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## Surf's Up!

The Summer is less than a month away! Read about a Cocoa Beach Surf Shop with a different approach to outfitting your beach needs.

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Sandspur Six Pack is our newest feature. Check out some politically charged and funny cartoons. It's as cool and refreshing as a real six pack...well almost anyway.

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## Jersey Girl Review



Bennifer is at it again! This time with the help of Liv Tyler. Check out the Jersey Girl

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## One Nation Under Dispute

■ Controversy returns to the use of the words "under God" in the country's pledge.

by **Karina Mc Cabe**

features editor

With the recent controversy surrounding the pledge of allegiance (someone noticed the word "god" and got offended and now it has to be taken out. The dollar bill is next by the way.), many may be questioning their beliefs, is America really "one nation under God?" If so, what God, yours or mine? Or do the two live in a temple together looking down on us pathetic earthlings and wonder what evils we will do to each other next, that is if, of course, we have free will. Otherwise, we may be just living out some twisted real life version of the Sims in which some metaphysical being controls our lives and our destinies.

Since, however, there is no scientific proof that a God exists, many people object to the words "under God" in the pledge of allegiance, and suggest that the pledge be restored to its pre-Cold War form, as was first written by Francis Bellamy in 1892. On March 24, America's notorious atheist, Michael Newdow, argued exactly this point before the Supreme Court in the case of *Elk Grove Unified School District v. Newdow*.

This is not the first time that the pledge has been contested in the court, as in

## Starry, Starry Night Attracts Fame & Fortune

■ Dr. Ruth, and over 400 guests enjoy dinner and dancing at an annual Holt fundraiser.

by **Robin Cusimano**

contributing writer

The 8th Annual Starry, Starry Night Fundraiser for the Hamilton Holt School Scholarship Fund took place on Friday, April 2 at the Harold and Ted Alfond Sports Center and featured a surprise guest, Dr. Ruth Westheimer. The German-American psychosexual therapist known as Dr. Ruth welcomed attendees and thanked title sponsor Anil H. Thadani for making the event possible.

More than 400 guests enjoyed a gourmet dinner and dancing and bid on items in the live and silent auctions. The theme was

'Rock 'n' Remember,' a 1950s sock-hop style party. Event Chair Meg Crofton, Executive Vice President of Human Resources for Walt Disney World Parks & Resorts, was one of the many guests who showed up in full 50s attire, poodle skirt, and all.

"This was our best event held to date and is apparently Central Florida's newest hot ticket," Holt Board Member Alan Ginsburg said. "Next year's event promises to be even better. This is definitely a great way to raise money for deserving students."

Since 1997, Starry, Starry Night has raised over \$670,000 and has helped more than 400 local residents attend the Hamilton Holt School. Some recipients of the Holt Scholarship, as well as other Holt students, volunteered to help out at the

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photo / ROBIN CUSIMANO

**ASK DR. RUTH:** Jeff and Hannah Hall welcome psychosexual therapist Ruth Westheimer to the Starry Starry Night fundraiser.

## Four U.S. Civilians Shot and Hung in Iraq

■ Four contractors were shot, burned and hung by protesters.

by **Erika Batey**

asst. news editor

Last week, four United States civilian contractors were killed in the city of Falluja in Iraq. They were driving through the city when gunmen opened fire. After being shot to death, their cars were set on fire and their bodies were dragged through the streets and mutilated.

The U.S. government was horrified by the attacks. This is the latest in a series of attacks on U.S. military officials and civilians in Iraq. Falluja has especially been at the center of recent attacks. There have been clashes in the area almost daily since

the outbreak of the war one year ago.

Falluja is in the Sunni triangle region west of Baghdad, in an area where support for Saddam Hussein remains strong. It has gained a reputation as being one of the most violently opposed towns to the occupation. There is a particularly deep enmity toward Americans. After the attack on the four contractors, a sign was held up which read, "Falluja is the cemetery for Americans." Another twelve year old Iraqi stated, "This is the fate of all Americans who come to Falluja." Coalition forces have been trying to build up a presence there lately.

Muslim officials are condemning the attacks. Sheikh Fawzi Nameq told hundreds of worshippers at a Falluja mosque, "Islam does not condone the mutilation of



photo / BBC.COM / AP

**CELEBRATING A TRAGEDY:** Local Iraqi citizens cheer near the bridge in Falluja where four U.S. citizens were hung.

the bodies of the dead." He said such acts brought "humiliation to the faithful."

However, the US has vowed to find the killers. The US administrator in Iraq, Paul Bremer, said that "the attacks will not go unpunished." He called the deaths "despicable", but says this will not prevent the

building of stability and growth of democracy in Iraq.

All roads have been closed into Falluja, and only cars with Falluja license plates are being allowed through the checkpoints. In addition, a 7 p.m. curfew has been set, and demonstrations have been banned.

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## A Starry Night

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live and silent auctions, serve drinks and food, greet guests, help with parking, etc. The Rollins College Cheerleaders performed cheers and stunts at the event, entertaining guests and expressing their school spirit.

"This is a great event", said one Holt Scholarship recipient and a volunteer at the fundraiser. "I'm really proud to be part of it. Starry, Starry Night is one of our main sources of funding for Hamilton Holt Scholarships, and I wouldn't have had the opportunity to attend the Holt School without it."

The Legends of Doo-Wop and Earthbeat provided live entertainment for the event. A live auction with Barbara and Wade West featured items such as a photo safari to Africa, trips for two to Fiji, Italy, and Ireland, and artwork by internationally renowned artists Jamali and Marcia Lain Herring.

For more information about Hamilton Holt Scholarships, visit [www.rollins.edu/holt](http://www.rollins.edu/holt) or contact student services at 407-646-2232.

## The Gospel According To Elaine

■ Dr. Elaine Pagels visited Rollins to discuss the Gospel of Thomas.

by John Ferreira

staff reporter

Dr. Elaine Pagels came to Rollins on April 1 as a Thomas P. Johnson Distinguished Visiting Scholar. She discussed the Gospel of Thomas and offered insight into a truly obscure part of Christian history. Dr. Pagels was introduced by Dr. Levis, the chair of the Rollins history department. He said that today there are various Christian Churches and there is a resurgent interest in Religious studies. He cited the success of Mel Gibson's movie *The Passion of the Christ* and the new installment of the *Left Behind* series. Dr. Levis also told the crowd about how the Gospel of Thomas had been discovered at Nag Hammadi in 1945, and that it had caused controversy ever since.

Dr. Pagels then took the stage and began her riveting account. She said that scholars are only now starting to

understand the Gospel of Thomas. The doctor said that there are many theories surrounding the writings. The first point she made was that different scholars date the Gospel at different times, some said that it was written after the four Gospels, while others say it was the earliest. Dr. Pagels offered her own theory that the Gospel of Thomas was written just before the Gospel of John was written. The Gospel of John is often considered one of the central pillars of Christian faith. For most of the lecture, Dr. Pagels contrasted the two. On one hand the Gospel of Thomas and on the other the Gospel of John. She believes that they were part of competing traditions in the early Christian Church and that as St. John's tradition started winning out St. Thomas's tradition was eliminated. In her book *Beyond Belief: The Secret Gospel of Thomas* Pagels says that the church has become more political and less pluralistic. As evidence she offered the fact that the Gospel of Thomas was found in a monastery and seemed to be hidden. The texts were most likely hidden because of persecution.

The teaching of the modern day Catholic Church is that the Gospel of Thomas was not written by divine inspiration. It is a belief of Catholics that all books of the Bible were written with the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and that the Gospel of Thomas was not such a case.

The Gospel of Thomas offers indeed a very different account of Christianity. It is St. Thomas tells people that the Kingdom of God is within, and cannot be found in a physical place. Some believe that this is an attack on the Church, but Dr. Pagels her-

self discredited this view. According to Dr. Pagels, the Gospel of Thomas teaches that when Jesus came to Earth he shared his holiness with all humans. Therefore humans were elevated, and we are all holy. The Gospel of Thomas teaches a more individual journey to salvation. She of course is in sharp contrast to the view of St. John in his Gospel, and what became the dominant Christian tradition. The Gospel of John teaches that we are separated from God, and that we must strive to gain the divine light of God.



photo / RTown

**TALKING GOSPEL:** Dr. Pagels visited campus as part of the Thomas P. Johnson Visiting Scholar Series.

## Miami Mayor Visits Rollins

■ Alex Penelas visits Rollins campus to campaign for Florida Senator.

by David Grasso

staff reporter

As a guest of the Rollins Democrats, Alex Penelas, the mayor of Miami-Dade County, came to speak at Rollins College on April 2nd. After spending years in office as the mayor of Miami-Dade County, managing a multi-billion dollar budget, and making decisions for an impressively large economy.

