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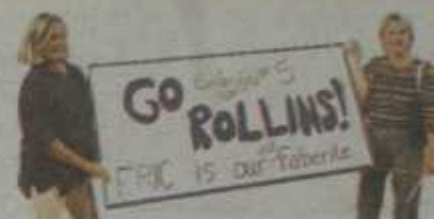
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Rollins Wins!



After Defeating Montevallo in Valdosta, GA

The Tars Will be Part of the Elite Eight in California

by Dean Hybl

advisor

The Rollins College men's basketball team (27-5) advanced to the NCAA Division II Elite Eight for the first time in school history with a 75-63 victory over Montevallo (23-10) in the final of the NCAA Division II South Regional.

Placide Muhizi scored 17 of his game-high 21 points in the first half as the Tars led 36-24 at intermission. Eric Faber added 18 and Chad Dircks 16. D.J. Towns had 20 for the Falcons of Montevallo.

Rollins scored the first



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CELEBRATING A JOB WELL DONE: The entire men's basketball team celebrates their 75-63 victory Tuesday night over Montevallo. The team will participate in the NCAA Division II Elite Eight next week for the first time in school history.

four points of the contest and never trailed. They took their first double digit lead of the game at 18-8 and led by as many as 17 (33-16) in the period. Muhizi converted eight of 10 field goals in the half as the Tars converted 51.7% from the field. Rollins finished the half with a 36-24 advantage.

Montevallo scored the first six points of the second half to trim the lead to 36-30 just less than two minutes into the half. Isaac Codrey responded with a three-point basket and Montevallo never got closer. Rollins increased the advantage to as many as 15 points (49-34) before Montevallo slowly cut away at the lead.

A 7-1 Montevallo run cut the lead to 62-55 with 3:04 remaining. However, Nate Rusbosin scored the next four points and the Tars pulled away for the victory.

The Tars hit only 41.7% from the field in the second half, but connected on five three point shots and 77.8% from the foul line. Montevallo hit 48.3%, but just three of 12 from behind the arc.

"We're elated," said Rollins coach Tom Klusman. "Faber, Dircks and Muhizi are the heart and soul of our team. They stepped up and made the baskets all season and tonight they were the difference."

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Terrorist Attacks Kill Nearly 200 In Madrid

■ More than 190 are confirmed dead and 1,200 injured in ten terrorist-linked

by Matt Schofield

syndicated writer

More than 190 people were killed and at least 1,200 others were injured when a series of terrorist bombs ripped through trains, during the Spanish capital's morning rush hour Thursday. It was the bloodiest such attack in Spain's history.

Government officials quickly blamed the bombings, three days before national elections, on the Basque separatist group

ETA, which has waged a bloody 40-year campaign for independence. A letter to an Arabic-language newspaper in London later claimed the attacks were carried out by the al-Qaida terrorist network, but provided no evidence.

The letter, which dubbed the explosions "Operation Death Trains," called the attacks "a way to settle old accounts with Spain, crusader and ally of America in its war against Islam."

The letter, delivered to the *Al Quds Al Arabi* newspaper, was signed by the Abu Hafs al Masri Brigades, the same group that claimed responsibility last year for the November bombings of two synagogues in Turkey

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PICKING UP THE PIECES: A forensic policewoman examines the remains of a carriage of a local train where a bomb exploded on March 11. The train, full of students and people going to work, was finishing its journey from Guadalajara when the bombs exploded.

Tragedy In Madrid Elite Eight

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and the August bombing of a Marriott hotel in Indonesia. The group, which is linked to al-Qaida, has falsely claimed responsibility for other attacks, however, and some intelligence officials think it exists in name only.

Late Thursday, Spanish police reported finding a van with seven detonators, an Arabic tape and Quranic writing, and were investigating whether it was linked to the attacks.

"This pain will never leave Madrid," Mayor Alberto Ruiz Gallardon said.

The bombs were carried onto the trains in satchels and were believed to have been made from dynamite and explosives stolen from France three years ago.

Police said 10 bombs rocked the trains. Another three were detected and safely detonated by police.

The explosions struck the trains within minutes of one another, just as commuters — workers and students — were preparing to pile off the trains along the southern side of the city. Hardest hit was Atocha, the city's main station.

Witnesses described scenes of confusion and carnage with severed arms and legs strewn across blood-drenched platforms and bombed-out rail cars. Several trains were torn apart by multiple blasts.

The number of dead and

wounded was overwhelming. Doctors and emergency workers performed rail-side surgery; city buses were pressed into service as ambulances, and makeshift morgues were set up.

Police blocked access to the stations, but even from a distance, scores of bodies and bleeding victims could be seen on the graveled ground.

Police urged residents not to drive, in hopes of saving lives by speeding ambulances to hospitals.

The confusion spread far beyond the stations. Throughout Madrid, people sat on sidewalks, weeping. Strangers hugged one another at intersections. Many business owners spent the day not knowing whether missing workers had been caught by the blasts.

At one of the hospitals, a nurse captured the horror of the day, noting, "The cell phones of the dead keep ringing."

King Juan Carlos and Queen Sophia visited hospital after hospital. "Whoever did this are vile, cowardly murderers," the king said in an address to the nation.

ETA remained the principal suspect throughout the day, but even officials who fingered the group, which has planted more than 800 explosives in its efforts to end Spanish rule over four mountainous provinces near the border with France,

acknowledged that the bombings bore little resemblance to previous ETA attacks.

ETA usually provides a warning before an attack, aims at government targets, and kills far fewer people. The group's most violent year to date claimed 118 deaths, and its biggest bombing killed 21.

ETA is also known for claiming responsibility for its violence, but Arnaldo Ptegi, the leader of Batasuna, ETA's banned political arm, issued a statement decrying the attacks and other ETA supporters said the attacks carried the fingerprints of the "Arabic resistance."

Spanish officials had noted stepped-up activity recently by what they believed were ETA operatives. On Christmas Eve, two men thought to be ETA members were arrested trying to get on trains in Madrid with suitcases full of dynamite.

Intelligence officials in Washington noted that the explosives used in Thursday's bombings appear to be a match for those found Feb. 29 in a van that was seized in Spain's Cuenca province. The van was carrying 1,182 pounds of explosives, including 66 pounds of dynamite and more than 1,100 pounds of chloratite, a commercial explosive.

The van, and a car traveling with it, were headed from France toward Madrid, and both drivers were suspected ETA members.

Spain's interior minister was quoted on the Web site of the newspaper, *El Pais*, as saying officials also are investigating the possibility of al-Qaida's involvement.

The letter to Al Quds, the London paper, made pointed reference to Spanish Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar, who is retiring from public life after Sunday's balloting. *El Pais* reported: "Aznar, where is America now? Who will protect you from us: the United Kingdom, Japan, Italy?"

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Faber was named the tournament Most Valuable Player while Dircks and Muhizi were both named to the all-tournament team.

The victory established a new school record for victories in a season at 27, breaking the mark of 26 set a year ago when the Tars reached the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

"This team surpassed all our expectations," said Klusman, who is in his 24th season as head coach of the Tars. "This is for all the players that have played for Rollins and for all of the fans."

Rollins will advance to the Division II Elite Eight, which will be held in Bakersfield, California from March 24-27.



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Spain Pulls Out of Iraq

The presumed next Spanish Prime Minister, Jose Luis Zapatero, said in his first news conference after Sunday's elections that Spain would drop out of the U.S.-led coalition in Iraq by June 30 in what would be a blow to the Bush administration's foreign policy.

He echoed a promise he made repeatedly during a campaign that ended Sunday with a stunning victory, following a series of bombings Thursday in Madrid that awakened memories of his country's 90 percent opposition to the war in Iraq.

But the Socialist leader also left plenty of room to re-examine that position before making any final decision.

"The 30th of June is our limit, if there is no United Nations' mandate," he said Monday, implying that Spanish troops might remain in Iraq with the support of a U.N. Security Council resolution. Later, he added, "June 30th is the limit our troops have at the moment to be in Iraq. I'll study that more after I'm officially in office."

He also said that there's a need for Spain to "return to Europe" and build better relationships with traditional allies, and he referred to the United States as a vital ally, "the grandfather of democracy."

