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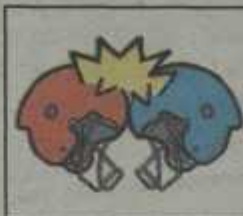
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This year's freshman talent show turned out to be a big hit, featuring love songs, rock music, and the winning number, "The Shoop Shoop Song," performed by Shannon Ryan.

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Wondering where the smart money is this season? Turn to the sports section for our editors' picks for the NFL.

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Chronicles of the Walk of Fame

■ A new book now sold on campus chronicles the history of our very own Walk of Fame.

by **Caroline Ogle**

staff reporter

As you walk on to the Rollins College campus, it is nearly impossible to get around without taking a stroll down the Walk of Fame. Rollins is not only a beautiful campus, but it is also filled with history, tradition, and a bit of wonder. One such wonder is the Walk of Fame, right in the middle of campus.

It took the hard work of Mr. Wenxian Zhang and students David Smith and Patricia Strout to categorize and organize each and every name and stone into a recently published book called *Walk of Fame - A*

Rollins Legacy.

This book not only records the names of the stones set in the Walk of Fame, but adds in biographies of people honored there as well. The complete background of this historically rich place can also be found within the book's covers.

What do Charles Dickens, Buffalo Bill, Rockefeller, and Oliver Wendell Holmes all have in common? Each of these well known names is inscribed on a stone in the Walk of Fame. They are not grave stones, but they are reminders of the great thinkers and leaders in our



photo / CAROLINE OGLE

WALK OF FAME WHEEL: This stone wheel marks the beginning of the Rollins Walk of Fame that circles Mills Lawn.

society. The names are unique because each stone has a marker detailing the direct connection with the famous person it represents.

In an interview with Mr. Wenxian Zhang, he described the reason he and the two students decided to

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1 1 0 Hours of Music

■ WPRK aims to break the world record for longest DJ marathon broadcast.

by **Adam Burton**

photographer

One hundred ten hours. That's 15 percent of the month of September. The same as watching all three Lord of the Rings movies straight through 12 times, or listening to all six Radiohead albums 22 times in a row.

One hundred-ten hours is how long Dave Plotkins is going to be awake for WPRK's (91.5 FM) attempt at breaking the world record for the longest "radio DJ marathon" in history.

The 52-year-old Rollins radio station has become a staple in Central Florida with faithful listeners, staff, and volunteers. Known as a station that functions on a completely different level from the mainstream, WPRK has always been involved with the community and has stood out from the rest of the radio stations in Central Florida with its free format air play—leaving the music completely up to the DJ's themselves.

"It's a fantastic radio station. It's one of the best things on Rollins' campus and this marathon is going to be a great way to get attention and raise money for the station," Plotkins said.

Plotkins got his first chance to DJ for WPRK when he was just 15 years old. From then on he consistently volunteered and per-

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Two Planes Crash in Russia

■ Plane crashes in Russia exemplify the existing threat of terror.

by **Ike Saunders**

staff reporter

Terrorism still proves to be a vivid threat to countries across the globe. On Tuesday, August 24, two jetliners departing from Domodedovo International Airport in Moscow, Russia crashed after takeoff. Each instance occurred only minutes apart. A Volga-Avia Express Tupolov 134 disappeared from the radar first at 10:56 p.m. Three minutes later, Siberia Airlines Tupolev 154 fell off radar. CNN Online reports that initial investigations, though not ruling out terrorism as a possibility, did not give any reason for the Federal



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EXAMING THE WRECKAGE: One of the downed Russian planes.

Security Service to be inclined to assume that terrorists were involved.

Arguments, however, were posed that gave reason to consider terrorism as a

greater possibility. *The Russia Journal* reports, "Residents at the Vladimirovka village in the Tula region, where the Tu-134 plane crashed, heard a loud explosion followed by

the roaring sound of the falling airliner and several explosions after the plane hit the ground. The wreckage of the Tu-134 was strewn over a vast area, which is also a sign of an on-board explosion. The two aircraft were in a good condition, and the pilots were highly trained professionals."

As time went on additional expert opinion

came to shed light on the situation as well. The Associated Press reported that Bob Francis, an investigator of TWA flight 800 in

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Fame Book Terrorism Suspected

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endure the many difficulties of taking on such an elaborate project. Because the first book on the Walk was compiled in 1939, there was a strong need to update this information to include present-day additions. Zhang, Smith, and Strout used information originally collected by Hamilton Holt, the eighth president of Rollins College. They made a computer database to stay organized, and also compiled all the new data on the computer with extensive biographical

research to complete the new book.

