-considered a lesser Beatle compared with the group's renowned song-writing duo, was treated as a crushing loss. To say he received nearly the same reverence accorded John after his murder would be overstating it. But that he graced the cover of every major entertainment magazine and appreciations ran on the front pages of every self-respecting newspaper in the nation says it all: The death of a Beatle is a very big deal.

A cranky contrarian might argue that this awe must pass. I think not, chiefly because the moment when it should have, it didn't. When boomers, the original Beatlemaniacs, started forcing Beatles tunes into their offspring's psyches like doses of lithium, that should have caused a rebellion — and in some instances it did.

Punk rock, for example, wanted nothing to do with "phony Beatlemania," as the Clash put it. Hip-hop, too — a genre for which the Beatles' influence is essentially meaningless.

It's so easy to overstate the Beatles' importance, for it looms large in just about everything — yet for significant segments of the population, they're merely held in high regard. They not only aren't the only lasting influence from the past 50 years of popular music (Elvis is equally vital), they certainly mean far less to, say, a young black man, whose taste and upbringing may lead him to revere James Brown or Marvin Gaye or Stevie Wonder far more. Ditto the country kid raised on Johnny Cash and Hank Williams.

That said, no one seems to vehemently dislike the Beatles. My favorite critical assessment, from "The Rolling Stone Record Guide": Not liking them is as perverse as not liking the sun.

And what's not to like? Never mind the brilliance of the music itself, which is paramount, or the prolific pace at which it arrived, which is now just a pipe dream for artists who'd love to flood the marketplace with their every whim (just ask Ryan Adams).

Look instead to the Beatles' charm. If they had been four sullen, humorless lads from Liverpool, would we have loved them as much then, let alone now? It isn't merely that so much of their music (especially their early music) is unbridled fun. There's still fun on the charts these days. "It's getting hot in here, so take off all your clothes" — that's fun.

But it sure isn't charming. The Beatles oozed charm, naturally, effortlessly. It's what makes them so irre-

sistible even to young ears, this singular mix of gentlemanliness (albeit sometimes employed mockingly) and raw scruffiness.

Their look, perhaps manager Brian Epstein's most crucial masterstroke, spoke volumes when people took notice on "Sullivan": Here were four cute, smiling, agreeable guys with fanciful accents in well-tailored matching suits, yet they had enough shaggy hair to let every trembling, squealing girl know there was danger lurking underneath.

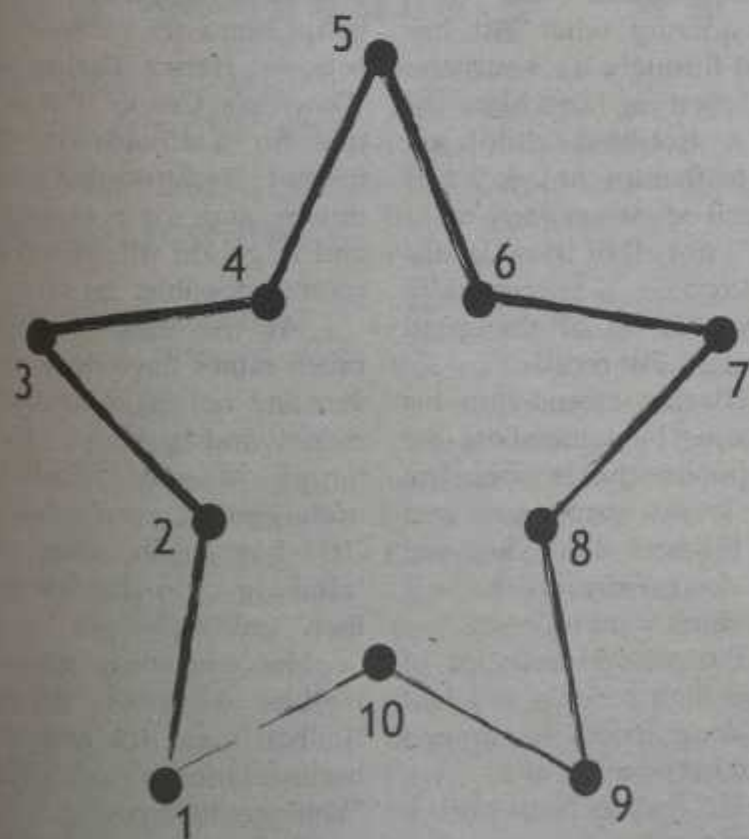
And then they sang. Those perfect harmonies. Paul's tender tone. John's barely restrained rawness, suggesting that you can take the rocker out of his leather, but you can't take the leather out of the rocker.

In a way, they saved rock 'n' roll that day. Stole it back in a flurry from the bland likes of Pat Boone and Fabian and Bobby Vinton, whose single "There! I Did It Again" was symbolically dethroned from the top spot by "I Want to Hold Your Hand."

They reclaimed rock in the name of their heroes: Chuck Berry (John's idol), Little Richard (Paul's), Carl Perkins (George's), Jerry Lee Lewis, Roy Orbison, numerous bluesmen that preceded them and whose scratchy singles they got off sailors at the Liverpool docks.

Then they went on to reshape everything, in ways their heroes never could have imagined. It isn't just that their influence is palpably felt in most any rock album released since they split up. It's that their music is still as great as — and very often much better than — anything that's come out since.