Few people realize that the metropolitan area of Miami-Dade has a larger economy than 71 countries and 15 U.S. states. Alex Penelas was at the forefront of balancing the intricate budget and cutting payroll every week for every single government employee.

Coming from a Cuban background and growing up in Miami, Alex received a Political Science degree from St. Thomas University and a law degree from University

of Miami, graduating at the top of his class. Throughout the years, gaining more and more political clout in the Miami area, he soon took the plunge and ran for mayor of Miami-Dade County.

Interestingly enough, Penelas is a Democrat. Winning the election is a notoriously Republican area,

education, he also cracked down on corruption. He successfully did all this without increasing taxes without the voter's permission.

With his notable achievements in Miami-Dade under his belt, Alex Penelas is taking advantage of the rare occasion when a seat in the Senate empties. The famous

concern for the direction in which our country was headed. He spoke on the pending situation in Iraq, the deficit, and many other issues that are plaguing the minds of many Americans.

He addressed his devotion to public service and to making a difference to improve the direction of our nation, whose future is in question. He highlighted that the plight of many elderly citizens concerns him, and that the price of prescription drugs was of grave concern.

When questioned about his stance on the environment, he criticized the Bush administration for their lack of foresight in not only weakening environmental laws, but also not signing the Kyoto Protocol and ignoring the signs global climate change.

He mentioned that the younger constituency was especially inquisitive of his views on the environment. "Younger voters are more increasingly concerned with the environment—I believe it is an issue that we must look at closely", explained the candidate for the U.S.

Senate.

His visit to Rollins was one of many on his campaign trail all over the state of Florida. With his father traveling by his side, Alex promises to help improve the status quo with his election to office.

Alex Penelas lives in Miami Lakes, Florida with his wife and two children. He will be on the campaign trail all year long.

Having defied all odds and won over the historically Republican Cuban community, he is hopeful that his constituency will follow suit in his race for the Senate.

"The Cuban community is increasingly voting across party lines, which was demonstrated by my election in Miami-Dade."

For more information visit <http://www.alexpenelas2004.com/welcome.htm>.



photo / CNN.COM

**ALEX PENELAS:** Miami Mayor visits Rollins to talk about his upcoming campaign for Senator.

Penelas disproved the pre-supposition that Cubans only vote Republican.

During his time as mayor, Penelas not only reduced crime (37% decrease) and improved

Senator Bob Graham is retiring, and Penelas is ready to step up to the plate.

While speaking at Rollins, Penelas expressed his commitment to our country, but also expressed his





# The Perils Of Truckstop Prostitution

■ Danger lurks in truckstop prostitution.

by **Ben Tinsley**

syndicated writer

It's midnight. Rows of 18-wheelers, hundreds of them, are parked at the Texaco truck stop on the edge of the city. The only sounds are the big engines rumbling, powering lights and televisions for weary truckers.

The 1-acre lot is empty of people except for the occasional trucker heading in for a bite to eat or to use the restroom.

But an unseen world — seamy and sometimes deadly — thrives inside the trucks and over crackling citizens band radios here and in truck stops across the nation. It is a world that claimed the life of Casey Jo Pipestem, a 19-year-old Oklahoma City prostitute whose naked body was found under a Grapevine, Texas, bridge in January.

Authorities are investigating the slayings of at least 12 prostitutes in three or more states. They recently divided the victims into two groups, believing that the deaths could be the work of two separate killers.

Women who work truck stops are called "lot lizards" by their customers, or johns. Without a CB radio, they are almost impossible to detect.

If you're not looking for prostitutes, odds are you won't see them, said Jim Reynolds, who travels with his brother Richard Reynolds. Richard Reynolds spends much of his week on the road hauling furniture.

"If you're looking, if you go to a certain channel on your CB, they are right there," Jim Reynolds said.

Some truckers find it easy to tune out the prostitutes and drug traffic. Others find it intolerable and infuriating.

It's day and night, non-stop," said Joe Laginski, a

ing. You can't even sleep sometimes because you're worried they are going to steal something or break your window and hit you with something."

Laginski, a Catholic who sports a cross on the front of his rig, said that when one truck stop increases its security, the prostitutes head to another one.

"They move somewhere else for a half a day, then just move back," he said. "And they bring drugs in non-stop."

Grapevine police Sgt. Bob Murphy said truck-stop

reporter in person but agreed to be interviewed over a CB at the truck stop where they work.

Their voices at times overlapping through the crackle of CB static, the two women talked about their work. Both said they knew Pipestem.

"Some of the ones who have been doing this a little longer ... understand they can't just jump from truck to truck without knowing whose truck they are going to," said Dynamite, who said she started hooking at the age of 17. Dynamite said she

subtle.

"What they usually come on the CB and say is, 'Is anybody looking for company?' That's the term they use," he said. "Or they will ask if anybody needs a date. They'll have their own channel. They'll go on Channel 19 and say, 'If anybody wants company, go to Channel 25,' and they'll wait there to hear from potential johns."

Jessica Brown, spokeswoman for the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, said the victims' lifestyles make the slaying cases hard to solve. Agents have sifted through hundreds of tips, many from different states.

"Prostitution at truck stops happens across the country," Brown said in an e-mail. "Truckers are very mobile, making it difficult to track illegal activity. Prostitutes are also very difficult to track due to their mobility."

Law-enforcement officials from as many as seven states met in late February at bureau headquarters in Oklahoma City to share information.

They divided the killings into the two groups: One of seven women, including Pipestem, and another of five, all found dead in the Lawton, Okla., area.

Authorities have noted strong similarities among the Pipestem group. For example, most of the bodies were found naked and near bodies of water.

The five Lawton prostitutes did not work out of truck stops. Most of the other seven victims were known to work as prostitutes at truck stops.

"We just can't say for sure it is only one person," Brown told reporters in February.

A March 24 case may also be connected. The partially clothed body of an Ohio prostitute was found in a parking lot off an interstate 35 miles northwest of Indianapolis, said Lt. Clarke Fine of the Hendricks County, Ind., Sheriff's Department.

Authorities are reviewing the case for possible connections to the other killings, he said.

Last weekend, Grapevine police ruled out an area trucker as a suspect in Pipestem's death. He was wanted on other charges and had turned himself in.



photo illustration / BRIAN HERNANDEZ

## HAMILTON HOLT CORNER

The HHSOA nominations deadline has been extended from April 5th to April 12th to allow for more students to participate. Voting for these nominees will take place via Campus Pipeline from April 13 -16, and newly elected officers and senators will be announced the week of April 19th. Students interested in submitting nominations should email a picture and brief description of their student history and goals to JCarmichael@rollins.edu or RMino@rollins.edu.

Please welcome Dr. Sue Easton as the HHSOA Faculty Advisor for the 2004/2005 school year.

HHSOA raised over \$4,300 for the Holt Scholarship at the Winter Park Art Festival Parking Fundraiser Event - special thanks to Pam Ford, Psychology Senator for HHSOA.

prostitution is extensive nationwide.

"Maybe it's because we don't have any truck stops here, but until we got involved in this case, I had no idea of the extent of this type of prostitution at truck stops around the country," he said. "We've spoken to media and vice investigators, and they have made us aware of the level of victimization."

Two prostitutes and a minister at the Oklahoma truck stop said they knew Pipestem only in passing. The teen-ager is remembered by her family as a sweet girl — her friends nicknamed her "Care Bear."

The denizens of the truck stop described her as an all-business type who did not talk much.

Pipestem, who had been arrested in connection with prostitution in Oklahoma City, probably spent much of her time trying to elude police as she moved from truck to truck. She worked in a world of paranoia.

A 30-year-old Oklahoma prostitute, who would identify herself only as Dynamite, and her partner, who called herself Explosive, declined to meet with a

sticks to known truck stops because she has made friends with truckers, security guards and certain police officers.