When asked if his opposition party, which had been trailing in the polls throughout the election, owed its victory to the terrorist attack, he said, "Do not underestimate the intelligence of our voters."

His fans urged observers not to underestimate their new leader.

Sergio Garcia Maroto, a 21-year-old first-time voter, was typical of those who propelled Zapatero to victory. He said that while he disapproved of the war, he could understand Zapatero's position.

"It is a good idea not to rush to make a decision now that he is in office," he said, adding that many of his friends agree. "It is a good idea, now, to take a moment and think about what is right to do."

BY MATT SCHOFIELD

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Eastern Influences on Western Culture

ACUPUNCTURE

Chinese doctors have been using this multipurpose practice for about 5,000 years now to treat illnesses, prevent illnesses, and even to ease pain.

The practice involves piercing specific anatomical points, known as "acupoints" with long, sharp needles. According to Holistic Online.com, acupuncture "is used to regulate or correct the flow of qi to restore health."

Qi, also known as Chi, is energy, or a vital substance, and Chinese believe that every living thing possesses Chi.

So, for those who wish to achieve an overall sense of good health through acupuncture (hey, the needles sure beat electroshock therapy, I think), then there are several places in Winter Park to try. These include two on Fairbanks Avenue: Fairbanks Acupuncture Clinic and Morning Bell Acupuncture Clinic.

KARMA

Karma, a Sanskrit word, is an impersonal, universal, natural law of cause and effect. It is, generally, a philosophy accepted by eastern Buddhists.

Westerners, on the other hand, have expanded this definition to include a fatalist component, and makes theosophists, such as James Van Praagh believe that we may as well dismantle our legal and moral systems. This, according to Buddhist perspective, is incorrect.

One can also find evidence for Karma being a universal truth in the Bible, under the idea of "you reap what you sow."

To find out more information about the ideology of karma, one can look up on-line. Specifically, for a more lighthearted depiction, there is a Sundance cartoon, Karma Ghost, available online at:

<http://billyblob.com/cartoons/karma-ghost/index.html>

As we enter the last stretch of the semester, many students are beginning to feel the pressure of final papers and projects, and this excessive amount of demands can have a very negative impact on one's health, as it makes one feel tired, unhappy, and unable to cope. However, students should not rush off to their psychiatrists for anxiety pills to help manage their stress levels (unless of course these are necessary, so please do not take medical advice from me, I'm only a student), as is so common in western culture. Instead, there are several eastern practices that can be adapted to help to people become calmer and more focused, which, in turn, will allow one to deal with the pressures of college life. These include meditation, acupuncture, and aromatherapy.

How to Meditate

■ The western adaptation of meditation is much simpler than one might imagine.

Meditation is not about trying to manipulate one's thoughts in order to achieve happiness; rather it is a means to discovering a different level of consciousness. In this level, one can find the happiness and peace that lies within each person, everyone's own personal "Kingdom of Heaven" (Luke 17:21).

While many Eastern religions, such as Buddhism, believe that meditation is the key to enlightenment, or a deeper, more spiritual connection with the universe, the western adaptation promotes meditation as a key to self-discovery and serenity. In short, by using the eastern practice of meditation, a person should have a greater sense of mental clarity, lower stress, a stronger sense of self-fulfillment, and an overall better understanding of who he or she is.

In order to achieve this enhanced state of mind, a person must open his or her mind to accepting a completely different way of perceiving the world that is found in meditation.

According to J. Donald Walters, one of the world's foremost authorities on meditation, yoga, and spiritual practice, meditation "brings balance into our lives, providing an oasis of profound rest and renewal. Doctors are even prescribing it for a variety of stress-related diseases."

Now, before you rush off to the nearest yoga camp, note that there are

numerous methods of going about the practice of meditating. For many, the word "meditate" usually conjures up a visual of old, hungry, bearded men in caves or monasteries, the western adaptation of the practice is much easier. So, for those students who have no wish to shave their heads and join a strict monastery, there are easy ways to incorporate this relaxing practice into anyone's everyday life, all you need is about 10-15 minutes and a quiet space. Do this, and you are already on your way to becoming more focused in school and more positive about life, and your well-being, in general.

To begin with, try to choose a regular time that you can keep everyday, the best would usually be in the morning or just before you go to bed. Also, make sure that you have had a small snack before you start, because there is nothing more distracting in meditation than a grumbling stomach.

Next, find an uncluttered, empty room and make it as comfortable as you please because this is your happy place. This means no phone, no television, no glaring computer screen, etc.. However, you can bring in

flowers, pictures of friends and family, candles (not in the dorms! There has been enough fire alarms this semester.), pillows, and even some soothing music (soothing meaning nature sounds, not rap, or rock, or anything else with angry words).

Now, before you continue, note that since there are so many ways to meditate

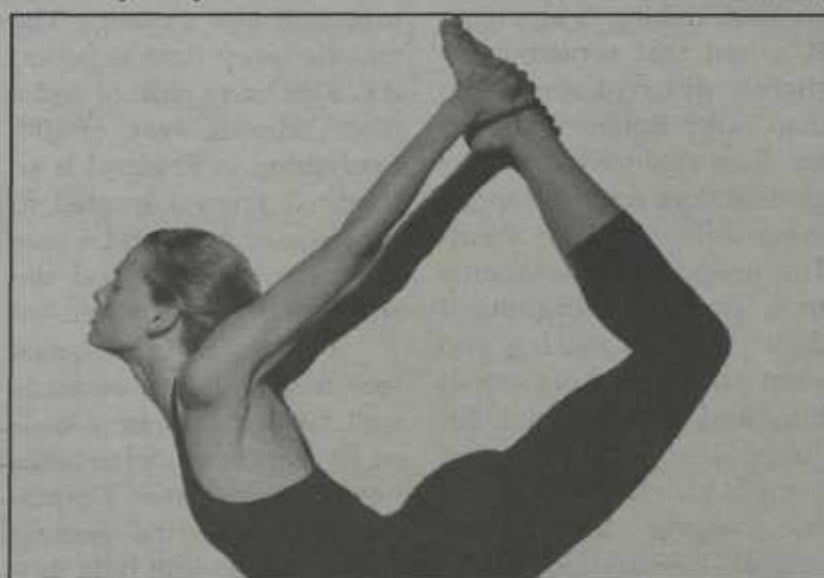


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and the key word is "practice," there is no right or wrong way to meditate; this is your personal time for self-care and attention.

Okay, now that your room is all set up, it's time to sit. To begin, sit on a cushion, "Indian style," on the floor. Make sure you have good posture and your back is straight with your hands lightly resting on your knees or cupped (one hand on top of the other facing upwards) in front of you, which it is that you find more comfort-

YOGA

Yoga is initially a Hindu practice, which comes from the Hindu Vedas. It is a method of creating a balance between mind and body, through accessing one's internal harmony of mind, body, and spirit.

Michael Lerner, author of "Choices in Healings," says that yoga is "best known as a set of physical practices that include gentle stretches, breathing practices, and progressive deep relaxation. These physical practices are intended to ready the body and mind for meditation as well as for a meditative perspective on life."

Westerners have adapted this spiritual practice to serve the purpose of a form of physical therapy, or exercise. Rollins College offers a class in yoga, or there are several places available in Winter Park including Full Circle Yoga and the Yoga Institute.

able. It is important that you feel relaxed, and not tense.

Once you are in this position, close your eyes, and you will notice that all of your other senses are heightened at this point. Following this, it is time to focus on your breathing. This is a key element in meditation, as constantly focusing on how you breathe, the patterns of inhalation and exhalation,

will allow you to remain in the present. If your mind wanders, then you are not fully concentrating on breathing. Just makes sure that your thoughts do not become anxious, as this will only impede your journey.

While this is only a preliminary form of meditation, it is possible to achieve feelings of contentment and mental clarity. There are also many meditation tapes available that will allow you to continue, and enhance, this practice.

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Positive Thinking Versus Mental Despair

■ The first step in changing our attitudes is to change our inner conversations.

by **Jessica Combs**
assistant features editor

Have you ever had one of those friends who are constantly cynical, negative, and pessimistic? Or maybe you are one of those friends. Has anyone ever told you that faith in yourself can make good things happen to you? Well if not, you just heard it. It's true.