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For years, I've been frequenting the Deli Planet, but I never told anyone else. It was my spot and I wasn't sharing it with anyone. I'm sure everyone's had that one spot, beer, or blankie that they've designated theirs. You love it more than anyone else would, you found it before anyone else did, and no one besides you should ever reap the benefits. If you can relate to any of these feelings, you're obsessive compulsive and should seek help immediately. I did, and finally, I am ready to share the Deli Planet with all inquiring life forms.

There are two Deli Planet locations in our area. One is located on Orange Avenue downtown and the other is on Horatio Avenue in Maitland. The Deli Planet serves subs, soups, wings, soda, beer, and wine. You can design your own sandwich, but I suggest leaving it up to the experts who have 42 sandwiches lined up and ready to roll on your request. In regards to the food, both locations are equally good, but I personally prefer the Maitland location because of its bar, its televisions, and its location. The Deli Planet II, as it's called, is situated between a rehab clinic and a Laundromat, so, if you're short on sandwich ideas, you can always mix and match what you do after lunch. "Shall I get help for my habit or clean the evidence?" Either way, the subs and drinks are great.

I've tried several of the subs, and my three favorites are the Meteorball, the Buffalo Bomber, and the Big Dipper. The Meteorball is their way of saying meatball sub and it's one of the best I've ever had. Not much to explain as it's just your average meatball sub done right, but with a little more rosemary than most places. I drown mine in dried red peppers and Parmesan Cheese, as you should too. The Buffalo Bomber is a sub stuffed with buffalo chicken strips, bacon, blue cheese, lettuce and tomato. Simply put, it's off the chain. Lastly, the Big Dipper (pictured) is a gigantic French Dip. While I doubt it's done with choice rib eye, it sure tastes like it. The meat is sliced thin, and with au jus it really does melt in your mouth. You can't go wrong at the planet unless you order the blackened shrimp sub, but even some people I run into say it's their favorite. It's busy around 12-1:30, but you'll never wait longer than ten minutes or so for your sub. Any other time it's pretty steady and the last time I went there, Bud and Bud Light were a dollar a piece from 4-7, but don't quote me on that.

BY EDDIE HUANG



ALIEN SUBS: Deli Planet serves 42 varieties of subs in addition to custom made ones. Stop by for a Meteorball sub.

Dawson Reveals All

■ Dawson's Creek familiar hunk takes it all off in an NC-17 rated movie.

by **Rebecca Louie**

syndicated writer

You're about to see a lot of "Dawson's Creek" darling, Michael Pitt. So much so that his new film, "The Dreamers," earned an NC-17 rating due to its nudity and sex.

Though he has gone from TV heartthrob to Brooklyn's movie-sex poster boy, the 22-year-old former panhandler is not exactly living a celluloid dream.

"I don't have a boiler in my apartment and it's been cold this winter," confesses Pitt, who has been sick for weeks.

Sniffing in a booth in Flatbush Avenue's cheese-cake mecca Junior's, just up the street from where he lives, Pitt grins before wiping Russian salad dressing off his lip with his thumb. "I have a space heater that I use in my room when I sleep and when I wake up I have to run with it to heat up the bathroom."

"I've done the winter without heat when I first came to New York," he says, referring to days of bumming change in Times Square after he ran away from his home in West Orange, N.J., at age 16.

"Now it's like, I'm making some money. I should have some heat. Um, right?"

"The Dreamers," directed by Italian maestro Bernardo Bertolucci ("Last Tango in Paris"), will leave audiences hot and bothered—or hot under the collar. It's the first NC-17 movie released in more than six years.

"In America, (doing full nude scenes) can be a risky thing, looked upon as not work but just something obscene," says Pitt, who bares the full monty and performs skin-timate acts as an American seduced by two siblings during the 1968 Paris riots.

"You can stick a gun down a guy's throat and blow his head off and get an R rating, but you can't show sex."

"I think it's basically the insecurity of the guys at the studio, a bunch of old men who feel uncomfortable if they see" a young guy without clothes.



THE DREAMERS: Michael Pitt (left) and the cast of the new risqué NC-17 film.

That doesn't mean Pitt (no relation to Brad) found stripping down for his role a breeze while on location in Paris.

"I was the big prude," says Pitt with an embarrassed grin, speaking in his slow murmur. "I'm not going to pretend that I don't get insecure."

"Before our first nude scene, (French co-star) Louis (Garrel) stripped naked and ran through every room screaming. It loosened everybody up. "Pretty much the only person who was left uncomfortable was me." Considering what Pitt has lived through, it's a surprise that anything fazes him.

A troubled childhood led to therapy at age 9 and special ed classes early on.

"I got all of those labels: dyslexia, perceptually impaired, all of the good excuses," Pitt recalls.

Disgust creeps into his voice as he remembers the big public schools where "no one knows your name and the teachers don't care and you don't really have to go if you don't want to."

Pitt was kicked out of three high schools and had the drug Special K pumped from his stomach at 15.

He fled to New York a year later.

"I think I had a fourth-grade reading level when I left high school," says Pitt, who claims he still "is no Einstein."

He can't use a computer and uses phonetic spelling when he writes.

He memorizes lines before auditions because he can't spontaneously read them off a page.

"It would come off that I

was more prepared and smarter than my peers, but really it was just me scared they were going to ask me to read something," he says.

Rudy Giuliani's quality-of-life campaign hit Pitt hard and there are some warrants out for his arrest.

"I got caught for a bunch of different things that I'm not going to talk about," he says. "It was not a good time to be one of those kids on the street."

His performance in an Off-Broadway play caught the attention of WB network scouts. Though they tried to tempt him with a three-year role as Henry Parker on "Dawson's Creek," Pitt settled for a 15-episode run instead. "I just needed some money and some exposure and to get off (the show) as soon as possible," he says.