Dynamite said the slaying of Pipestem, whom she knew as "Sugar," hasn't changed her habits. She and her partner have always been careful.

"You really do have to learn to think fast on your feet," Dynamite said. "It's when you slow down that you get yourself into trouble."

Police said the CB makes it difficult for them to keep track of truck-stop prostitutes.

"It's the equivalent of their office phone," said Capt. Jeffrey Becker of the Oklahoma City Police Department. "They find it effective to use it to reach their targeted customers."

The prostitutes speak in code and jargon and never specify exactly what they are doing, he said.

"If they sense we are doing any type of enforcement activity, they go off the radio completely," Becker said.

Tony Vaughn, 32, a trucker from Indianapolis, said the radio chatter isn't



# An Herbal Cure For Landmines

■ Scientists believe a common plant, Thale Cress, may "recognize" mines.

by **Jessica Estes**

asst. entertainment editor

Every 22 minutes someone steps on a landmine. These deadly weapons of mass destruction are buried in more than 70 countries all over the world. Each month they claim more than 2,000 deaths and cause over 20,000 injuries. According to the U.N., not only do landmines indiscriminately kill civilians and soldiers, uncleared mines reduce food production in many of the world's poorest farming communities, they disrupt aid attempts from charitable organizations, and they continue conflicts long after wars have ceased. Many activist groups campaign for international bans on the use, production, and export of antipersonnel landmines. In 1997 the Ottawa Treaty

was established which calls for participating countries to have greater cooperation with developers of mine-detection technology. Still many countries, including the U.S., refuse to sign the treaty and continue using and producing dangerous landmines.

There are currently estimated to be somewhere between 60-100 million landmines in the ground world-

**"Our main concern is that other types of munitions in the field...may also contaminate the soil and plants may react."**

**Mr. Davide Orifici**  
U.N. Spokesperson

wide and attempting to clear them has been a huge undertaking. Current methods of detection include: the use of hand-held mine detectors, metal detectors, armored clearance vehicles, and trained dogs with handlers. These procedures are costly,

slow, and often dangerous. A landmine that brings in \$3 in sales revenue ends up costing between \$300 and \$1,000 to be cleared. Scientists are constantly looking for safer and cheaper ways to identify and remove mines and now they just might have done it with the recent realization of plants as potential problem solvers.

Thale cress, a common plant occurring naturally around the world, may aid in the recognition of underground mines. When a landmine is buried, traces of explosive leak into the soil. These chemicals cause colorful telltale pigments to appear in the leaves of tiny cress plants. Thale cress is sensitive to nitrogen dioxide, a product released by landmines as they lie underground. Contact with contaminated soil results in a color change from green to red after approximately three weeks. The plants' fast growth rate of only 6-8 weeks is also beneficial to the quick identification of

dangerous areas. Simon Ostergaard, project researcher from the University of Copenhagen, says the plant could be used to help find landmines in countries including Afghanistan, Iraq, Angola, and Cambodia.

Davide Orifici, spokesperson for the U.N. Center for Humanitarian Demining, disagrees. He stated that, "our main concern is that other types of munitions in the field, such as scattered cartridges, may also contaminate the soil and the plants may react." He is skeptical that, since most of the research so far has been done in the lab, the results found may not be applicable in the field. Due to the environment of most mine-filled areas, problems with climate and availability of water could cause growth problems for the plant.

Regardless of opposi-

tion, Ostergaard still proposes this method as a potential breakthrough. He recognizes that more research should be done before implementing a plant based detection system, but he claims that the benefits of this technology far outweigh the arguments against it. He plans on completing further field tests to help determine the success of plants' predictions.



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# An Atheist and a Priest Unite in Court

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1943, a group of Jehovah's Witnesses argued in the case of *West Virginia State Board of Education v. Barnette*, that their children should not have to say they pledge. The



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court ruled in their favor.

What makes this case more interesting, though, is the fact that a Southern Baptist pastor, Rev. Bruce Prescott, from Ogden, Utah, is arguing alongside Michael Newdow, the atheist. However, they are arguing from very different perspectives.

Mr. Newdow is arguing on behalf of his daughter, whom he believes should not feel that she has to be exempt from saying the pledge of allegiance in her grade school simply because she objects to the words "under God" that are in it. It is extremely difficult, he feels, for a young child to take a stand on such an issue, particularly because she will feel isolated from

her peers. Therefore, the reference to God should be removed from the pledge because "It's indoctrinating children...The government is supposed to stay out of religion."

Rev. Prescott, on the other hand, wishes to clearly point out that he is "not siding with the atheist," but rather he is "siding with the Ten Commandments," because he deems that the constant repetition of the word "God" trivializes his name, especially if non-believers are saying it. Hence, it goes against the commandment that states, "Do not take the Lord thy God's name in vain."

Interestingly, the words "under God" were included in the pledge during the cold war in order to distinguish the pious Americans from the heathen commies, and not, as Rev. Prescott believes, to detract from the nation's piety. Nonetheless, there are thirty-two clergy members, from both Christian and Jewish churches, who have also signed the amicus curiae brief with them. The brief states, "These amici are concerned both about the religious liberty of persons who adhere to faith traditions other than their own, and about government undermining true religious faith

by using religion for political purposes."

Rabbi Dan Fink from Boise, Idaho, concurs with Rev. Prescott as he states, "To have kids expressing a theological principle at 7 A.M. over the loudspeaker is not a serious way to do it...It is not that we don't want God in our lives. We just don't want [him] trivialized."

On the other side of the case, Rev. Bob Schenk, president of the national Clergy Council, asserted to a crowd outside of the court that "today, this Court will decide whether America remains one nation under God or whether we shake a fist in God's face."

The Supreme Court has not yet finalized their deci-



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sion on the case and, as of now, they are confused over whether the words stand to unify the country or express religion. According to the constitution, the word god refers to a force of nature, and not necessarily the God of Abraham, as the majority

## Original Pledge of Allegiance

*I pledge allegiance to my Flag and to the Republic for which it stands: one Nation indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.*

understands it to be. Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, for one, does not



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believe that the inclusion of god is divisive, and Justice Scalia, notoriously conservative, insists that "under God" is kept in the Pledge, but he did not take part in the case for his vote to matter. Nonetheless, Scalia maintains that the founding fathers did not wish for God to be banned from the public specter; the constitution is just interpreted too liberally.

U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft agrees, "Our religious heritage has been recognized and celebrated for hundreds of years."

One of the members of the Supreme Court bench,

Justice Kennedy, is angered that Mr. Newdow is using his daughter as an example in this case, particular since he does not have custodial rights to her, but also because he is exploiting her to evoke emotional appeal for his case. Kennedy states, "It seems to me that your daughter is the one that bears the blame for this. She's going to face the public outcry, the public outrage."

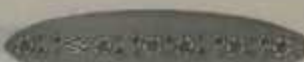
Mr. Newdow did not agree. The issue of Newdow's custodial rights is hence under examination, particularly since the girl's mother does not agree with him, and it is causing many to insist that the courts scrap the case as a result. The mother, Sandra Banning, fears that her daughter will be "the child who is remembered as the little girl who changed the Pledge of Allegiance."

The Supreme Court has not yet come to a decision, but there may be a 4-4 split in the Justices ruling since Scalia did not take a part in the case.





# Surfboard For Summer



■ Longing for a new board or a new passion? Then Natural Art may just offer what you're looking for.

by **Brian Hernandez**  
editor at large

If you've been catching yourself drawing waves on your notepad during class, daydreaming about perfect glassy sets rolling onto a sun drenched sandy beach, or feeling the stillness of a perfect stand-up barrel over your head as you tuck in and see dolphins sharing your wave, then it's time for you to get a new board and stop imagining. Picking up a new ride has never been easier, and if you're a wobbly-legged kook (a new surfer), you'll be happy to know that there are plenty of experienced mentors out there to help you find the equipment you need to paddle out to the line-up with confidence.

With dozens of surfboard design variations ranging from single fin wooden longboards to fused cell epoxy shortboard thrusters (that are stronger, lighter, and hold more

wave-riding peers (primarily hooting and hollering).