People have many different ways of viewing life and the world around them. "My glass is full, but it tastes like s**t." This quote, taken from the song of a young rising songwriter, can explain the feelings of many growing adolescents.

The trend of positive thinking isn't a new one. It's been around for years and

years, taking many different forms. Nowadays, you'll see it in the form of CD's, which offer hours of positive affirmations, classes/conferences led by public speakers, who have claimed that positive thinking has changed their life, and even the good ol' self-help book; Borders has a whole wall dedicated to the section.

There are hundreds of books out there that sell themselves on the power of improving the person, from the inside out, but there tend to be a few that really stand out. This is the case for best-seller *The Power of Positive Thinking* by Norman Vincent Peale. The book, once named the greatest inspirational bestseller of our time, has ultimately helped millions of people achieve happiness and success. Peale's book begins with two exciting declarations, "Believe in yourself!" and "Have faith in your abilities!"

All of our thoughts,

beliefs, and knowledge are based on our inner feelings. These can be both conscious and subconscious. We are in total control of how we feel and the way we act, whether we choose to exhibit the control or not. As humans, we

from the criticism and advice of parents, friends, society and self. This feedback forms our sense of self and the way we perceive the world. The attitudes that you hold are sustained by the thoughts we continuous-

successful, confident, secure, and according to recent studies, it can even elongate your life. A positive attitude can add more years to your life than would regular exercise or not smoking.

There are many approaches a person can take to start his or her journey on the road of changing life through positive thinking, but most find the easiest way is to just believe in yourself. The power of belief is supreme and can take you anywhere you choose. People always say that the mind is a powerful thing, but one really doesn't realize it until they tap into the power of positive thinking. Taking that small step will lead you to the road of success and achievement and nothing can give you more satisfaction than that. That said, nothing stands as a bigger obstacle than making the most of yourself.



can be positive or negative, enthusiastic or boring, active or passive, visualizing the glass as half empty or half full. The biggest distinction between people is not their intelligence; it's their attitude. Our present attitudes are habits, which are built

ly and regularly have. The first step one must take is to change the inner conversations.

Not only can positive thinking make you someone who people will want to be around, it can change your life. It can make you more

Student Spotlight: James Taylor

■ Get to know one of your fellow Tars from across the pond.

by **Heather Williams**
staff reporter

At first glance he looks like any other normal Rollins student. Talking to him there is a hint that something is slightly different about him than other Rollins students, but then again what Rollins student does not have something different about them? This unspecified characteristic is what is so intriguing. It draws you in, making you want to learn more about him and talk to him for hours. James Taylor (yes that really is his real name) is not one among the crowd. Instead, he stands out from the crowd.

Hailing from Croydon, a town in South London, England, James is currently in his first year here at Rollins. His bright smile and kind words are captivating and make you feel a certain warmth when you are around him. James is only 19 years old and made the decision to come to school in America in hopes of building a stronger and better future for himself. One can tell just from being around him the sense of confidence and bravery that he holds within himself. As if coming

to college was not already such a life-changing experience for all of us, James moved to an entirely different country and way of life. These two aspects, however, are precisely what brought James to Rollins. When asking James why he chose to attend Rollins he replied, "I really wanted to come over to America for a change. The athletic setup here is better; it is a different culture and a more relaxing way of life. Everything in England is so frantic. I knew I wanted to play soccer here and I was drawn to the sun and the small school atmosphere."

Academically, James feels that life here is easier as well. Growing up, he attended 13 years of school in addition to kindergarten. Despite this being his first year at Rollins, James will hold junior status due to his rigorous school schedule back home. James is an economics major

"Everything in England is so frantic. I knew I wanted to play soccer here and I was drawn to the sun..."

James Taylor
Rollins Student-Athlete

who is also enrolled in the MBA 3/2 program. James said that this program was also a factor that drew him to



NEW MAN ON CAMPUS: James Taylor, '06, shares some of his experiences and insights about his new life here at Rollins.

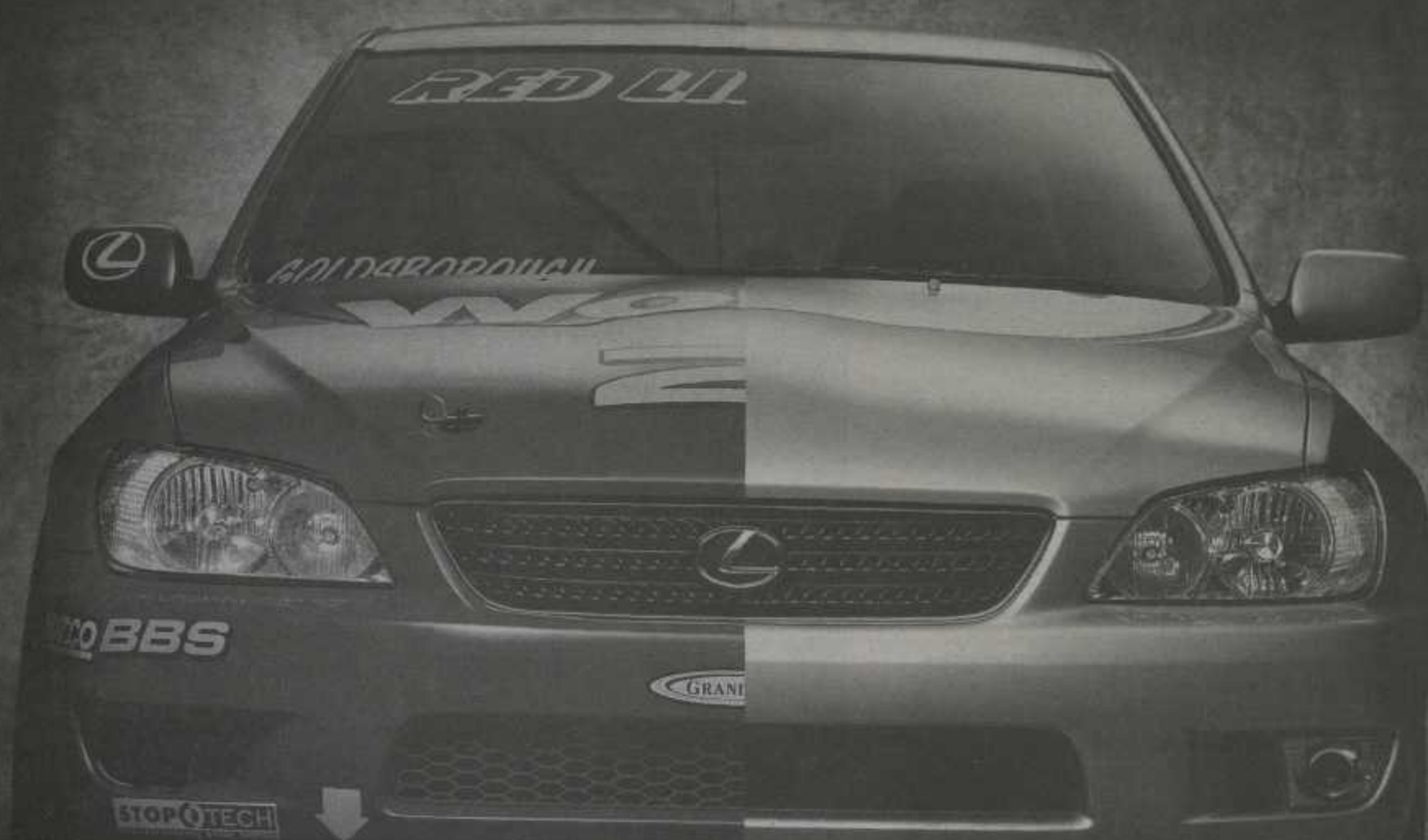
Rollins because when he graduates from Rollins he plans on staying in America, working and starting his life here. In England he would have to finish his undergraduate work, get a job for a few years, and then return to attain a higher degree. Here at Rollins he holds more optimism upon his graduation at starting out with a higher salary in attribution to the success of the American economy as a whole.