"At the time I would much rather have done theater and not make as much money and be happy." He's happy to stay relatively underground, as an arthouse "It" boy with roles in "Hedwig and the Angry Inch" and "Bully."

His upcoming movies include a prison drama, "Jailbait," and the stop-animation-laden film "Rhinoceros Eyes."

Pitt's serious rock band Pagoda rehearses in his home studio, which is soundproofed with old rugs.

"I guess with me being an actor we could get some big company to fund us," says Pitt, who sings and taught himself to play guitar.

"But I feel it would be less important as opposed to hiring my friends and figuring out a way to put it together ourselves."

Impressive Gift Ideas for Valentine's Day

■ Make this year's Valentine's Day a hit with creative gift ideas from single gals.

by **Lara Bueso**
and **Jessica Estes**
entertainment editors

For you Valentine's Day veterans, a bouquet of roses may be getting old. Generic gifts won't score you any points in the game of love. These creative ideas will impress your honey and guarantee many more Valentine's days together.

If your Valentine is a northern girl, make her feel at home with this original idea: Put a fireplace photo on your screen saver, turn your air conditioner on high, and curl up with your sweetie beside the "fire". Lots of candles and hot chocolate will add to this memorable moment.

Instead of the traditional conversation heart, replace all Hershey kiss tags with your own personalized message. Then title it something like, "32 kisses for when I

couldn't be there and you needed one, but I really wanted to be there and I love you and honey kisses and hugs, I love you boo face." Or, you know, something quick like that.

If you really want to earn some bonus points, try this romantic idea: Buy a dozen long stem roses and replace one with an artificial look alike. Then write on the card, "I'll love you until the last rose dies." This gift is sure to impress even the most seasoned Valentine.

For an adventurous alternative, spend your Valentine's Day doing something that gets your heart racing in a different way. Some suggest sky diving or

rock climbing as great bonding activities.

What's a better way to show your commitment to a relationship than by getting a pet together? You and your Valentine can share custody of your very own "love fish." So maybe it isn't as cuddly as a puppy, but goldfish can make great dorm companions!

For you creative types, make your honey bunny something from the heart. Compilation CDs, relationship scrapbooks, or hand made pottery make great personalized gifts.

Valentine's Day is always a special occasion, but these unique gift ideas will make it unforgettable.



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Grammy Winners

■ A night of celebration for old and new rock stars at this year's show.

by **Caitlin Geoghan**
managing editor

The 46th Annual Grammy Awards brought out the singing industry in full force. This year was the year for tributes. The opening performance was a tribute to the rock and roll movie Purple Rain given by Beyonce and Prince. The night was also dedicated to the Beatles, as the group made their American TV debut on the Ed Sullivan Show forty years prior.

This year the awards show included a tribute to funk music. Hosted by the "Reverend" Samuel L. Jackson, the tribute featured a performance by Earth, Wind and Fire, who were joined by OutKast for a joint funk extravaganza.

The icing on the cake was George Clinton, who took the stage fully donned

in Parliament attire. Funk artists from all walks of life then joined the group. The stage truly looked as though the mother ship had returned.

Alicia Keys and Celine Dion also honored Luther Vandross with performances. Additionally, his song "Dance with My Father" won Song of the Year.

It was a big night for Coldplay who received a Grammy for Record of the Year. OutKast won album of the Year for Speakerboxx / The Love Below. Evanescence was named best new artist, and Christina Aguilera and Justin Timberlake received awards for Female and Male Pop Vocal Performance for "Beautiful" and "Cry Me a River."

Justin Timberlake also snagged the Grammy for Best Pop Vocal Album. Interestingly enough, Justin Timberlake was present at the event, but Janet Jackson was strangely absent. Whether or not she chose to miss the event or if she was

prohibited from attending is unclear, but either way, something doesn't quite add up.

Despite lacking the Jackson family, this year's Grammy Award Ceremony was a success.

Closing comments from the Academy emphasized the importance of music in everyone's lives. All of you...go out and start singing and playing instruments to make our world a musical place.



Record of the Year:
Clocks - Coldplay

Album of the Year:
Speakerboxx / The Love Below - OutKast

WORD ON THE STREET

by **Jessica Combs** and **Jessica Estes**

editorial staff

It's that time of year again...that time when those who have found love celebrate their happiness by buying really expensive gifts. But how do you show that special someone just how much you care? We hit the campus to find out some of the best gifts Rollins students have ever received for special holidays.



"When my boyfriend broke into my locker and decorated it."

Sarah Morris, '07



"A widescreen 51-inch HDTV."

Ron Garretson, '06



"A pogo stick."

Christine Mosher, '07



"A lap dance."

Sa-Heim Davis, '07



"A car."

Patricia Linares, '07



"A surfboard."

Arilena Morgan, '07

I Miss Football

■ Five ways to fill that void in your soul left by the absence of football.

by **Jared Parkinson**

asst. humor editor

There's something on my mind that's been depressing me lately. Of course I'm talking about the end of the football season. It's a sad time of year for any swearing at the television, tailgating, beer-drinking American. The time without football is like time spent crossing a desert without water; it is physically taxing and infuriating. However, on the other side of this desert is the muddy water known as preseason football. Big freakin' deal.