Whether you are new to the sport, returning after a long hiatus or an experienced local looking for that perfect board to blast aerials off the lip, then the Natural Art Surf Shop on the south end of Cocoa Beach is where you should turn first for expert advice. Owners and East Coast legends, Deb and Pete Dooley, grew up surfing in Central Florida and have brought that knowledge of finicky Atlantic surf into the shaping room to produce high-quality hand shaped Natural Art surfboards for a variety of surf styles and abilities.

Opening their first surf shop in the early 1970's and launching the Natural Art Brand, the Dooleys are regarded as pioneers within the surfing industry, and were recognized this past year with Pete's induction into the East Coast Surfing Legends Hall of Fame.

With solid credentials, experience surfing waves around the world, and legendary acclaim as the couple that shaped boards and guided the early careers of C.J. and Damien Hobgood (both consistently ranked in

that they've shaped and sold over 40,000 surfboards in the last thirty years throughout the world, you get a real good sense that these folks know what they are talking about and only want you to have fun in the water — because as Deb pointed out, "Surfing can be your saving grace of sanity in a busy world...it's pure freedom."

But along with all the new technological advances that have come to surfboard design, the Internet has changed the way boards can be ordered, delivered, and even designed. Yes, the preferred method for picking up surf equipment will always be to walk into a



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**SURF LEGENDS:** Natural Art owners Pete and Deb Dooley, have pioneered surfing on the East Coast.

shop and pull what you need off the rack. However, with the instant twenty-four hour access that the web provides, retailers like Natural Art have begun to develop sophisticated web sites as a one stop shopping source to be accessed from the comfort of your own home.

When you visit [www.naturalart.com](http://www.naturalart.com), you not only can research dozens of board designs, materials, and airbrushing, you can order your own custom made surfboard just by filling out an online form. Whether you want a longboard for soul surfing, a shortboard for big airs, a funshape (longboard-short-



photo / BRIAN HERNANDEZ  
**SURF CHIC:** The Natural Art showroom offers the best in high performance gear while displaying the legacy of FL surfing.

board hybrid) for easy paddling or just starting out, or a big-guy shape (for those like yours truly who are no strangers to an all you can eat buffet) to carve up choppy Florida waves, Pete has set up a web site that's as functional for ordering that dream board as it is informative.

Best of all, you can even view a slide-show montage illustrating the history of Natural Art and what it was like for the Dooleys as their grand endeavor to design some of the best surfboards in the world was beginning to unfold in the Capital of Florida Surfing: Cocoa Beach.

Sure there are surf shops all over Florida that will sell you a flashy new board if you have the cash, but how many dealers out there have a vested interest in making sure you have the right tools and training for your skills to develop?

From offering private surf lessons, carrying a huge assortment of gear and surfboards from up and coming local shapers, and even setting up a portion of the shop for the use of the Cocoa Beach Surf Museum, Deb and Pete have maintained an innovative approach in an ever expanding and competitive industry; paving their way forward by maintaining the ideals of the past. As the Dooleys shared, "When you surf, you're riding a hand made masterpiece to connect with Mother Nature...surfing is a natural art."

With a philosophy that echoes the free spirited origins of the ancient Polynesians who introduced this past time, this little shop on A1A along the South end of Cocoa Beach may just be the answer you've been looking for to make your daydreams of sunsets and surf a reality — or at least look cool on the beach.



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weight than a longboard), navigating through the myriad of design options to find that one magical board can be a daunting task. That's why seeking the advice of a professional shaper can mean the difference between spending a ton of money on a frustrating board that won't work for you, and skimming across the face of a wave to the heralding admiration of your fellow

the top twenty-five on the Association of Surfing Professionals World Tour), and Peter Mendia (recognized as one of the top five free surfers in the sport), you would be hard-pressed to find any shaper with as much combined genuine knowledge as the Dooleys.

When you mix in the welcoming feel of their shop, their warm and approachable demeanors, and the fact



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## THE HOT SPOT: BALLARD & CORUM

Just a hop and a skip away from Rollins is Ballard and Corum, a fabulous combination of a bakery and a bar. Located off Park Avenue, next to Hannibal Square (left at Tuni's on Park Ave), the establishment features delectable baked goods for a modest price—great for that student on a budget.

Owned and operated by sisters Amanda McCammon and Ashley McCammon-Mayo, the innovative concept of a bakery and bar is open to serve all of your needs. During the day, you can grab a variety of sweets, ranging from cookies, to cake, to croissants.

The establishment serves the Italian brand of coffee Illy. Illy is a premium coffee that is superior to that of the ubiquitous mermaid-stamped brand of coffee we're all used to.

Tucked away off of Park avenue, yet close enough to conveniently enjoy without walking too far, Ballard and Corum is located in an up and coming area of Winter Park right next to Dexter's, Hot Olives, and a other hair salons and boutiques. If you have not been around Hannibal Square, it is worth a visit.

If you find that time has flown by and its late at night, and you look at your ID and it says over 21, then stroll down to the Ballard and Corum bar, which is located directly above the bakery. It is a great change of pace from the other local bars that many Rollins students have become accustomed to going to regularly.

So if you're sitting bored on a beautiful afternoon, grab that special someone or a close friend and walk down to Ballard and Corum. Splurge for a delicious sweet and get buzzed for your next exam with their strong Italian coffee. Two picturesque parks are adjacent to the bakery and are perfect for catching up on the latest.

Overall it is a darling place and definitely worth your time. My Personal favorite is a café latte with a big chocolate chip cookie.

BY DAVID GRASSO

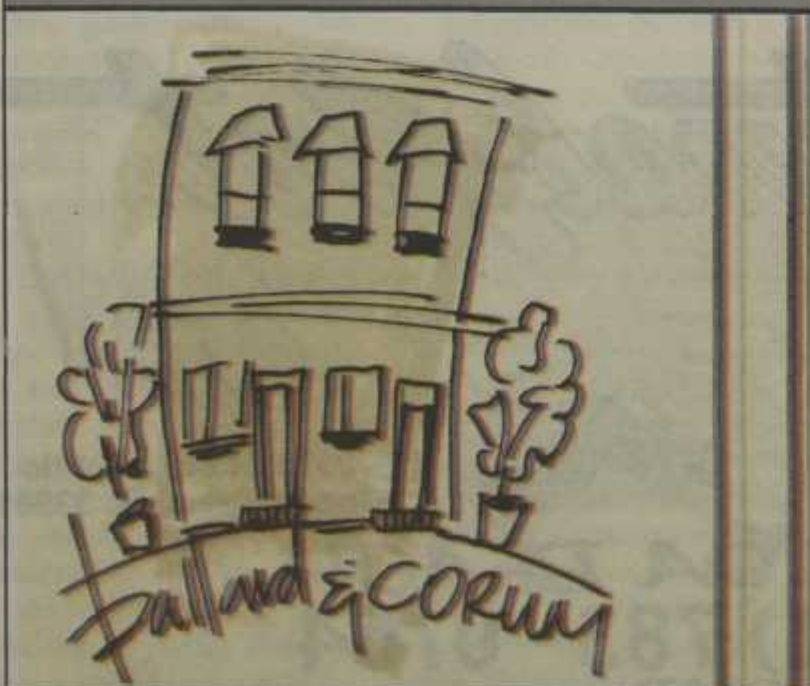


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**BAKERY AND BAR:** Ballard and Corum is the newest addition to trendy Hannibal Square.

# Parenting, by Ben Affleck & Liv Tyler

■ From the makers of *Jay and Silent Bob* comes the PG-13 *Jersey Girl* chick flick.

by Greg McIver

staff reporter

Kevin Smith's new film starring Ben Affleck and Liv Tyler is a decent flick that is surrounded by many flaws. This is Kevin Smith's first film since ending his *Jay and Silent Bob* series and it is his first foray into the world of PG13 movies. When you think of Kevin Smith movies you visualize extreme foul language, pot smoking and statues of Christ giving a thumbs up sign and winking. *Jersey Girl*, of course, has none of this. And it is those preconceived notions about Kevin Smith films that may end up hurting *Jersey Girl* in the long run.

*Jersey Girl* is the story of Ollie Trinke (Affleck), a young publicist at the top of his game. Trinke has money, respect from his peers and a beautiful wife played by Jennifer Lopez. But soon Ollie's world is turned upside down when his wife dies in the process of giving birth to their first child. Some people who read this review may criticize this critic for revealing Lopez's death in the film. This critic would like to believe that most people would see this spoiler as an incentive to go see the movie.