James contributes to life at Rollins as a defensive

player on the Rollins Soccer Team. Soccer is like second-nature to him because he has been playing it since he was five years old. Being part of the team was a large factor that drew him to Rollins as well. James loves Rollins because of its beautiful campus, the cleanliness of our surroundings, and feels that the people here have been very kind to him and really get to know each other. His lifestyle here is much more productive than at home would have been, where school comes second to

drinking and partying. A very driven and motivated individual, James is not only the first person in his family to attend a university, but he is the first person in his family to live in America. James says that one improvement Rollins could make as a community would be to hold athletic charity events, something that he looks toward working on and bringing to Rollins in the future. James Taylor is an outstanding person that is a great asset to the Rollins community.

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Yep, it's that time again... Student Government President and Vice President Elections are here! We have some competitive candidates, so take a look at these five talented individuals, and try your best to figure out who you think will be the best leaders for SGA and the student body next year.

Elections begin next week, and it's really easy. When you log onto Pipeline from Monday through Wednesday, you should see a link that will take you to the voting page. It will ask for your R-Card number and your Social Security Number to validate that it's you - the information will be safe. Once you log in, you will have the opportunity to vote for the candidates you prefer.

Definitely vote and encourage your friends to vote, too! Good luck choosing - as you can see, it'll be a tough decision!

Sarah Ledbetter
2003-2004 SGA President

WORD ON THE STREET

by Jessica Combs and Jessica Estes

editorial staff

Our word on the street team set out on the Rollins campus to find out where some of the favorite off campus spots are.



"The Enzian because they show movies you can't see anywhere else."

Danielle Teran, '07

"The Social."

Kali Herf, '07



"Spatz. It's a nice gathering of people in a close location."

David Parker, '07

"Park Avenue CDs because they are totally underground."

Ike Stoneberg, '07



DAN EHREISER PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

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What qualifications do you possess that qualify you for this position?

My qualifications include being a real person with real answers, I know the system and the system needs change, I believe I possess the personality to facilitate and create change. I am personable, outspoken, open minded, committed, and conscious of social issues. SGA needs to be composed of students representing students not politicians representing students. I want to take the politics out of SGA and substitute it with the voice and interests of the students. My past experiences include serving on the SGA Executive Board as Community Service Chair; RHA Executive Board as Treasurer; Cornell Scholar, a community service scholarship; Peer Mentor. In order to have a productive and effective administration I believe that a president should have a short flexible agenda that can conform to situations as the year unfolds.

If elected to this position, what are your plans for next year?

My top three issues of importance are creating a direct and reliable line of communication with our incoming president, restructuring the student governance system, and increase cooperation and communication between students and faculty and administration.



MATT MULLING PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

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What qualifications do you possess that qualify you for this position?

I am currently the College Governance Chair within the Executive Board of SGA. Last year, I was a Senator representing Rex Beach Hall. I have served on the Community Hearing Council as a sophomore. I also have experience on many committees, as a work-study in the Office of Student Involvement, as well as on the Program Allocation Committee (PAC).

If elected to this position, what are your plans for next year?

My number one priority for next year is to effectively communicate the positions and views of the students to the incoming President of Rollins College. The current candidate is much more academically focused than his possible predecessor, and I feel that my experience on the AAC and on SGA's Executive Committee will help me achieve this goal. My second priority is to ensure the effective transition into the SGA's New Deal Plan. I plan to add more focus to the judicial area, trying to increase student input and influence on the CHC. Third, I plan to help ease the transition for the college into the proposed Honor Code, which may be implemented next year. Fourth, I will try to effectively represent the views of all of the student body, taking into account the views of the entire student body before making major decisions affecting them. Their problems will become my problems, and I will do my best to solve any problems that exist for the student body.



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What qualifications do you possess that qualify you for this position?
My experience what works and what does not lead to presidency. I have been a member of the Association since my freshman year. I was an Elizabeth senator and was soon appointed as a senator. My responsibility in this position was to ensure that once legislation was passed it became law and what it really takes to make change. I have dedicated myself to understanding the process and how to implement change.

I have worked with many diverse student organizations. Recently in my second year as President of our organization for Humanity. This organization has provided leadership and vision. More specifically, I understand the value of dedication and service. I have worked with campus organizations, the Winter Park Center, which I advise, and Fox Drive, which is an organization that works to prevent drinking and drug use. I have learned a lot from these organizations especially, I have learned the value of compromise.

My most exposed me to the issues prevalent to campus. I have been serving as Council of Leaders and as a chair. This amazing opportunity has enabled me to lead and to empower the presidents of campus. Over the course of the year, I have worked to make sure that the needs of its organizations are met. I have worked on the SAFAC handbook, restructuring the SAFAC committee, and giving organizations the ability to select their representatives. Through lobbying and reallocating funds, Community Initiative has been put into place to ensure that community building is adequately funded. My experience with this has been one of the most educating and rewarding.

My success and growth as a leader to my family and friends. The relationships I have developed in college are quite powerful and supportive I have ever known. I have made an impact on the person that I am and the person that I value above all else.

What are your plans for next year?
I want to be a tumultuous one as the college welcomes a new class of experienced, diverse, and active leadership. I want to have a more united student body. If elected, I want to have a team approach to developing the student body. With a newly structured SGA, it is my goal to establish an effective, efficient, and strong governing board. The president needs to understand every group involved with the governing body and more. If you give me the chance, I want to help make Rollins a better community. I plan to target three major areas:

1. A strong SGA that works to incorporate the needs of this campus. In the past, students' concerns have not been fully considered. For example, for the past year, requested ice machines and quarter machines have not been received. As a SGA representative had not received empowerment, these requests a reality. Under my administration, I will ensure that students are being actively listened to.

2. To simplify the budgeting system for SAFAC and make SGA money more accessible to more people; I want for important causes to become well represented. To reach this goal, I will solicit alumni and student organizations receive more funding to ensure that they will also reallocate funding to increase the effectiveness of their grants.

3. That a constitution is put into being which will protect and ensure a strong student voice for the campus. The technicalities involved with setting up this constitution is extensive, but I am confident I have gained the experience on campus to make it a reality. I want to ensure that student government is exactly what the students need for the students.



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What qualifications do you possess that qualify you for this position?

The primary role of the vice-president is presiding as president of the senate; consequently, my most significant qualification is that I have spent the past year as an active part of the senate. As an SGA senator I have gained a keen awareness of both prominent student issues on campus, and procedural and legislative familiarity necessary to take my involvement with the senate to the next level. Through my involvement and experience on campus over the past two years with Impact, SGA, TJ's, Campus Outreach, Kappa Delta, Council of Leaders, the alumni association, intramurals, the honors program, and being an R.A., I have gotten to reach out in multiple ways to get to know the passions and interests of many students. I have also had the opportunity to work with many professional branches on campus that a student body vice-president should have a solid working relationship with, such as the college president, the office of student involvement and leadership, residential life, campus safety, judicial affairs, facilities, food services, academic affairs committee, Greek life, office of multicultural affairs, office of community engagement, the admissions office, and the City of Winter Park. I embody strong ethical leadership; I'm driven by compassion for my fellow students and am committed to engaging others. I am eager to represent and empower the student body through the Senate!

If elected to this position, what are your plans for next year?

As a prospective vice president I have strategic plans of action regarding the Senate and SGA as a whole. Next year SGA is proposing a bicameral legislative body, therefore splitting representative responsibility among two houses that can each put more concentration into their respective boards. Essentially, this will be a brand new Senate with fresh responsibilities and endless opportunities. Previous exposure is crucial; as the head of the senate, I can evaluate past performance in order to ensure full future potential. Under Son Ho, this year's senate devised some great points of priority which I would like to cultivate and expand on. First and foremost it is imperative that each senator be provided with resources and incentive to develop a knowledgeable and familiar relationship with one another, their constituents, and with the vice president. Each senator will be held accountable for subcommittees, weekly one on one sessions during office hours, and brief constituent reports at each meeting. The power lies within the senate to empower the student body towards active citizenship. Through a powerful and successful 2004/2005 senate, I plan to take steps necessary to implement the senate seats as paid positions. As vice-president, I also plan to play an active and supportive role in my partnership with the president, the student governance board, and the representative student body. I want to point out that the president/vice president relationship is an important one, and I have selected Pierce Neinken as a running mate accordingly. Pierce and my styles of leadership, strengths, and weaknesses truly complement each other and we would ideally like the chance to serve you as an effective team.



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What qualifications do you possess that qualify you for this position?