To cope with these times of need, here are some ideas to take your mind off of the suffering and withdrawal symptoms you are no doubt going through. This is how to acquire all the elements of the game of football:

1. **Watch baseball:** I know it hasn't started yet, but these players can occasionally give you the incredible rage of players, like Bill Romanowski, you know, because of steroids.
2. **Watch hockey:** This is not quite football, it is faster and played by fleet-footed Canadians on ice, but it will satisfy your hunger for big hits. Eh!
3. **Watch basketball:** Oh basketball! A bunch of overpaid prima donnas who love to showboat. So this will definitely fill the void of the receivers and quarterbacks in the NFL. Touché Kobe Bryant.
4. **Watch sumo:** These big sacks of fat are almost the same as the interior line, but instead of pads, they have diapers. Maybe the NFL should look into that.
5. **Watch monster trucks:** This has absolutely nothing to do with football, but huge trucks running over other trucks, now that's a sport.

Well that's all for this week, boys and girls. Hopefully next week will be better.



Not So Deep Thoughts: The Necessity of Cannibalism

■ Dwindling animal populations may necessitate cannibalism. Any volunteers?

by **Eddie Huang**

humor editor

After checking with the FDA, I've found that the chicken, pig, turkey, cow, fish, and shellfish populations of the world are dwindling. For years, we've been combating the decrease in populations by injecting our furry friends with steroids, but science has finally been defeated. While steroids can turn the runt into the hulk, it can't stop China from procreating. If you count the consumption of China, India, and America's populations alone, the entire world (by 2034) will have to take a page from Peru and eat guinea pigs. I don't want to do that. The only way to prevent the guinea pig from becoming our staple food is to exercise population control.

As always, George W. Bush is ahead of us all. While the other united nations were against the war, George had the foresight to disregard their logic and fight with his belly. The war on Iraq is our most effective population control to date, but there's a problem. Due to its status as an underdeveloped nation, citizens of Iraq do not have the monetary means to obtain the three staple meats: chicken, pork, and beef. The Iraqi FDA claims that 95% of Iraqi households get their protein from chickpeas and other legumes, while the other 5% gorge on protein powder that Red Cross drops off. So, while Bush was thinking, he didn't think enough, and I must finish his thoughts for him. The answer to our dilemma is simple: cannibalism.

One thing needs to be clear before we delve any deeper into this issue. I am in no way condoning the consumption of unwilling participants. The only humans that will be consumed under my plan are dead people and Yankees. If anyone else wishes to volunteer their limbs as another man or woman's protein source, they will be permitted to do so. Through a combination of dead people, volunteers, and Yankees, we should have enough

meat to at least allow the chicken and cow populations to rejuvenate themselves.

I understand there are minor legal issues involved with cannibalism, but our libertarian friends in D.C. should be able to convince the rest of Congress that the practice of cannibalism is a freedom protected by a strict interpretation of the constitution and John Locke's Social Contract theory. According to Locke, government is in place to protect everyone's equal right to freedom. In other words, they limit your freedom just enough so that your freedom doesn't infringe on your neighbor's freedom. The law shouldn't have any qualms over a man or woman's right to volunteer as food, since it clearly is not infringing on anyone else's right to be dinner. As evidenced by the case of Meiwes and Brandes (Germany, 2003, Brandes volunteered to help fulfill Meiwes' childhood dream of being a cannibal by allowing himself to be eaten), one man's voluntary role play as food can make another man's dream come true. By standing in the way, the law is actually defeating its purpose and infringing on rights haphazardly. The only possible contention to my plan is the question of eating dead people. The opposition may raise the question of whether dead people have rights. I'm from the school of thought that if you're dead, you're dinner. All those opposed should beat themselves over the head and admit they huffed whip-its in middle school.

There is no doubt in my mind that the Constitution will clear the way for the practice of cannibalism, but narrow-minded conservatives will undoubtedly protest. I'm ready for these numskulls and so is Percy Shelley:

"When a proposition is offered to the mind, it perceives the agreement or disagreement of the ideas of which it is composed. A perception of their agreement is termed belief. Many obstacles frequently prevent this perception from being immediate; these the mind attempts to remove in order that the perception may be distinct. The mind is active in the investigation in order to perfect the state of perception of the relation which the component ideas of the proposition bear to each, which is passive; the investigation being confused with the perception has induced many falsely to imagine that the mind is active in belief. That belief is an act of volition, in consequence of which it may be regulated by the mind. Pursuing, continuing this mistake, they have attached a degree of criminality to disbelief of which, in its nature, it is incapable; it is equally incapable of merit."

You see, the only reason people have an aversion to cannibalism is because we've been told for so long that it's wrong. Our minds are sheep that have lied down before cannibalism crying, "I'm not ready for you." I urge you all to think about this issue logically because morality is relative and fleeting in our day and age. It has no place. What's here to stay is hunger. My plan is the answer to Mother Nature's challenge. Don't let her down.

Humans have been given the gift of intellect for reason. We must put reason to use and cast aside emotional hindrances. Soon, all our animals will be going the way of the buffalo and we'll be left with fried guinea pigs flown in daily from Peru. The inevitable can't be delayed any longer. Ladies, gentlemen, and children of all sizes, it's dinner time!

Word Of The Week

Cuy Picante - *n. Peruvian*
A Peruvian delicacy consisting of a golden fried guinea pig that is drowned in spicy red sauce. It is what all humans will be forced to eat in 2034, if we do not heed Mr. Huang's advice.

Word of the week provided by
Don King



Be Afraid; Be Very Afraid!