Unable to handle the devastation of his loss and being a single parent with a career, Ollie moves from New York back to the Jersey suburbs to live with his father Bart Trinke (George Carlin). Seven years go by and Ollie has embraced Jersey life with his seven-year-old daughter Gertie (Raquel Castro). Ollie then meets Maya a video store clerk who, combined with her friendship and poking

and prodding, simultaneously makes Ollie yearn for his old life and gives him a reason to stay in Jersey.

Smith's script wants to be something special and in some parts it is. Beneath all the standard plotlines and dialogue, Smith's wit and humor manages to surface for some air. Yet he becomes trapped in that ever-familiar formula known as the "parent film." In a film that deals with parenting people come to expect certain things and Smith unfortunately doesn't let us down. Potential is written all over the script, yet Smith cannot help but include the standard fight between parent and child, the sappy speeches that a parent must deliver to their child and the sweet syrupy ending. None of these things are necessarily bad, but as this critic stated earlier, people expect more from a Kevin Smith movie. People expect certain rules to be broken but they never are. Did *Chasing Amy*, a "relationship film", have a happy ending?

Other things that make

the film stand out are two very good performances. No this critic is not speaking of Affleck and Tyler. Their performances are decent and they do their part to keep the plot going. Although there are times when Tyler's part could have been a bit meatier. The two-standout performances come from George Carlin and Raquel Castro. Carlin handles the humor without ever spewing the f-word once. He also has a complete grasp of the more dramatic scenes and plays them with great skill. Raquel Castro also does her job very well. As young as she is she handles drama like a pro and handles the comedy with a surprisingly delightful ambiance that shouts out great potential for the future.

Smith's *Jersey Girl* is a good movie as far as your standard movies are concerned. Yet this critic never wishes to see Kevin Smith submerged within a formula again. This critic expects more from Smith and has faith that Smith's next movie will deliver.



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**ANOTHER BENIFFER FILM?:** Ben Affleck stars in a new film, where J.Lo is thankfully only involved for a few minutes.

## ~ UPCOMING LOCAL ENT

Friday 4-9

John Reep at The Orlando Improv

Hindu Cowboys at The Orlando Social

Saturday 4-10

John Reep at The Improv  
Meriv Drive at The Social \$7  
\$2 "You Call It" at :08  
"Annie" at Moonlight  
Warehouse Theatre  
Arts and Crafts Show at  
The Belz Factory Outlet

Sunday 4-11

UGP Roots Jam After Party at The Social  
7th Annual Hippity Hop Adventure at The Central Park Zoo 9am-3pm  
Ballroom Dance at The Crossroads 4-7pm

Monday

Hits and M's Soda



# Goodbye, Chandler

■ Matthew Perry talks about life after 'Friends'.

by **Joe Neumaier**  
syndicated writer

Matthew Perry says he had to fight back the tears when it came time to say goodbye to wisecracking Chandler Bing. "I didn't cry, but I felt like I was about to for like seven hours," the 34-year-old "Friends" star said in an interview.

"There was a sweet moment where my girlfriend (fashion student Rachel Dunn) and I went for a walk on the stage. No one was there. We just held hands and walked around. It was sweet."

Perry - and the rest of the cast - knew what they were leaving behind when TV's No. 1 comedy taped its concluding episode, set to air May 6, several weeks ago.

"None of us will probably be involved in anything as successful as 'Friends' again," he said. "That's something we just have to deal with."

"We can have big successful movies, but nothing will ever be that first time again, and nothing will likely span that long a period of time. So we look back, and kind of smile, and move on."

For Perry, moving on starts Friday with "The Whole Ten Yards," the sequel to "The Whole Nine Yards," playing hapless dentist Nicholas (Oz) Oseransky, who has to recruit his former neighbor, Jimmy the Tulip (Bruce Willis), and Jimmy's wife/fellow assassin, Jill (Amanda Peet), to rescue Oz's kidnapped wife.

"It's tough to have a movie-star persona when you're on a show as successful as 'Friends,'" Perry says. "There was talk the first few years about a curse for us movie-wise. But I don't think any of us will crash and burn now. I think we were very fortunate."

"If I never work again, that's not crashing and burning - that's called already

making your mark.

"And, without the safety net of the show to go back to, I guess we'll all be a little more careful picking movies!"

Before "The Whole Nine Yards" in 2000, Perry's movies - including "Fools Rush In," "Unsung Heroes" and "Three to Tango" - were not successful.

In fact, it was while filming 2002's "Serving Sara" with Elizabeth Hurley that Perry had a relapse of his addiction to painkillers and wound up in rehab. The actor had spent time at



photo / PHOTOGRAPHER NAME  
**FRIENDS FOREVER:** Perry says goodbye to castmates.

Minnesota's Hazelden clinic in 1997 for a dependency on Vicodin.

The press reported several relapses - along with an unrelated incident in which he crashed his Porsche into a house in the Hollywood Hills - which he says are over now.

"For me, it was never a question of breaking the law - it was a guy facing his private demons. So I was lucky. People seem to be behind me. ... The fact that everyone understood helped a lot."

His varying weight over the years was also "part of the struggles I went through," he says, adding: "I'm far away from the hellish parts of all that."

He still smokes, but is in great shape - though, contrary to reports, Aniston didn't act as his personal trainer.

"No, she offered to help me dress! I'm a T-shirt and jeans guy, and Jennifer want-

ed to help me be a better dresser. Not be my trainer - she's got better things to do!"

Born in Williamstown, Mass., Perry moved to Ottawa, Canada, as a kid, then got into acting after his first career choice - professional tennis - didn't pan out. He got roles in TV movies (he played Desi Arnaz Jr. in the Patty Duke biopic "Call Me Anna") and failed sitcoms, then was the last actor to be cast for "Friends" in 1994, which ended up with each cast member making \$1 million per episode.

"It was a bit like, 'Do we really deserve this?' But without sounding weird, everybody made so much money off the show - the producers, the network - why shouldn't we be a part of it?"

"It was as if the six of us were in a slingshot, shot into this craziness," he says. "We were thrust into public life, and we told intimate secrets about ourselves before we learned that we don't have to talk about our private life."

Since becoming famous, Perry's been linked with numerous actresses and starlets, though he says many reports were rumors.

"Yes, some I dated. But most of the girls I was linked to, I never met."

One woman he did date was Julia Roberts.

"That was back in '95," he says. "The funny thing about that was, when I was dating Julia, we had camera crews all around outside my house - and when we broke up, they left and followed her!" he says with a laugh.

"I was like, 'Wait, I thought I made it.'"

Now, even though he's excited about his movie career, he still says wistfully he'd do "Friends" all over again.

"Everybody loved each other so much that, if it was about just being with the cast, I'd be there for another ten years."

## WORD ON THE STREET

by **Katie Packell**

photo editor

As the end of the term draws near, the time has come to reflect on the memories from the 2003-2004 school year. This week, we asked students, what's the best Rollins event you've been to this year and why?



"KD's Mr. Shamrock event because boys make me laugh."

Cielo Gaitan, '07

"ATO's Graffiti Party because everyone was there...good times."

Charlotte Richardson, '07



"All the occasions with free food, because there's free food."

Carly Rothman, '06

Graffiti. Trying to read the shirt the day afterwards.

Noah John, '07



"Fox Day because there are no classes."

David Bagby, '07

"Squirrels Gone Wild, because of the way that masseuse scratched me behind the ears."

The Fox



## ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS ~

Tuesday 4-13

Apolo Night at The Improv. Tickets Online

Phat n' Jazzy w/ BMF and Sack 21+

Wednesday 4-14

Telephone, The Adonables and Raft at The Social

Thursday 4-15

Kevin Hart at The Improv



# Life Inside of the Freshman Dorms

■ Read an inside perspective on the life inside a freshman college dorm.

by **Lara Bueso**

entertainment editor

College dorms are notoriously known for their less than luxurious living conditions. The four traditional residence halls here at Rollins are no exception to the rule. McKean, Ward, Elizabeth, and Holt house the majority of the on-campus students. Most students at Rollins have lived in one of these dorms for at least a year and commencing in the fall of 2004, all incoming freshman will be required to live on campus.