I spent three years as a high school senator (Class President Sophomore and Junior years). I've always been a political junky. I'm a strong voice for the little guy (always willing to stir up a debate). Since I've been here, I've been an active member of Rollins Democrats and Eco-Rollins. I would describe myself as charismatic, motivated, and insightful. Just wait 'till campaign week.

If elected to this position, what are your plans for next year?

My goal is to convince the populous that the Student Government is a legitimate entity that acts out of the interests of the student population. I plan to redistribute power more evenly among interest groups and limit the impact of the self-interested individual by structurally reorganizing the Senate.

The Lorax Made Me an Environmentalist

■ Dr. Seuss teaches us life lessons that extend beyond our childhood.

by **David Grasso**

staff reporter

As a young boy, one of my favorite books to read was the Lorax by Dr. Seuss. "On the street of the lifted Lorax, where the Grickle grass grows", Dr. Seuss tells the epic tale of greed, unsustainable practices, and the subsequent environmental destruction. Picking up the book as a young adult, I've discovered that the Dr. Seuss' fable is an allegory of the ramifications of modern day capitalism.

This children's story begins in an idyllic setting, where there are Truffula Trees, Swomee-Swans, Brown Bar-ba-loots, and Humming-Fishes as far as the eye can see, against a backdrop of pristine waters and green grasses. It is here where the Once-ler pulls in his horse-drawn wagon. He immediately sees the value of the trees, as a raw material, and foresees the birth of an industry of Thneeds (which could be used for pretty much anything).

The Lorax immediately comes and proclaims, "I am the Lorax, I speak for the trees—You're crazy, crazy with greed." The Once-ler continues and grows his industry at an exponential rate, harvesting the trees

merciless rate. He builds suburbia over the previously forested land, and builds what strongly resembles the typical tacky American strip of business.

Eventually the rivers become polluted, the smog clouds the sky, and the Bar-ba-loots, Swomee-swans, and Humming Fishes are sent off. The Lorax sternly warns the Once-ler "They say I'm old fashioned and that I live the past, but sometimes I think progress moves too fast."

The Once-ler feels a little remorse about the departure of the animals, but continues to cut down the trees, thinking: "If I didn't do it, somebody else would." Knowing that his business could not be sustained, he went ahead anyway and continued to expand.

When the Lorax persistently asks the Once-ler to halt his activities, the Once-ler replies "What should I do? Shut down the factory? Put people out of the job? Is that good economics?"

In today's world we have many Once-lers and many Loraxes reverberating what the Lorax told the Once-ler in this children's story. We know that many of the activities that are going on today are grossly unsustainable.

Tuning into the media, I hear the gospel of putting the economy first, yet we forget what really matters in the large scheme of things. As the Lorax suggests, the environment is the foundation for the economy—no

environment, no economy.

Toward the end of the story, the fate of the Once-ler materializes as the one-millionth Thneed comes off the assembly line and the sound of the last Truffula tree coming down is heard. After that, the Once-ler proclaims "No trees, no Thneeds, no more work."

Today, we humanity finds itself making decisions quite like the Once-ler did. We are making all the wrong choices, and we are beginning to see the devastating results.

In an attempt to be a modern day Lorax, I have many qualms with our present system that resemble the fate of the Once-ler in the Lorax. Our country is dangerously addicted to oil, and new evidence recently released undeniably shows evidence that the human-induced warming is becoming irreversible, due burning of fossil fuels.

I've already seen the Earth equivalent of the Truffula Trees, Swomee-Swans, Brown Bar-ba-loots, and Humming-Fishes disappearing all over the planet. We've seen stratospheric ozone depletion due to our use of Chlorofluorocarbons and the Tropics largely forested. Throughout my life in Florida I've seen wetlands drained, mangroves estuaries filled in, in exchange for mindless, ubiquitous suburbia.

Caring about the future of the planet—which may I remind everyone out there,



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whether you are a male, female, black, white, Hispanic, conservative, liberal, or moderate, is essential to the salvation of the place we call home.

I am not a Hippie in a burlap potato sack calling for everyone to return to a life in which we hunt and gather in the forest—I am calling for the world to realize the implications of our present lifestyle, and that is the same way the Once-ler's experience came to an abrupt end, so will ours. Once-ler's experience with the Lorax is a microcosm for fate of human societies.

In light on the ferocious interplay between the conservatives and the liberals on the cusp of a new election, I have a declaration—I am neither.

I believe in a society that makes the right decisions, and the most important decisions don't involve petty social issues that seem to be driving the upcoming election—the most important decisions involve the sustaining of our economic livelihoods. All I can say is that the present administration isn't making the prudent decisions necessary to ensure a bright future, and that alone is going to swing my vote.

In the same way you budget your money monthly, we need to budget

our resource use. What we are doing now is like getting 100 dollars a month and blowing 99 dollars on a party the first weekend of that month.

Unless.

The above is the powerful last words left by the lifted Lorax, who lifts himself into the sky into a hole through the smog after the destruction of the place he formerly called home.

In the story's conclusion, the Once-ler gives a young boy the last seed of a Truffula tree and tells him: "Unless someone cares a whole lot, things aren't going to get better, no they're not."

It is up to us, the next generation to care. We have an advantage, because the last tree has not come down. There is time to reverse global warming, stop deforestation, and conserve our resources. If our generation continues to be apathetic about environmental sustainability, you can kiss the future goodbye.

The most powerful way to make a difference is not throwing that water bottle in the recycling bin (which is a good idea anyway), but with your vote. It is imperative that you examine the presidential candidates stance on the environment before you vote for them.

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South Beach, Miami...Hmm...

■ Miami stakes its claim on a boardwalk gone terribly wrong.

by **Jesse Thompson**
opinions editor

Our forefathers begat capitalism; capitalism begat consumerism; consumerism begat mainstream materialism and thus begat present-day pop culture. Immediately after removing its enema, pop culture gave way to South Beach. For those readers who are not familiar with South Beach, it is a collection of restaurants, bars, and nightclubs on the shore of Miami, Florida. It is somewhat of a boardwalk turned city. The idea seems great: after all the fun in the sun, just make your way across the street and party the night away. However,

the experience turns out to be quite different: if the beach's sun doesn't scorch your retinas, then the neon glare off any given set of rims spinning down the street will.

I assume South Beach began with decent intentions as most entertainment attractions do—excluding those discomforting roadside strip clubs. However, somewhere along the way, things must have gone terribly wrong.

First of all, it is widely understood that everyone enjoys a party or social mingling from time to time. But when I strolled out of the parking garage in central South Beach, I found myself overwhelmed by an onslaught of tacky attention getters and gimmicks. The mindless tackiness was everywhere I turned. The majority of the garb was overwhelmingly generic and

looked to be diligent, pathetic rip-offs of any given TRL hosts' wardrobe.

The main strip of South beach was engulfed with nightclubs. I desperately looked to seek sanctuary from madness of the materialistic onslaught. I thought I had found my refuge when I stumbled across an aesthetically appealing Irish pub. The outside fit the part; however, once I entered, I found myself in no better of a place. The bar seemed to be serving as an overflow reservoir for those individuals who got turned down from the trendy nightclubs around the corner. Authenticity certainly was not important to this bar and nor any part of South Beach. In accordance with this theme, the pub had a dance music DJ stationed under a strobe light. He was facing his adoring intoxicated fans that happened to be bumping and grinding the

night away in the middle of my sanctuary.

As I strolled down a few city blocks, I passed a particular club that had posted its nightly music and important guests on giant glowing signs outside of the club. The line of people snaked around the sidewalk for over forty yards. The sign above the club perfectly explained all the excitement for me. Paris Hilton was in attendance this evening. Well, if that doesn't deserve legions of camera toting, attention-starved peons, then what else does? It seems fitting for an individual such as Ms. Hilton to represent a figure of such sublime fame these days. I mean whom better to embody this sub-culture's lack of depth than a trust-fund baby who spends the majority of her days unloading cash on makeup, designer clothes, and cocktails. It is quite uplifting, no?