The history of the Walk of Fame itself begins with a collection of twenty two stones belonging to Hamilton Holt that were set on the Rollins College campus. They were a collection of his, and it was his wish to have the Walk of Fame expand to be a place to honor the well-known men and women who have made great contributions to society. Now the walk includes five hundred and thirty stones, the two newest being

those of Donald Cram and Dr. Bornstein.

The Walk of Fame is truly a wonder right in our backyards. The book *Walk of Fame - A Rollins Legacy* is the perfect guide to this piece of history and tradition. It is available in the bookstore as well as the library.



THE AUTHOR HIMSELF: Mr. Wenxian Zhang poses with his new book.

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1996, is quoted as having said, "There are obviously things that can lead to accidents...The likelihood that

you can have things lead to two accidents...at the same time...that's a pretty heavy coincidence." Rafi Ron, a former head of security at Israel's Ben Gurion Airport also reported to the

Associated Press, "The timing indicates that this is probably a coordinated attack. There was probably something on board that led the pilots to push the distress signal or submit a verbal signal. In my assumption, that must have been the result of a terrorist being on board." Ron's suggestions arose after having discovered later on that Siberia Airlines had actually issued a hijack alert just prior to falling off the radar.

More conclusive evidence has also been discovered at the crash site lending to the probability of terrorist activity being the cause of

abouts. CNN Online further divulges, "According to Russian media reports quoting security sources and Chechnya's interior minister,



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the accidents. Nikolai Zakharov, a security service spokesman, reported that Tu-154 had traces of an explosive hexogen among the wreckage. An FSB spokesman later revealed that additional examination of the other flight, Tu-134, also revealed traces of the explosive. Spokesman for the FSS, Sergei Ignatchenko, has testified, "According to preliminary information, at least one of the crashes...has been the result of a terrorist attack." This testimony was prior to the discovery of the same explosive at the site of the second plane crash.

Immediate deductions and evidence point to Chechnya as the culprit. For over five years now, Russia has battled with separatist guerillas in the southern territory of Chechnya, and multiple instances of terror have been inflicted upon Russia by Chechen separatists. Not only were numerous bombings and attacks attributed to Chechnya, but a rather prominent demonstration of the extreme measures the guerillas take is the hostage crisis in a Moscow theater, resulting in the death of over 100 of the hostages. The explosives found at the crash sites have also been used by Chechnya in past attacks, reports CNN Online.

More striking, however, is the evidence regarding suspects in the attacks. On the Siberia Airlines flight, a Chechen woman, as reported by the FSB, was the only passenger on the flight who has neither been accounted for among the wreckage nor had any family or friends come forth on her where-

a Chechen woman also boarded the first plane that crashed, a Volga-Avia Express Tupolev 134. The Grozny resident, born in 1977, was the last passenger to board the Tu-134 and had purchased her ticket an hour before the flight departed."

Still, spokesman Faruk Tubulat for Chechen separatist leader Aslan Maskhadov denies any involvement in the crashes. "Our leadership has nothing to do with these terrorist acts. Our actions are directed solely against the military."

The attacks highlight the still strong tension between Chechnya and Russia. Only days prior to the presidential election in Chechnya, the attack, if indeed Chechen, speaks loudly of Chechnya's growing hatred. An additional terrorist attack rang through Chechnya when a bomber's own bomb killed him near a polling station on the Election Day.

Ironically enough, the Siberian Airlines flight was destined for Sochi, the then vacation spot for Russian President Vladimir Putin. For Putin, September 1 is a scheduled emergency meeting with Russian Transport Minister Igor Levitin at the Kremlin in Moscow. A total of 90 passengers and crew members were on board the two flights that crashed. Now left with only strong leads and a heightened tension between Russia and Chechnya, only time may tell what the future holds in terms of security and future terrorist threats—Russian, international, or domestic for the United States.

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Kerry Called Into Question

■ As the election debates heat up, Senator John Kerry's military service becomes a source of much controversy.

by **Erika Batey**

asst. news editor

In recent months, American viewers have been overwhelmed by TV commercials both promoting and criticizing the two candidates for president, George W. Bush and Senator John Kerry. They have also been given a chance to become more familiar with Kerry and Vice Presidential candidate John Edwards through the Democratic National Convention held in Boston last month. It has now become clear that this election will not be smooth sailing. Both candidates are experiencing ups and downs, especially after the recent Vietnam Swift boat controversy surrounding Kerry that has brought further unexpected twists.

The Democratic National Convention was held from July 26 to July 29 and was the highlight of the summer for the Democrats. Key speakers included Illinois state Senator Barack Obama, former president Jimmy Carter, New York Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton, former president Bill Clinton, and Vice Presidential candidate

John Edwards. The list of speakers finally concluded on Thursday night with John Kerry's Democratic Presidential candidate acceptance speech.