Often times, those who move out of the dorms and into an apartment act like they have escaped the fourth level of hell. Of course, right now that depends on what dorm you live in. Walking into Elizabeth is like walking into a different college. The carpets are new and stainless, the walls are freshly painted, and the smell is almost pleasant. Last summer Elizabeth was cleared out and completely transformed. Those who will be

living in Ward next year should look forward to the same change. The difference between McKean and Elizabeth is night and day.

As a resident of McKean, I am witness to the sometimes-unpleasant living on the third floor. Just as an example, we have one shower for thirteen people (one has been broken for three months), a furniture-less pod, and a puke stain in front of my door. The less than sanitary conditions of the bathroom are another problem. There is dried toothpaste in the sinks, hair all over the floor, and food in the sinks. The food in the sinks isn't that terrible though, thanks to the fact that my R.A. designated one of the four sinks, "The Kitchen Sink." The food is just contained to one sink and it's sort of our makeshift kitchen, considering that McKean, one of the biggest dorms on campus, doesn't have one.

Now understand, it's not that Rollins students are looking for a five-star hotel, but we do expect students to act like mature adults and clean up after themselves. Seriously, who puts Cheese Whiz on the stairs? Who throws up in front of the

R.A.'s door? Who whip cream wrestles in the pods? C'mon ladies and gentlemen, if you want a better dorm, you start with yourself! Cleanliness is a virus! It can spread like bacteria from one dirty student to another. Promoting cleanliness is the first step to a happy and healthy living environment. WE ARE ROLLINS COLLEGE. What don't you understand about this? Keeping your dorm dirty is a reflection of whom you are. Dorm rooms don't have to look like a trash yard.

Now we must seriously rethink the bed issues. It's a long fall off a lofted bed, especially when the ceiling isn't really high enough to fit one like for the unfortunate residents of McKean. You can loft your bed if you want to, with the risk of losing your head to the low ceilings. Those in Ward and Elizabeth can loft three beds and still fit a futon and couch inside. Might as well add a small gym in there too. And ladders? What appears to be a "ladder" (for a fun time in reading this article, say "ladder" like Dr. Evil) is actually just the bed frame with extra boards in between. It's a trick; don't fall for it! Use caution when climbing, as



photo / LARA BUESO

**WE LOVE OUR LOVESEATS:** This is just one example of the condition of furniture located in freshman dormitories.

these so-called "ladders," can cause severe damage in the case of an accident. We recommend you use a chair or desk...or taking a running start and swan diving onto the bed. The size of the bed is another major concern. Cuddling is virtually impossible, but still some adventurous few attempt the acrobatic maneuvering required to do the horizontal tango. Moreover, your poor, poor neighbor who is crying because it's 3:00 a.m. and they want to go to bed (O.A.R.), will be forced to listen to the musical interludes from the tango (creak, creak, creak). The paper-thin walls can be a plus however, as you strategically place a cup

to the wall to listen to gossip. There are some positives too. Our so-called country club is surrounded by beautiful Lake Virginia. Some lucky dorm goers have a lakeside view, where water-skiers and rowers can be seen as early as 6am. It's not so bad.

For those of you that still hate the dorms: ignore previous 703 words. For those of you that love the dorms: What are you thinking? And for those of you that are indifferent: take a stand. This is college, where we learn to defend an issue and stick with it. Although we did not choose one side, we wanted to provide many options for you readers!

## Resurrecting the Spirit of Rollins

■ Spirited individuals deserve an organization dedicated to making the campus brighter.

by **Alan Nordstrom**

columnist

Rollins, I think, needs a new social group, a new society, on campus, one to include and celebrate everyone who contributes to lifting the spirits of this college.

These new society members would be Rollins' spirited people, those whose presence and doings make us a brighter, better institution, a college that people are happy and proud to be a part of.

The aim of this society would be the betterment (or, as we like to say these days, the up-leveling) of Rollins, and those people who achieve membership would be clear and obvious exemplars of the kind of collegiate citizens Rollins treasures.

Unlike many societies, however, this one would not seek to be exclusive and limited in its membership. The

reverse, rather: it would aim to discover every member of the community who is worthy of tapping and inviting into its ranks. Indeed, this society would think itself failing if it were small.

How would society members, then, be selected, and what criteria would be used? Members of the Rollins community—students, staff, faculty, alumni, friends of the College—would volunteer for membership, either of their own initiative or by the suggestion of current society members. No one would join the society who did not want to be a member or believe they deserved membership. It would be a society of the ready, willing, and able.

If you are reading this, you are probably a candidate, and it would be your decision that made you a society member. Furthermore, you would be the sole judge of your own deservingness. Fair enough?

So, how would you decide if you were worthy? Perhaps because others already in the society urged you to join and said you had

the right stuff to be a member. Or maybe just because you knew in your own heart that you were contributing sweetness and light to the life of the College and that your spirit of devotion to the betterment of Rollins glowed ardently. You just knew. Simple as that.

Here's what you'd do. You'd just make the decision to be dedicated to the welfare of the Rollins enterprise. You'd become a booster of the best that Rollins can be, not just athletically, but in all its highest aspirations, though especially as a congenial, cordial, caring community of learners and seekers after wisdom. You'd contribute in that spirit to that goal.

Now that you know whether you belong in this special (but not exclusive) society, let me propose what we might call it: The New Four O's.

The old Four O's was controversial, to say the least, when that once-secret Rollins society went defunct in the 1990's. The Omnipotent Order of Osceola (O.O.O.O.) had been

founded decades before, innocuously enough, as a service society for the College, comprising members selected for their distinguished contributions to Rollins. They were chosen by the same criteria I have described above—except that they were picked by already initiated members, tapped secretly, then sworn to silence about their O.O.O.O. membership until after they departed the College. Thereafter, they were prohibited from claiming their membership as an honor for self-advancement.

But Four O's secrecy did them in. What was originally intended as anonymity for the sake of selfless service came to be seen by outsiders as the connivings of an insidious cabal up to skullduggery and exclusionary self-exaltation. Fair enough. From the outside, how could one know otherwise? Rollins then decided it would harbor no covert organizations, and the Order disbanded. Although it was offered the chance to continue operating out in the open, duly registered, as are all

other College organizations, with its constitution and by-laws on public record, it folded in disgrace.

But now, after many penitential years of interment, perhaps the O.O.O.O. spirit could be happily resurrected, its spirit of service and devotion to the betterment of Rollins. Maybe the Omnipotent Order of Osceola could be reincarnated here now as the all-volunteer society I have just described: same spirit, different constitution, a new organization of a new kind, but especially right for the needs of Rollins today.

What Rollins needs today, with the advent of a new president and a new era of aspiration, is the spirited dedication and justified pride of committed community members. May that spirit of Osceola, once playfully invoked for the benefit of the College, return to serve us now as we strive to become an ever more vibrant community of learners and seekers after wisdom.



# The Left And The War On Terror

■ Events in Spain give us an idea of what John Kerry may do.

by **John Ferreira**  
staff reporter

Following the horrific events of March 11 in Spain, the people went to the polls and chose to oust the ruling party. They voted for the Socialist Party, which represents the left in Spain, and chose Jose Zapatero as their prime minister. No matter what way you cut you it, the left's victory at the polls was a victory for the terrorists. It emboldened the terrorists' resolve, and also lead them to believe that they can somehow change and shake the resolve of the West. Zapatero announced a few days after his victory that he will recall Spanish troops from Iraq, and will fight the war his way. His way is basically the way of the French and Germans want to fight it that is not to fight it at all.

Interesting parallels can be drawn with the Spanish election and the American election this fall. On the issue of terrorism it is amazing to see how close the ideological difference is. The left in America also disagrees with the way that War on Terror is being fought.

Interestingly enough many liberals I talk to in America disagree with the War on Terror as a whole. They believe that it cannot be won, they think it is has been conjured up by this administration as a political tool. Many on the American left believe that terrorism is a figment of conservatives' imagination; apparently they want to scare the American public. John Kerry is just like Zapatero even if he doesn't believe in retreating from Iraq. At least the left in America isn't completely insane and they know that a fully recalling all of troops in Iraq would be suicide. The question becomes though: what happens after the Iraq mission is complete? Kerry and Democrats are on the same page as Zapatero, they would retreat. That is why American voters need to look to the events in Spain and be wary of a Kerry foreign policy.