■ The ongoing saga between Americans and their obsession with fear.

by **Robert Walker**

editor-in-chief

Americans are taught to be afraid. If you don't believe me, try watching the news sometime. I know watching the news can be painful, but just try it. I guarantee you'll receive warnings about the product that is in nine out of ten American homes that could be lethal. Or reporters will warn about that popular holiday toy that was atop every child's wish list that has now been found to be possibly deadly. And after the news has successfully made you petrified of everything in your house from your box of laundry detergent to your child's Tickle Me Elmo, they'll tell you about some random crime perpetrated by a black male, early twenties, average height, and build. Honestly, is it just me or does it seem like every crime in America, that is reported on by mainstream media, is committed by a black male in his early to middle twenties? There has to be some media bias because I know a lot of white people do bad stuff, but from watching mainstream news you'd never know about it.

For the record, the media is correct. Your box of laundry detergent could be lethal if you ingest it. Of course, if you're the sort that likes to go around eating laundry detergent, I recommend you look into getting a good dry cleaning service and leaving the detergent on the shelves. Also, I would recommend paste instead of the detergent; it has a superior consistency and taste that I'm certain will appeal to the discerning palate of the laundry detergent connoisseur.

Okay, I got away from myself for a minute there. To get back to the point, what is it about America that makes us so consumed with being afraid?

The knee-jerk reaction of the liberal in me wants to say it is some manifestation of the Bush ruled, post 9-11 America, but I know this fear runs much further back in history than a matter of years. In fact, this socially instilled fear can be seen as far back as the Puritans who settled this great nation.

The Puritans came to this country armed with little more than their Bibles and deep, approaching paranoia level, fear of God. If you don't believe me, try thumbing through some Puritan writings. Might I suggest Wigglesworth's *The Day of Doom*. The Puritans lived in constant fear of ticking off God. They attributed everything to God. If something bad happened, it was their deserved punishment for ticking God off (what a fun way to live). For these early Americans, love of God equaled fear of God, and boy did they love God.

Decades later, during the 1950s and 1960s, fear became prominent in America's Southern states, specifically fear that Southern whites had of blacks. Anyone who

Eastern Muslim radical. The distinction of the Middle Eastern Terrorist versus just plain old terrorist is important because no one is telling you to fear white men, although Timothy McVeigh was white, the Knights of the KKK (a terrorist organization alive and well in the USA) are white, and the perpetrators of such vicious, terrorist-like, hate crimes as the murders of Matthew Shepard and James Byrd (the black man who was dragged from the back of a pick up truck through the back roads of Texas until his appendages came off) were all white. And I can't I forget the economic terrorists of Enron, who where also white guys. Yup, all these white guys doing things that seem like terrorism, but we

don't call it terrorism. Why not? Well, I'm not sure, but it seems to me we only call it terrorism when it's committed by people with dark skin. How convenient for white people,



who control the media, which dictates what we call terrorism.

So, why the fear? Why the system that enforces, manifests, and propagates fear? Well, the answer seems to be a deceptively simple one, control. Fear is the ultimate tool for those in power to remain in power. This is true from Puritan times to present day. A Puritan priest could stand before a congregation and warn them that any other belief system would mean certain damnation and that the only way to possibly get into Heaven is to be a good Puritan and follow the rules. I don't know about you, but given the choice between certain damnation and possible salvation, I think I'll go for salvation. The politicians of the South are much more akin to our current president. The Southern politicians would manipulate Southern white ignorance and whip them into a state of fearful frenzy. The politicians would convince Southern whites that black people wanted to destroy their Southern way

of life, and the only way to preserve it was to vote for a pro-segregation and anti-civil rights politician. Of course, President Bush would have you believe there are armies determined to destroy the American way of life, and he is the only man who can stop them. Isn't that convenient for him? And let's not forget all the insanity caused by America's fear of communism during the reign of McCarthy.

For the record, I don't think the use of fear to manipulate the masses has always been a distinctly American phenomenon. I think fear was one of the propaganda tools used by Hitler's Nazi Germany to convince his followers what he was doing was the right thing to do. But, it does seem to me that the rest of the modern world has moved away from this culture of fear, while America seems stagnated in it. If you don't believe me try watching the news from most European countries. While they will report on horrific events, the reports are rooted in facts and reflect their society. Meanwhile, American coverage of violent crimes has increased as the incidence of violent crimes, in America, has decreased. If that alone doesn't show that something is wrong, I don't know what does.

Ultimately, I'm not certain why we, as a nation, are so accepting of this conditioned climate of fear. Perhaps it is because it is all we know and, in some twisted way, fear has become a welcomed and accepted part of our daily lives. What I do know is that we must fight it. We have to stop buying into the media hype that there is a black man that's going to mug you and a Middle Eastern guy that's going to blow your building up. You're far more likely to die from a heart attack caused by downing too many hamburgers and sucking down too many cigarettes than you are from a terrorist attack.

We, as Americans and responsible citizens of this great Republic, have to break the systematically instilled climate of fear, and the best way to do that is get educated. Learn as much as you can about everything, because the fight against fear is a fight against ignorance. It is much harder to be made to be afraid when you know the truth. As the saying goes, "The truth shall set you free!"

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What Is Transformative Education?

■ How will this affect the mission statements of Rollins education?

by **Alan Nordstrom**
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I was happy to vote at a recent faculty meeting for Rollins' newest version of its collegiate mission statement, and the voting was unanimously favorable. The final sentence of this pithy, two-paragraph statement endorses "transformative education in a healthy, responsive, and inclusive environment." What, you might ask, is "transformative education"?