Presidential Ad War Begins

■ The political ad war illustrates the country's division.

by **John Ferreira**
staff reporter

Both George W. Bush and John Kerry have already unveiled negative attack ads, inaugurating the longest presidential campaign in modern political history. It is only March, and the airwaves are already full of political ads; both sides have daily press conferences with cronies attacking each other. Some believe, as I do, that the President made a mistake by attacking Kerry head on so early. He loses his "pedestal" and doesn't seem to be very presidential. That point aside, the timing of the negative ads demonstrates how divided the political world is in America. This election is really in essence campaign 2000 Part II. Democrats are still angry about what happened in the last election when we were saved from a President Gore by only a few hundred votes. Yet the interesting thing is that Republicans are also angry; they are angry at how Democrats are trying to stall the War on Terrorism.

There are many reasons why the 2000 election was so close, and one of them was

the lack of divisive issues. In 2000, America could not imagine threats to peace. America was living it large, despite the fact that a recession loomed ahead. The country was doing great, and the election seemed more of a distraction than an important cornerstone of democracy. Another reason why the election was so close was because the candidates themselves were so similar. There was nothing new to polarize the electorate. Bush was following the Republican line, and Gore was following the Democratic line. Also of importance, both were running as centrists. They were courting the vote of independents, so in the end, the differences was really one of personal preference.

2004 offers a very different political landscape. One of the beauties of this election is that people will have to make a real choice. Kerry is a liberal, and Bush is a conservative. I believe this comes as no surprise since the one is running for a liberal party, and the other is running as a conservative. They have differing views on what to do with the country, and they have very different visions about the role of America in the world. September 11th had a polarizing factor. Politics became

interesting and important again. While in 2000 there were no significant debates, this year there are many. The 2004 election will have a significant historical impact, even if people don't notice it now. Will America continue the fight against terrorism as it has, or will it shift its focus? Will lower taxes continue at the expense of an astronomical deficit? These are important questions that will affect us in the years to come. I believe that this election will be a referendum on the ideas put forth by the Bush doctrine of preemptive strikes against the enemies of the United States, which is a significant historical departure.

Both parties have moved to the wings. The Republicans have moved right, and the Democrats have moved left. This explains why 60 percent of independents are still undecided. Since September 11th, the bi-partisan spirit that ruled Washington has died, and neither party is willing to compromise. This is a vivid representation of how divided the nation is. More and more people are following party lines and embracing one side, and then not budging. Liberals are less intolerant of conservatives, just as conservatives have become less tolerant of liber-

al point of views.

The Ads demonstrate this clearly. Instead of waiting for the campaign to really heat up in the convention and unleash an attack on Kerry, Bush chose to attack early. Why, because the party establishment wants to attack Kerry, because they can't stand the monopoly of airtime that Kerry has been getting. Kerry then went out to call Republicans "crooked" and "lying". Why? Because most true liberals believe that Bush stole the election in 2000 and is dishonest. On a side note, a word of advice to Kerry, who refused to apologize for that comment: being tough is good, but nobody likes an arrogant man. The Bush ads attempt to focus the debate on the issues they know they can win, defense and taxes. The Bush ad says, "John Kerry: wrong on taxes, wrong on defense". Kerry then countered with his own attack ad, saying that the president was misleading the nation.

And so the madness of March continues. The heat of spring can already be felt. The nation is deeply divided, and neither side likes each other. This will be an interesting race to watch.

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March Madness Is Upon Us

■ The WWII brackets are out! Send us your predictions and see what happens.

by **Eddie Huang**

humor editor

Sunday March 14, 2004, the WCAA selection committee released its World War III seedings in preparation for upcoming events. While no one knows when WWII will take place, the 193 countries that inhabit Earth figured it would be smart to plan ahead. From the field of 193, 16 were selected to take place in WWII based on GNP, GDP, win/loss percentage, RPI and level of aggression. The winner on selection Sunday was once again the Big 19 Conference (a.k.a. NATO), which had 6 countries invited to the dance. Other conferences with multiple invites were the Axis of Evil and the Old Cold War Constituents. While these conferences celebrated their victories, several countries expressed their unhappiness with the committee's selections.

One of the most notable snubs was Austria, which played an integral role in the last two wars and is credited with initiating the original "War to end all wars." Thomas Klestil, the Austrian President, had this to say about the seedings: "Balderdash! We refuse to recognize the winner of this war as the world's superpower unless they give us a post-WWIII title shot." Echoing Austria's sentiments was Evander Holyfield who said, "Before I begin, I would like to thank God... (moment of silence)... I didn't come out of retirement just to watch WWII; I want to be a part of it. God came to me last night and said that it was my destiny to take part in this epic battle and I will not rest until I get another title shot. Before I leave, I would like to thank God..." Holyfield thanked God eloquently several times before a reporter was able to notify him that WWII was a war for politics and economics, but not men. At that point, Holyfield rescinded his comments and announced his retirement for the 13th time.

Once Holyfield left the podium, George W. Bush, coach of the number one seeded US team, addressed the media. While reporters

waited for him to expound upon issues such as the rebuilding of Iraq, social security, death, and taxes, he eluded these topics (he is now officially the only person to ever escape death and taxes) and launched into a tirade over steroids. He said, "Before we get into the tournament, team owners, union representatives, coaches, players, and nations need to get rid of steroids now." At this point, Tony Kornheiser rose from the audience and asked Bush how those parties could get rid of steroids. Bush then did his best Ben Stiller impression and said, "Do it!" On that note, here are the matchups for round one:

(1) USA vs. (16) Iraq - This one is a rematch between the current superpower and a perennial doormat. In tournament history, no 16 seed has ever beaten the 1 seed and we don't expect it to happen anytime soon.

(2) China vs. (15) Taiwan - We assume these neighbors aren't fans of Mr. Rogers, as they seem intent on dismantling each other over independence. Think of these two teams as the global ver-

sion of the Jets and Giants. Like the Jets and Giants they share the same stadium and were once led by the same coach (Chiang Kai Shek) à la Bill Parcells.

(3) U.K. vs. (14) Ireland - England is the most versatile team in the tournament because they draw power from several different countries. They have the third deepest bench behind China and the USA, but Ireland could sneak up on them with their feisty full-court pressure. Keep in mind that St. Patrick's Day is looming and the Irish have luck on their side.

(4) Russia vs. (13) Vietnam - No real rivalry here as both teams will be facing off for the first time. Vietnam, like Ireland, doesn't have a deep bench or inside game, but they will try to win with long range 3 point shots from camouflaged perches. Russia should try to overpower Vietnam inside, but the trouble is finding the opponent.

(5) Canada vs. (12) N. Korea - Every year a 5 seed loses to a 12 seed and

this year may be a repeat of past years. Canada is a disciplined team that lulls opponents to sleep with their slowed down style of play, but N. Korea's explosive offense may force the Canadians out of their comfort zone.

(6) Japan vs. (11) Italy - This match up between boot-shaped nations should prove to be one of the more competitive battles of the first round. Japan plays a Princeton-style offense with several backdoor cuts that often catches countries off guard. The key for Italy will be to play the passing lanes and keep the Japanese guards in check. I suspect Tom Cruise will be the last man standing once again.

(7) Germany vs. (10) Vatican City - Germany's been tough in the last two tournaments, but they come into the war with a relatively low seed this year. As a result of their low seed, they have a tough match up with the

Vatican City. While Germany is one of the most aggressive teams in the big dance, the Vatican may have the most capable leader depending on whether you consider the Pope or God their fearless leader. Look for the Pope Mobile to play a major role in this battle.

(8) Israel vs. (9) Palestine - This should be the most intense match up of the first round pitting two very equal teams against each other. While both teams have a good argument for their respective causes, one must walk off the court a loser. Israel may be the most prepared team in the tournament. They run several background checks on their opponents and watch hours of film before every game. The key for Israel will be to execute its game plan. Palestine will be a challenge because they play a "run and gun" style of offense that has absolutely no regard for transition or half-court defense. Their approach is very similar to the Japanese who upset several teams in WWII with their kamikaze offense.