Democrats have embraced this wonderfully internationalist picture of the World. They do not see the danger that America is. I have lived in a foreign country and have visited many others, and many people will be shocked to know that the world does not like America. This is a dangerous world for the globe's only super power. The left

believes that we run away from terror it will simply leave us alone. This of course is pure fiction. America cannot simply renounce its position in the world. That is what happened during the Clinton administration, we retreated in the face of adversity. We took a nap because we believed that the world would be ok. America received a very rude wake up call on a clear September morning. Retreating now would only help the terrorist cause. Zapatero is helping terrorists by removing his troops from Iraq.

Another fiction held dear by Democrats is that the War on Terror should be a law enforcement question and not a military question. The left thinks that if we make sure everyone in America isn't a terrorist things will be fine. This of course is pure fiction. America gains nothing from isolating itself from the world, because terrorists aren't coming from the inner cities. Terrorists are being bred around the world; therefore America must be present around the world, even if it means controlled military action. The last time America tried this sort of isolation and law enforcement it worked for a while, before Pearl Harbor came along.

The last piece of fiction

that Kerry, Zapatero, and the Left believes that if we are nice to terrorists they will not harm us. A reality check is sorely needed. This sort of policy was pursued by Clinton in his comic administration. America dropped its guard, and the thinking was if we leave them alone they would leave us alone. That didn't happen, they came for us. On a side note, I find it absolutely hilarious that Democrats are trying to blame September 11 on the Bush Administration, when it was the Clinton administration that disarmed America in the face of the terrorists. In his convention speech of 2000 Bush warned that America's military was not ready, how was it his fault that Bubba allowed terrorists to enter the country? Republicans can't do everything.

The United States needs to stay on the offensive it cannot cower back in the face of terrorists. Yet that is what Liberals want to do if they take power, all we have to do is look at Spain for evidence of this fact. That is the thinking behind Kerry's foreign policy, if he is elected America will withdraw, and isolate itself again, effectively handing Osama bin Laden and the murders of 9/11 and 3/11 the victory on this necessary war on Terror.

# Gayzed and Confused

■ Are you gay? The problems with assuming.

by **Issac J. Bailey**  
syndicated writer

Disappointed. That's what the woman on the phone said - after she questioned my sexuality. "Are you gay," she said, with no hint of malice. I imagine she was trying to find any reason to explain away the position I've taken on homosexuality and gay marriage. The question surprised me only because it took about two months before I was asked it directly, about two months after I wrote I wasn't convinced homosexuality was a sin. She asked it before saying she enjoyed my writing and was impressed the lone time we met. She asked it after saying

her daughter's friends used to harass gay students. She asked it after telling me, "We shouldn't give those people any reason to believe their lifestyle is OK." I told her I didn't see anything wrong with a committed, dedicated, God-based homosexual relationship. "I'm just disappointed," she said. We exchanged a couple of pleasantries and hung up. I was waiting for that question because every other one about my motives have already surfaced. I've been asked, in so many words, if I'm a tool of Satan. I've been asked if I believe there is a right and a wrong, if I believe in societal standards, if pedophilia should be legalized. I've been asked if I'm a Christian or just pretending to make a point.

I've heard from others who said I'm trampling on God's word to make people feel good. If I wanted to make people feel good, I'd declare homosexuality a sin, say gay marriage would be our downfall. Because that is the prevailing belief. When the Supreme Court shot down anti-sodomy laws, almost 80 percent of Americans surveyed said they were against gay marriage and other rights. About two-thirds of the country still feels that way. That's in line with most of the clergy members I grew up listening to - though not nearly all of the clergy members I've heard from since. And it's in line with a majority of readers, if the typed and handwritten pages-long letters I've been receiving from throughout the country are an indication. If this was just about

making people feel better, I've certainly chosen the wrong side. The irony is this: All I'd have to do to convince people I've heard from God about this topic is stop listening to Him and change my stance. I could stop doing all the things I'm doing - reading the Bible more consistently, learning about its origins, taking in the opinions of conservative and liberal clergy - and I'd be back in many people's good graces. I could stop asking God for guidance as long as I come up with the answer so many believe I should. Then that woman would be disappointed no longer. She hinted her disappointment is rooted in her belief that I'm disobeying God, though I can't help but wonder if it's really rooted in my disobeying her.

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Thursday, April 15, 2004

7:00 p.m. in the Bieberbach Reed Room  
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In his talk, Mark Spivey will explore the question of "Where God Lives" through an examination of the documented relationship between the human experience of spirituality and neurological activity in the right temporal lobe.

Mark Spivey currently practices as a Pastoral Care Counselor at Hospice of Volusia/Flagler. Mr. Spivey has masters degrees in both theology and social work, with a clinical specialty in psycho-spiritual issues.

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# A Frozen Season to Remember!

■ Fraternities take it to the ice for competition and camaraderie.

by **Zach Blend**  
contributing writer

When a group of friends in the Chi Psi and Phi Delta Theta Fraternities sat down to talk about how fun it would be to put a hockey team together, combined of brothers and pledges of both fraternities, and compete in a men's league at the RVD Sports Center in Maitland, none of them new the excitement and camaraderie they would bring to their fraternities and the Rollins College campus as well.

What started, as a bit of a joke and a bit of a dream between "The Founders", Jerry Arne, Matt Santini, Jodi Ingle, and Brian Binkoski, quickly turned into one of the most talked about and exciting sporting events at Rollins College in recent years, the birth of the "Frozen Eagles".

When the puck dropped for the first time in early

February, the energy in the arena was tremendous. With approximately 100 fans, all standing above the rink with much anticipation, the Eagles took the ice with unbridled passion in their veins and victory in their hearts.

Like many of the fans had predicted The Eagles found themselves in a ten man all out brawl with the opposing team before even scoring a goal. The brawl resulted in four ejections and left the team with many of their key players being thrown out of the game. As a result, The Eagles found themselves on the losing side of an 11-2 tilt, to the mighty Ice Holes.

Although they had not won the game, the Eagles had shown the heart, passion, and enough talent to get the crowd fired up for the rest of the season. The crowd, who consisted mostly of brothers from Chi Psi and Phi Delt, and sisters of Chi Omega and Kappa Gamma, had to be restrained by security on a few occasions throughout the season.

As the season pro-

gressed, the play of the team improved drastically as they learned to play with each other and find their old hockey legs, as many of them had not skated in sometime. Some of the many highlights of the season included, Brian Binkoski's "miracle" goal as time expired to earn a 5-5 tie vs. The Rangers, Matt Santini's knack for goal scoring, Tom Concannon's hat trick, Grif Doherty's break away goal, Jodi Ingle's save, on a penalty shot against The Fury, Dave Hennessy's goalie play in the third period of the playoff elimination game, Matt Nahmias getting pummeled in the corner, Steve Cahill's friends from Bowdoin, the locker room banter, and who can forget the banging on the boards by all of the Eagles screaming and predominantly female fans.

The Eagles finished the season with a record of 4-6-2, and also earned a third place finish in the A-League playoffs. In the end not only had they had fun, but they also had shown that the group had a lot of talented hockey



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**HOCKEY CRAZE:** Many people have watched fraternities duke it out with other teams at the men's league at the RVD.