If you wish to read the full report of last year's Transformative Education (TE) Taskforce (on which I served) and gather from that three-page document our present institutional answer, you will find it on the College web page under Academic Resources /

Provost's Office / Strategic Planning. But I want to give you here a more personal view of this concept, which I think is vital to the vision of a college such as ours.

TE is life-changing education. After taking a TE course, you appreciate that in important ways you're no longer the same person you were previously. What has significantly changed in you may or may not be objectively measurable; tests may not register this transformation. Still, you will be able to say (though perhaps not until later on) that your consciousness has been altered and has evolved. This you will know subjectively.

What distinguishes a TE course from other kinds of courses is not simply the acquisition of knowledge or the development of skills (such as you might gain in courses on library cataloging or computer programming); rather, it is a sense of personal growth in a way

that makes you feel brighter, clearer, and more insightful, not just more informed and functional.

It is tempting to say that a TE course is spiritually uplifting or soul elevating, because you subsequently feel somewhat larger and grander for the experience you have undergone. But there's nothing religious about TE other than its leading to your sense of conversion from being lesser to being more in ways that are deeply gratifying, though they might just as well happen outside of any educational program.

Vastly more learning transpires outside of schools and colleges than goes on within them; likewise, transformative learning is often extracurricular. Driving to see the Grand Canyon can trigger a profoundly transformative experience of awe and wonder that leaves your psyche forever altered. I have talked with an Apollo

astronaut whose voyage to the Moon transformed him mystically: Edgar Mitchell's life course was fundamentally changed by that visionary experience.

Within our collegiate setting, however, courses in history, philosophy, studio art, ecology, literature, and anthropology (the first that come to mind) might all produce the transformative effects I am describing. In fact, any course that belongs in a liberal education program is potentially transformative in that a liberal education is one that liberates its students from the bondage of ignorance and narrow-mindedness into the freedom of enhanced awareness and capability in ways that move them toward living more fully and wisely.

Yet even in a liberal arts and sciences program, many courses will not endeavor to be life changing. They will be more instrumental than inspirational, more practical

than profound. One would not expect an accounting course to be enlightening and life enhancing. Similarly, learning the rudiments of music or a foreign language or quantitative reasoning or "editing essentials" is not so likely to alter one's character or convictions as would a close encounter with Dostoyevsky's novels or Deborah Tannen's essays.

In terms of transformative education at Rollins, what's important is that those responsible for devising and delivering our curricular and co-curricular programs keep always in mind that Rollins' mission is not to leave our students as they were when they came, but to change them for the better, to help them evolve as persons and as citizens by their manifesting more fully what goodness they have within them to give to the world.

Traveling Abroad: An Essential Vitamin

■ Traveling is a rather imperative component for developing our educated point of view.

by **David Grasso**
staff reporter

Every day at 7:25 the sound of terror descends upon my room. I awake to the dreadful racket of my two alarm clocks, television, and cell phone simultaneously ringing. Reality sets in; I have just a few minutes to do a million tasks and get to my favorite seat in statistics.

Today is just like any other day: full of work, running around like a chicken with its head cut off from class to class with my dark Armani sunglasses on, so no one sees that I got about 3 hours of sleep last night.

When you're in six classes like myself, every weekday just seems to combine into one large day. By Friday, it's a daze what I did that week. All I know is that there's a bunch of Red Bull cans in the recycling bin.

I can deal with my crazy life for a while, but I think I would go insane if I didn't

know I was going on vacation soon. I am a firm believer that traveling abroad, exactly like my chewable C tablet, is an essential vitamin.

Removing yourself from the daily drudgery and escaping to the destination of your choice is one of life's most liberating experiences. It is a diversion from the mundane typicality of our routine.

Taking yourself out of your comfort zone and entering a new situation is extremely therapeutic. Going to new places, meeting new people, and encountering new experiences is all a part of traveling.

Going on vacation is an opportune time to get introspective and evaluate your life. You get a great deal of time to think about your priorities, those you love, those you miss, and how life back home really isn't all too bad.

Here in the states, we live in an insular culture that isn't really concerned with the rest of the world. Going abroad gives you a whole new perspective of the place we call home.

If you go to Europe, you realize how asocial our society is, and if you go to the third world, you realize how luxurious the U.S. is and how we take a lot of things

we have for granted. All of these are conclusions that you arrive at only when you go abroad.

I'm one of those people that if someone offered me to go to Tajikistan, I would pack my bags right now and leave. The driving force behind what my fellow residents of the Olin Library call my "O.C." (obsessive com-

pulsive) behavior of taking on an impossible amount of work is that I know that in less than 3 months, I will be on a jet plane, zooming away from suburbia hell, Central Florida.

There's only one problem with traveling: it is among the most expensive activities mankind has ever devised. If money is an issue

for you, study abroad. Studying abroad with the Rollins programs costs the same as a semester on campus.

If you have the means, go get 'em, tiger! Time is a wasting. There are so many places to go and so little time. You might as well get started.



TAKE A TRIP: Pack up and go explore that big world that is right in our backyard.

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Universities to Blame for Sex Scandals

■ The University of Colorado allegedly held sex parties to lure football recruits.

by **Michael Rosenberg**
syndicated author

The University of Colorado allegedly held sex parties to lure football recruits. Upon hearing about the allegations, some players will ask: "Sex parties? Is there any other kind?"

Ha, ha, ha. Boys will be boys. Then you hear that three women say they were raped at these parties, and you stop laughing.

And then you hear that University of Minnesota recruits were taken to a strip club on their official visits to the school.