1. **USA**

16. **Iraq**

8. **Israel**

9. **Palestine**

5. **Canada**

12. **N. Korea**

4. **Russia**

13. **Vietnam**

6. **Japan**

11. **Italy**

3. **England**

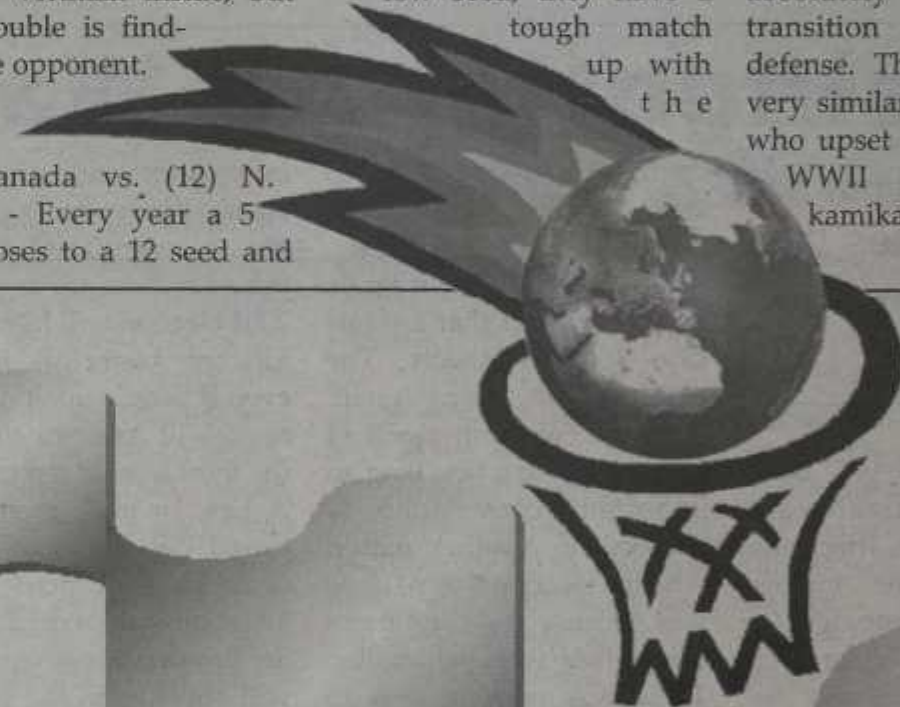
14. **Ireland**

7. **Germany**

10. **Vatican**

2. **China**

15. **Taiwan**



Rollins Baseball Team is On Fire

Rollins Baseball is routinely barging through the competition.

by **John Ferreira**
staff reporter

The Rollins Tars were crowned champions of the Rollins Baseball Week, steaming by the competition and finishing the tournament undefeated. This was the 21st title for the Tars in the tournament that involves three other Division I teams. This year's participants were Georgetown, Pennsylvania, and Long Island. Rollins played solid baseball throughout the whole week and extended their win streak to 12.

The tournament was created by former Rollins head coach Joe Justice in 1948, and even though Rollins always plays Division I schools they always hold their own. The Tars got off to a solid start by beating Pennsylvania 5-2 with Gator Brooks getting the win. On the same day

Rollins beat Long Island by a score of 6-2, with a standout performance from Toby Rice who went 3-4 at the plate. Day two provided one of the best games of the competition as the Tars beat the Georgetown Hoyas 2-1. This was a classic pitchers duel as starting Rollins pitcher Steve Edsall retired all but one batter. Rollins came back from a one-run deficit in the ninth to win it on a huge double by Gene Howard down the left field line. Rollins cruised through the first game on day three pouncing on Pennsylvania 12-2. Jeff Halbert lead the way at the plate going 4-5 two runs scored and an RBI, and Eduardo Chile pitched a solid game. The second game on Friday proved to be far more dramatic as Rollins beat Long Island 4-3 in 10 innings. Nick Mason delivered a dramatic 10 inning hit up the middle for the win. On the mound, Jon Wano pitched 6 solid innings giving up only 2 hits. On Saturday Rollins previewed what would the champi-

onship game and beat Georgetown in a sloppy game. The teams combined for 7 errors in this game. Gene Howard lead the way going 2-4 with an RBI and pitching a hitless ninth inning.

The Championship game was a rematch against the Hoyas, who had proved to be toughest competition for the Tars. It was a dramatic game as Georgetown took the lead in the third inning going up 2-0. The Tars offense seem to sputter and the Hoyas went up 4-0 in the sixth. Rollins attempted a come back only managed a run to the cut the deficit to three in their half of the sixth. The Tars exploded in the seventh though, Luis Dieguez lead off with a solo home run to left, cutting the deficit to two. Later in the inning, Toby Rice singled and Juan Dieguez walked setting the stage for Mike Crane who came up with two on and two out. Crane fell behind 0-1 in the count and then belted the next pitch to Holt Avenue, the



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SMACK! Ron Baptiste sends one flying.

street behind the right field fence. The Tars took a 5-4 lead and then hung to win the championship.

Rollins had now won 12 straight games, they outscored their opponents 38-16. Toby Rice, Garrett Preisser, Nick Mason, and Gene Howard were voted onto the All Tournament Team as position players,

while Steve Edsall and Eddie Chile made it as pitchers. Rollins have two big games against Tampa next week, that could have major implications for the Sunshine State title.

News has also surfaced that WPRK might begin broadcasting home baseball games beginning on the 22th of March.

The Fortune Cookie Is Back!

by **Eddie Huang**
humor editor

5 Sleepers

1) Maryland - I'm a little biased since this is the first campus I ever stepped foot on, but my boys are looking good. Gilchrist has come on strong the last ten games and he's arguably in the same class as point guards such as Chris Paul and Ben Gordon, but probably a step down from Jameer Nelson. Maryland also has a great inside game with Jamar Smith cleaning the glass down low (2nd in the ACC in rebounding) and Nik Caner-Medley running the baseline. They play very well inside-out, their diamond press is air tight, and they're hungry. The only thing that stands in their way is experience and Stanford, who is also in the Phoenix bracket.

2) Wake Forest - Just like Maryland, Wake has amazing guard play and they've also been tested by a grueling ACC schedule. We know what they can do from wins against Duke, Cincinnati, Georgia Tech, UNC, and Maryland. Chris Paul is a legit superstar, Justin Gray can score against anyone (averaged 17.3 ppg), and they have great role players inside who score and

rebound. They remind me a lot of last year's Syracuse team who went all the way on the play of Carmelo Anthony.

3) Washington - Everyone thinks I'm crazy for picking the Huskies to upset Kentucky (and they should), but the way they run the press anything's possible. If Washington plays Kentucky in the second round, I think they'll win because Kentucky is very small inside and are vulnerable when their guards have tough games. While NBA champions are usually decided by the power of their interior game, the fate of NCAA tournament teams lie in the hands of their guard play. If Washington plays up to their potential, their pressing defense will prevent any team in the nation from getting into their half-court offense. They play very loose and create a lot of turnovers. At the very least, Washington is worth watching because of 5'8" dynamo Nate Robinson.

4) Arizona - This pick defies all logic, but the tournament never makes sense anyway. When the season started, several publications picked Arizona for the Final Four, but their immaturity has severely hindered them. They love to go for the high-

light reel dunks or passes, but they usually end up just throwing the ball out of bounds. No one expects Arizona to do anything this year and I think they'll creep up on a lot of teams. Their center, Channing Frye, is one of the only true centers in the NCAA, Stoudamire can go nuts and score 25 on any given night, and they start a point guard with the last name Shakur. They gotta win something!

4 Upsets Waiting to Happen

1) Duke - I hate Duke more than I hate the micro organisms that feed on the germs, that feed on the fruit flies, that hover over the food at Beans and that hate may be fueling this pick, but nevertheless, it's my pick. Duke's problem is that they don't have a true point guard or small forward. Basically, Duke starts three 2-guards in Duhon, Reddick, and Ewing. When they are faced with a quick press, Duhon can't get them into their offense and they allow teams to score easy baskets. They have loses against NC State, Wake, Maryland, and Georgia Tech who all exposed Duke's suspect guard play. These teams also had athletic small forwards and shooting guards who were able to shut down

Reddick and Ewing. Reddick is a bit on the slow side for a shooting guard and he's also a bit short. When he doesn't get his shot off, Duke suffers. Their inside play is awesome, but Shelden Williams constantly gets into foul trouble and Duke is very thin off the bench. I see them losing to Arizona in the second round.