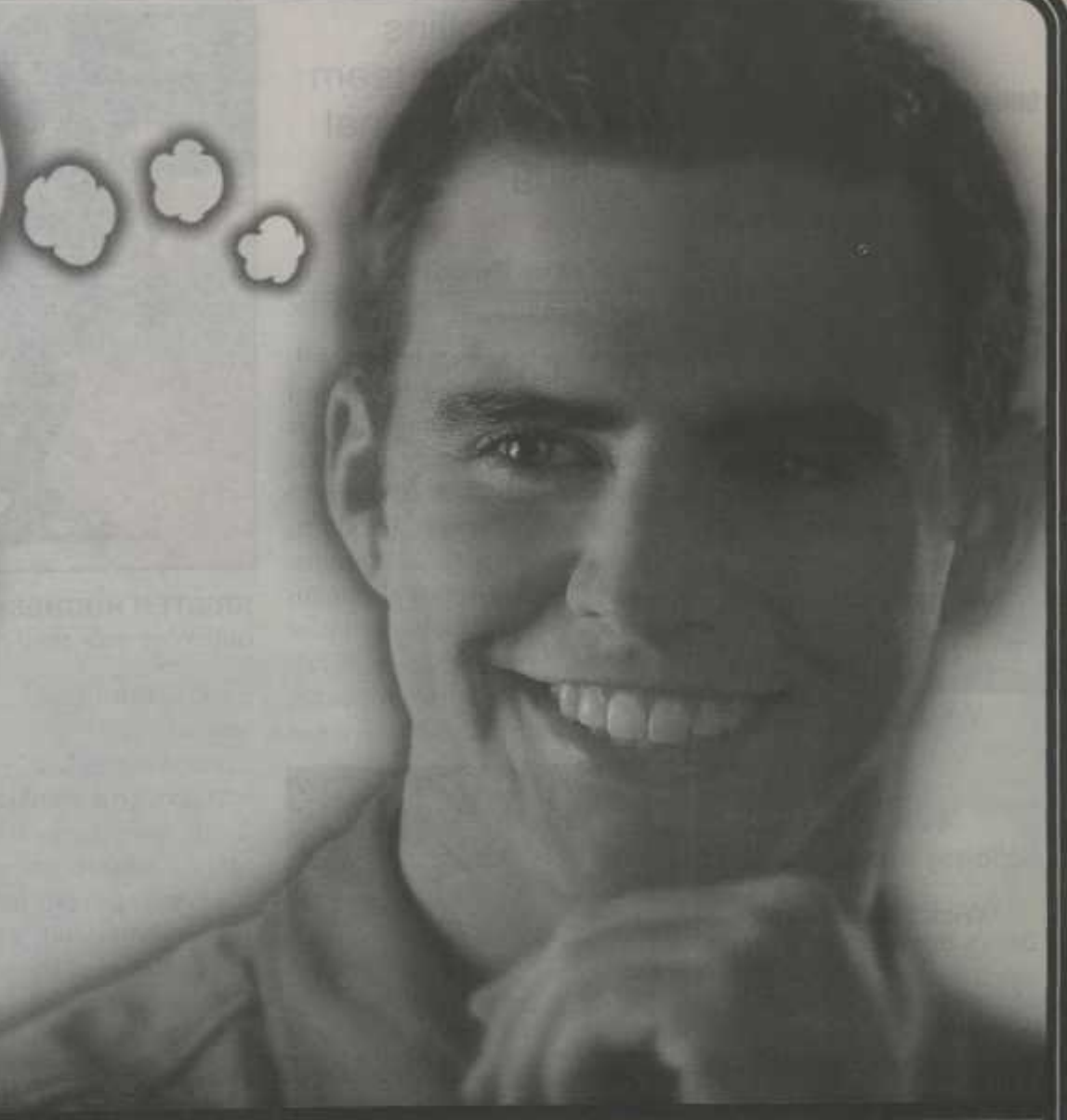
players. Although many of the Eagles will be graduating this year, the underclassmen members of the team plan on continuing the tradition for years to come.

Senior Jerry Arne, who was one of the founders of the team was quoted as saying, "This was a very positive activity for fans and players alike. I know that I leave the organization in

good hands going forward." All of the Eagles would like to thank the fans for all of their support and making the season so successful, and want all of you to know, that the Eagles will "glide" again.

In return, all of the fans would like to thank the Eagles for making it a season to remember, and giving us some memories to hold on to until next season.

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## What's Happening? ROLLINS CALENDAR

Friday 4-9  
Good Friday

Womens Tennis vs.  
Armstrong Athletics  
Martin Complex - 3:30 p.m.

Baseball vs. FL Tech  
Alfond Stadium - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday 4-10

Men's Tennis vs.  
Armstrong Atlantic State  
Martin Complex - 10:00 a.m.  
Women's Tennis vs. UCF  
Martin Complex - 11:00 a.m.  
Baseball vs. FL Tech  
Alfond Stadium - 1:00 p.m.

Sunday 4-11

Easter

Monday 4-12

Blood Mobile  
Mills Lawn 9:00 - 4:00 p.m.

HHSGA Meeting  
CSS 170 - 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday 4-13

Music at Midday  
Keene Hall 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.  
ACE Meeting  
Bierberbach Reed  
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Women's Tennis vs.  
Florida Southern  
Martin Complex - 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday 4-14

SGA Meeting  
Galloway Room - 6:30 p.m.  
Wicket Wednesday  
Dave's Downunder - 7:00 p.m.

Thursday 4-15

Blood Mobile  
Mills Lawn - 9:00 - 4:00p.m.

Music at Midday  
Keene Hall 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Percussion Ensembles  
Keene Hall - 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

# Baseball Superstar

■ Nick Manson displays his diversity on the field, and helps Rollins baseball.

by **Caitlin Geoghan**  
managing editor

This week's athletic spotlight centers on the charming junior Nick Manson. A Sunrise, Florida native, Manson came to the school for the baseball and the strong academics. Manson is a math major and hopes to get into the engineering field after graduate school. He is not sure where he wants to go to graduate school, but University of Texas is his first choice. But before he runs off to the Lone Star State, Manson has another year to make his amazing contributions to our baseball team.

While most players either play a position in the infield, outfield or pitch or catch, Manson is a unique player that both pitches and plays third base. He started off at Rollins as a third base-

man, but the coaches tried him out in the pitching position. Ever since then Manson has stepped in as a closing pitcher. He is quite the impressive player.

As far as the team goes, Manson is impressed with performance and camaraderie. "It's a lot different than last year's team, we're a lot more close-knitted with some good leaders" says Manson about the team. As they play four games a week, it's a good thing that they all get along. With a nine and three record in the Sunshine State Conference, the team is tied for first. If they keep this pace they'll be a shoe-in for the Regional Competition and have a good chance at the Championship held in Alabama.

The team still has quite a few home games left, and



**VERSATILITY IN THE INFIELD:** Junior Nick Manson plays both pitcher and third-base. This week's athletic spotlight is off the charts!

Manson encourages students to come out and support the team. Disappointed by poor attendance, Manson sympathizes saying, "It sucks because the field is off campus and it is difficult for people to get there." Manson has a good solution to the problem. He suggests that beer be served at the games and that the concession

stands accept R-Cards. There's an idea for next year... Be sure to go support this week's athlete of the week at the home games this weekend. The team is up against Florida Tech at 7:00 p.m. and again on Saturday at 1:00 p.m.

**GO ROLLINS!**

## Getting Stronger By the Minute

■ The Rollins Tars softball team receives national ranking.

by **Katie Pederson**  
staff reporter

March was a big month for the Rollins Softball Team as they swept rivals Tampa and defeated Barry two out of three games in a series to close in on Florida Southern in the race for a conference title. The efforts of the team coached by Michelle Frew and led by seniors Sarah Sedberry, Lindsey Manz, and Kristin Hughes have not



**KRISTEN HUGHES:** Senior outfielder gets ready to run.

gone unnoticed in the league. Third baseman/pitcher Stacy Sanders and shortstop Kelly Cruz were named Sunshine State Conference player of the week, pitcher Jamie Elam was recognized as conference pitcher of the week, and Sanders was given the enormous honor of being chosen as the Sunshine State Conference Female Athlete of the Month for March.

With an impressive record of 34-11 and 10-2 in the SSC the Tars lead their opponents in almost all categories with an impressive team combined batting average of .293. Defensively these women are impeccable

with a combined fielding percentage over 90 and are led at the mound by the talented pitching of Elam who currently broke the school record for most strikeouts in a season currently standing at 229. With their current strength and the reintroduction of key players Charlotte Gleason and Tiffanie Toner following mid-season injuries hopes for a sectional tournament showing are high.

These ladies have long proven themselves to Rollins College and the Sunshine State Conference and are now starting to gain national recognition they so rightly deserve. The Lady Tars were



**RANDI WEISS:** Junior infielder gets ready for the ball.

currently ranked in a NCAA polls as one of the top twenty Division II teams in the country and stand now as the #5 team in the NCAA II South Region Poll. The rankings have been long in the making and are a true reflection of the incredible caliber of talent that this team has to offer. The Tars finished their home season this past Thursday at the new Lake Island Park and look to take on Florida Tech in a three games series in Melbourne next weekend.



**TIFFANIE TONER:** Junior pitcher/outfielder swings high.



**KELLY CRUZ:** Sophomore shortstop is on the defensive.