And then you hear that Colorado appointed a woman named Joyce Lawrence to investigate the

rape allegations, and hours after being appointed, Lawrence told a reporter, "The question I have for the ladies in this is why they are going to parties like this and drinking or taking drugs and putting themselves in a very threatening or serious position."

Presumably, Lawrence will ask probing questions about skirt length and overt smiling, then crawl back to her cave.

We don't know exactly what happened at Colorado. We might never know. (We're certainly not going to find out from Colorado coach Gary Barnett. If he told me it was raining, I'd put my umbrella away.)

But get ready for the familiar game of hot potato, where nobody wants to get stuck with the blame.

How many times have you seen this? The university says it can't monitor everybody in the athletic department. The athletic director

says he can't keep tabs on all his coaches. The coach says he can't monitor all his players. And then, when a player does something, we hear it is a "societal problem."

True. But it is especially a sports problem, because athletes are told, in so many ways, that women are there to serve them.

Some schools use attractive young women as hostesses for their recruits. They insist that the students are discouraged from having sex with the players, as though that makes it fine.

If you come to our school, you'll see many women as hot as this one, but this isn't about sex, OK?

The Colorado campus isn't far from the site of the most famous sexual assault case in memory. People ask all the time: Do you think Kobe Bryant is guilty?

I don't know. I have no idea. But if you told me that a professional athlete was so accustomed to readily avail-

able sex, so conditioned to thinking that women exist to pleasure him, that he could commit a sexual assault and convince himself it didn't happen . . . sadly, I might believe it.

Some of these guys are so far gone, so out of touch with the society's fundamental rules of decency, that I might actually believe that.

Administrators and coaches always say they can't control every athlete. What they need to understand is that we're not asking them to control every athlete. We're asking them create moderate standards of acceptable behavior in their programs. We're asking them not to look the other way.

Athletes will go to strip clubs. They shouldn't be taken there on recruiting trips.

Athletes will find attractive women on campus. Schools shouldn't provide the women as hostesses.

You can't force everybody to do what is right. You can show them what is right. It is the difference between knowing your daughter might drink alcohol with her friends and doing Vodka shots with her.

When you hear about some of these scandals, you start to think the whole system is bankrupt, the whole sport is a cesspool, and schools should forget big-time athletics altogether.

That really isn't fair. For some reason, when it comes to college sports, we hold up the worst offenders as representative of the whole.

The truth is that there are many schools that at least try to balance academics, personal responsibility, NCAA rule compliance and winning.

We just need more schools like that. Everybody else on campus deserves as much.

B-Ball Intramurals Are In Full Force

■ Basketball is a high priority for many young men around the campus.

by **Jon Birdsong**
sports editor

If you have been in the Alford Sports Center between 7 and 9 p.m. on Sunday, Monday, or Tuesday night, you would have heard the roaring and yelling of many fans and players.

Intramural Basketball is in full force, and teams are literally fighting for the final

playoff spots. There is no doubt that basketball is the most popular intramural at Rollins, and since the beginning of the month, fraternities, faculty, staff, and other students have been ferociously competing to get into the playoffs.

There are a total of fifteen teams competing in the league, which are then divided into two different divisions. The Gold division has power houses such as Swollen Members, Not Them Again, and the ever intimidating favorites, Defending Champs led by Brad Ash. The Blue Division also carries a bundle of tal-

ent. Teams that have a chance for the Intramural Championship in the Blue division include the strongest fraternity, Chi Psi A, led by Jake Voskal and Adam Wells. The Dream Team, led by Ty Oppenlander, is very savvy. However, the Dieters are looking the strongest with the high flying, freestyle sensation Deyon Williams and sharpshooting Jon-o Majhanovich.

There is only word that describes this phenomenal program at Rollins College: intensity. Neither students, faculty, nor frats take these basketball games lightly. Many scuffles had to be broken up and intentional fouls called, but after the game just about everyone is friendly. The officiating is performed by the real Rollins' basketball players, who bring us the excitement on the weekends. However,

they enjoy watching their peers showcase their skills on the courts even though at times it may be humorous.

The playoffs begin next week, starting the sixteenth of February. If you have nothing to do and want to see some of your friends duke it out on the basketball court, come next week in McKean Gym and look at all the excitement, teamwork and tenacity they have for an intramural.



COMPLETE CHAOS: As the playoffs are coming next week, the basketball courts will be very hectic with fans and players giving their all for the championship.

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What's Happening? ROLLINS CALENDAR

Friday 2-13

Swing Swing!
ASC Dance Studio
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

♥♥ Saturday 2-14 ♥♥
♥♥ Valentine's Day ♥♥

Kaplan MCAT
Hauck 113
10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Basketball vs. Tampa
Alfond Sports Center
2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. (DH)

Sunday 2-15

Bach Festival Czech Nonet
Knowles Memorial Chapel
3:00 p.m.

Monday 2-16

Men's Tennis vs. Lynn
12:00 - Martin Complex
LASA Meeting - Hauck 110
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Understanding Secularism
French House
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday 2-17

RHA Meeting - Warden
4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
ACE Meeting - Bieberbach
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Black Sploitation Film
Dave's - 7:00 - 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday 2-18

SGA Meeting - Galloway
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
REACH Meeting - Warden
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Wickit Wednesday
Dave's - 7:00 p.m.-Midnight

Thursday 2-19

Sandspur Staff Meeting
Mills 3F - 1:00-1:30 p.m.
Cultural Action Committee
Warden - 5:30-6:30 p.m.
InterVarsity Meeting
Faculty Club
8:00-9:00 p.m.