2) Kentucky - This is an awesome team with solid guards and they play as a group. The problem is they don't have that one superstar that can dominate, when his teammates falter. No one on this team can take the other players and put them on his back, which I think you need in the tournament. If Gerald Fitch can prove me wrong and be that superstar, this team is bound for the Final Four, but I don't think it's going to happen. In addition to the lack of a superstar, they don't have any regulars who stand over 6'8" and can be dominated in the post.

3) Connecticut - Everyone, their mothers, and Tony Kornheiser think the Huskies are going all the way, but "not so fast my friends (courtesy of Lee Corso)" Okafor isn't healthy. Ben Gordon is great, but without Okafor, UCONN is nothing. Rashard

Anderson's my boy and he needs to get more PT, but him and Gordon can't carry this team alone. Not only is Okafor ailing, but Villanueva's hurt, which leaves them with only two capable pivot men. If Okafor's back isn't a problem, then this team is my pick to go all the way. Otherwise, they're gone.

4) Stanford - I'm actually not totally convinced Stanford will be upset, but I need it to happen if my Terps are going to go all the way. Stanford has the makings of a championship team because Childress is a star, who can dominate whenever he wants and they have solid inside play. The reason I can see them being upset is the health of Justin Davis. He's looked good in the two games he came back for, but no one is sure he's 100% and the Cardinal needs him to make a deep run. This is not a traditional Stanford team that relies strictly on its half-court offense because Childress and Hernandez can get out on the fast break, but Hernandez and Lottich aren't anything more than solid either. If Stanford faces a swarming defense that can prevent Hernandez from getting the ball to Childress and Davis (like Washington did), the Cardinal will fall.

What's Happening? ROLLINS CALENDAR

Friday 3-19

Last Day to Withdraw Classes

WPRK Live
Dave's Downunder
12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m.

Baseball vs. Tampa
Alfond Stadium
7:00 p.m.

Saturday 3-20

Rowing
Lake Maitland

Baseball vs. Tampa
Alfond Stadium
1:00 p.m. (DH)

Sunday 3-21

Monday 3-22

Baseball vs. Felician
Alfond Stadium
5:00 p.m. (DH)

Understanding Secularism
French House - 7-9 p.m.

LASA Meeting
Hauck 110 - 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday 3-23

Men's & Women's Tennis
Martin Complex
M 3:00 p.m. / W 3:30 p.m.

RHA Meeting
Warden - 4:30 p.m.

ACE Meeting
Bieberbach/Reed - 7 p.m.

Wednesday 3-24

M Tennis vs. Kalamazoo
Martin Complex - 2:30 p.m.

SGA Meeting
Galloway Room - 6:30 p.m.

Wicket Wednesday
Cornell Art Museum
7 p.m.- Midnight

Thursday 3-25

Sandspur Meeting
Mills 3F - 12:30-1:30 p.m.

SEA Meeting
Warden - 12:30-2:00 p.m.

CAC Meeting
Warden - 5:30-6:30 p.m.

InterVarsity Meeting
Faculty Club - 8:00 p.m.

Basketball Fever!

■ Basketball takes its game to another level by advancing far in the tournament.

by **Angela Gonzalez**

staff reporter

While many students were away for Spring Break, the men and women of Rollins basketball went up against other teams in the 2004 Sunshine State Conference Basketball Tournament which was hosted here at our very own Alfond Sports Center. The tournament ran from March 4 through 7 and included other teams in our conference such as Eckerd, Barry, Saint Leo, Florida Southern, Florida Tech, Tampa and Lynn.

The men led off the tournament on Thursday with games starting at 12 and finally concluding around 10:30 p.m. Eckerd faced off against Barry, with Lynn vs. Tampa after, Florida Southern and Florida Tech played at 5:00, and ending off the first day was Rollins vs. Saint Leo. At the end of the first round, Eckerd won over Barry by 2 points, Tampa upset #3 Lynn by 3, Florida Southern beat Florida Tech and Rollins squashed Saint Leo 92-65.

For Round 2, the women took over the Alfond Sports Center to battle it out. This time the day started out with Barry pitted against Eckerd, Florida Tech up against Tampa, Florida Southern vs. Saint Leo and finished with Rollins vs. Lynn. Eckerd walked away with a victory as did Florida Tech by 1, Florida Southern 79 over 63 and Rollins with 71 over Lynn's 45.

On Saturday, both men and women held their semi-final games. In the men's bracket, Tampa (16-12) started out the day going up against Florida Southern (21-6). Florida Southern won easily 73-57. Next up, Eckerd (18-10) and Rollins (24-4) went at it and Eckerd ended up upsetting #1 ranked Rollins with a final score of 75-73. Eric Faber led the Tars with 25 points, but it just wasn't enough to come back. The women's semi-finals started later in the evening with a match-up of Florida Tech (16-12) and Florida Southern (19-9) eventually ending in overtime with a score of Florida Tech 92, Florida Southern 88. Rollins (25-3) vs. Eckerd (13-15) followed and ended with Rollins beating Eckerd 74-53.

On the last day of the tournament, the men's bracket was left with Florida Southern (22-6) vs. Eckerd



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WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS: The women's basketball team striking a pose with their SSC champion trophy.

(19-10), and in the women's bracket, Rollins (26-3) up against Florida Tech (17-12). The men duked it out first at 1 p.m. with fans cheering and the Sunshine State Network broadcasting. At halftime Eckerd was leading 36-27, and they managed to stay over Florida Southern until the end where they won 67-57. At 3:30 p.m. the Lady Tars (26-3) took the court against the Florida Tech Panthers (17-12). Rollins overtook the Panthers with relative ease, ending the game and winning the tournament with a score of 78-63.

At the end of each championship game the trophies were awarded to Eckerd's men's team and our own

Rollins women and the MVPs and SSC All-Tournament Teams were named for this year. For the men, the 2004 SSC All-Tournament Team was made up of Mark Borders from Tampa, Ellery Boykin and Chris Brooks from Florida Southern, Anthony Washington from Eckerd, Eric Faber from Rollins, and Steve Berg of Eckerd as MVP. In the women's bracket, Marcia Alvarado and Sarah Awe from Florida Tech made All-Tournament Team along with Yushanda Morse from Tampa, Lucretia West from Florida Southern and Larissa McDonough and Mary Lou Johnston from Rollins. Mary Lou also won MVP.

Softball Shows Off Power

■ They Throw Like Girls and that makes all the difference.

by **Katie Peterson**

staff reporter

The Rollins softball team is red-hot coming off an amazing 10-2 showing over the break. Battling in tournaments at home and in Georgia, the team faced and defeated fierce competition from national division two competition. Looking into the remaining months the Lady Tars, led by seniors Sarah Sedberry, Lindsey Manz, and Kristin Hughes are well on their way to reaching team record goals with a little under half of the season to go.

Though the Tars have faced some unfortunate happenings in the past month, including multiple game injuries to key outfielders Tiffany Toney and Charlotte Gleason, the team continues to fight for a first ever

Sunshine State Conference Title. Toner comments about her team, saying "we have the most solid defense in the conference with a line up full of hitters." And big bats they do have as the team has racked up more than twenty total homeruns thus far and a total batting average well above .200. Though sparks may be flying at the plate for the Tars, their real strength has been in the field guided by the incredible pitching efforts of Jamie Elam and backup pitcher Stacy Sanders.

This past Tuesday, March 16, was a historic moment in Rollins softball history as the Lady Tars hosted the dedication of their new field at Lake Island Park (behind Spatz). Complete with fun, food, and festivities the dedication marked the first time the Tars softball program has ever had a complex to call their own, an intensive project that has been in the making for several years and that has now become a reality

thanks to generous contributions and the efforts of head coach Michelle Frew. The next home games to be played at the complex are this upcoming Friday and Saturday, March 26 and 27 wear the Tars will host Eckerd in a three game series at 7 p.m. and 1 p.m. respectively.

There is no doubt that this talented bunch is well on their way to further college history, a reporter's prediction that will only be validated as the remaining months of their season come to a close. These fearless, aggressive, and extraordinarily talented women have proven to themselves, their opponents and to the athletic



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LIKE A CANNON: Pitcher Kelly Cruz launches the ball showing off her powerful arm.

community that they have the both the determination and skill necessary to achieve. This Tars softball team has broken the barrier, bringing new worlds of meaning to the age-old phrase "she throws like a girl"- yes they do, and they do it well too.