Baseball Team Starts Strong

■ Baseball team begins the season with an impressive showing against tough teams.

by Jon Ferreira

staff reporter

The first game provided instant drama as the two teams battled into extra innings. The game was scoreless for three and half innings until Ron Baptiste hit a 2-run home run to left that gave the Tars the lead. Saint Leo fought back and tied the game at two after six.

The Lions took a one run lead in the seventh inning with two doubles to right field. In the ninth, the Tars made a comeback. Dieguez drew a lead off walk, and then he stole second and was replaced with Chris Munoz. After Baptiste struck out, Mike Crane grounded out but moved Munoz to third.

Matt Gerber then sent a pinch-hit single through the left side to score Munoz and tie the game, forcing extra innings. In the bottom of the 10th, Halbert hit a leadoff double to right center and was brought home by Tito Alfonso's chopper up the middle, giving the Tars their first win of the season. Nick Mason came on in relief to record the win.

On Friday, the Tars played host to the St. Thomas Bobcats from

Miami. A four run sixth inning by St. Thomas proved to be too much for the Tars, who suffered their first loss of the season by a score of 6-1. The game started out as a classic pitcher duel with each pitcher surrendering just one hit through the first five innings. The Bobcats broke the tie in the sixth when a single to right field brought in the first run. St. Thomas then surged ahead with a base-clearing double to right, which made the score 4-0. The Tars came back in the bottom of the sixth when Tito Alfonso drew a walk and advanced around the diamond after another walk and a pair of passed balls, putting Rollins on the board. St. Thomas put the game away in the seventh with back-to-back doubles, which gave them two more runs and finalized the score at 6-1.

Rollins came back on Saturday and took both games of the doubleheader against St. Thomas. Rollins needed some last inning heroics in game one but cruised in game two to complete a doubleheader sweep over St. Thomas on Saturday. The Tars (3-1) took game one by a score of 4-3 before thumping the Bobcats (2-2) 9-2 in game two.

In game one, the Tars got on the board first when Chris Munoz was awarded home on a balk by the Bobcats' pitcher in the bottom of the first inning, 1-0. The Rollins one-run lead



UNITED AT HOME: The Rollins' baseball team celebrates after one of their successful victories this past weekend.

would hold until the fourth inning when a Tars' error allowed two runs to cross the plate. Rollins then tied the score at two in the bottom of the inning, after Ron Baptiste doubled down the left field line. He was then brought in with a Mike Crane single. St. Thomas came back in the top of the seventh and took a 3-2 lead with a sac fly. The Tars had to stage a last inning comeback to win. Jeff Halbert started the Tars off with a single to left. A pitch in the face then hit Juan Dieguez, after it ricocheted off his hands. Dennis Cavilla pinch ran for Dieguez, putting runners on first and second with no outs. The St. Thomas catcher seemed like he couldn't hold onto the ball when two passed balls allowed Halbert to score and moved Cavilla to third. A third wild pitch ended up in the backstop, which allowed Cavilla to score and give the Tars the win, 4-3. Nick

Manson came on in relief, allowing one hit and one run in one and third innings to pick up his second win of the season.

In game two, the Tars offense finally came alive, giving them an easy victory. Rollins went up 3-0 in the second inning behind one RBI each from Jeff Halbert and Toby Rice. The Tars then blew the game wide open with a six run fourth inning. Nick Manson singled home Matt Gerber to get the Tars going before Rollins scored two runs when Toby Rice and Luis Dieguez were each hit by pitches with the bases loaded.

Ron Baptiste put his big bat to work with a base clearing 3 RBI double to right center. The Bobcats would put up two runs in the sixth to give the game its final score of 9-2. Nick Manson led the Tars at the plate in the game, going three for three with an RBI and two runs scored.

Athlete of the Week

■ Eric Faber continues his solid and sturdy performance on the basketball court.

by Caitlin Geoghan

managing editor

Eric Faber, a Rollins College Junior, is in the spotlight this week. A returning basketball player from Orlando, FL, Faber is enthusiastic about the team this year. Faber commented that although the team has the same record now as they did around this time last season, they "are nowhere near peaking yet." The shooting Tars have a record of 18-4 as of now, and this weekend they face Tampa. Although the team lost the previous game against Tampa, Faber is confident that the team can beat them.

Last weekend, Faber played against his twin brother, Austin, who plays on St. Leo. So far, Rollins has beaten St. Leo every time they have met. This makes Eric, the older twin by two minutes, undefeated in the family. Faber admits, "He isn't too happy about that, but I try not to haze him too much." However, it must provide for some awkward Christmas dinner discussion.

As far as personal performance is concerned, Faber modestly shares that his performance has been steady. Nevertheless, as Rollins' point guard, Faber proudly states that, "I'm doing better this year; my numbers are up." It certainly seems so, as the Rollins Tars set their sites on winning the conference and hosting the regional tournament, as well as advancing



FABER IS FABULOUS: Eric Faber is taking a break from his busy schedule to pose for *The Sandspur*.

in the national tournament. Off the court, Faber is at Rollins as a politics major. His main focus is getting his degree; however, after graduation, Faber's goal is to play overseas on a European team. After this, he plans to stay in the community and make use of some of the con-

nections he has made through the basketball team as well as his involvement as a brother of ATO. Overall, Eric Faber is an excellent athlete, a motivated student, and a twin. Congratulations to Eric Faber, this week's athletic spotlight.