The Democrats focused on several major themes, such as "A Stronger More Secure America," and "Stronger at Home, Respected in the World." "In these dangerous days there is a right way and a wrong way to be strong. Strength is more than tough words. After decades of experience in national security, I know the reach of our power and I know the power of our ideals. We need to make America once again a beacon in the world. We need to be looked up to and not just feared," Kerry announced.

A significant portion of the Convention also centered on Kerry's Vietnam service. Bill Clinton held the crowd's attention when he said, "When they sent those swift-boats up the river in Vietnam and told them their job was to draw hostile fire to show the American flag and bait the enemy to come out and fight, John Kerry said, send me. When it was time to heal the wounds of war and normalize relations with Vietnam and to demand an accounting of the POWs and MIAs we lost there, John Kerry said, send me."

However, it is Kerry's Vietnam service that has become the source of much

debate and controversy in recent weeks. A group of Swift boat veterans have started a website and aired television commercials denouncing Kerry's claims of war heroism. On their website they accuse him of "phony war crimes charges" and "exaggerated claims about his own service in Vietnam." The nature by which Kerry was awarded three Purple Hearts has also been debated. Yet other Swift boat veterans, such as Jim Rassmann, who formerly served with the U.S. Army 5th Special Forces Group in Vietnam, refute these charges. He is a Republican who says that no one asked him to join the Kerry campaign and he has spoken out strongly. "On March 13, 1969, John Kerry's courage and leadership saved my life...I had to speak out; I had to tell the American peo-

ple about John Kerry, about his wisdom and courage, about his vision and leadership. I would trust John Kerry with my life, and I would entrust John Kerry with the well-being of our country." However, the Swift boat veterans are saying that Kerry jets a small group of veterans around the country to speak out and make public appearances.

To counter these claims Kerry's campaign has released a new ad telling Bush to denounce the Swift boat veteran ads. Shortly after the Swift boat veteran ads were aired, Edwards addressed Bush saying, "In the last 24 hours, we have not heard a thing from President Bush. The American people deserve to hear from the president that the ads should come off the air." The Bush campaign has strongly stated that it has not

coordinated with the Swift boat veterans. It has sent a letter to television stations airing the Kerry campaign ad stating, "The ad running on your station contains this false and libelous charge."

Despite all the charges, Kerry's war record is still regarded by many as admirable. He received three Purple Hearts, a bronze star, and a silver star, and neither has been disclaimed by the Defense Department or the Navy. Even Bush has stated that Kerry "served admirably, and he ought to be proud of his record."

The debates and controversies can be expected to continue until Election Day. Polls show that the country is almost evenly divided on who they would vote for if the election were today.



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SWIFT RESPONSE: Del Sandusky, left, former crewmate of John Kerry in Vietnam, speaks out about the Swift Boat TV advertisement at a press conference at the War Memorial Park.

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship Challenges Rollins to Pray

■ The Intersarsity Christian Fellowship is working to bring prayer to campuses across Florida.

by **Danielle Lambraia**

copy editor

If you ask most people what comes to mind when thinking of college and the variety of activities in which students engage, the majority mention the basics: professors, classes, sports, Greek life, outrageous parties, alcohol, and a bit of study on the side. One thing I doubt you would hear many mention is a 24-hour a day, 40-day prayer! "Godly"

is just not typically used to describe the average college student.

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship (IV), an active religious organization on campus, is working toward changing that stereotype once and for all.

The idea for this change took shape during their annual "Chapter Camp" retreat in Jasper, GA. Staff-worker Brian Sanders challenged the region to take this project on. He proclaims, "The prophet (Joel) is calling for everyday people to become a part of an extraordinary army that fights for God. We are being called to do the same. Whatever we are doing (farming, going to school) we are being roused, for a season, to become

something else: warriors. And the implement of our work (like the plowshares) is to be remade into an implement of war. Our battlefield is prayer and we are fighting for the hearts of our cities".

I am excited to report that everyday has been covered by at least one school in the region. We are roused and ready. Now the adventure begins. In the words of James White, it is time for us to 'kick at the darkness until it bleeds light.'"

The plan is to have the southeastern region of the fellowship engage in 40 days of nonstop prayer. The region includes Tampa, Atlanta, Knoxville, Lexington, Orlando, Gainesville, Melbourne, Miami, Ft. Lauderdale, Chattanooga,

St. Augustine, Richmond, Louisville, Memphis, Sarasota, St. Petersburg, Nashville, Jacksonville, and Ft. Pierce.

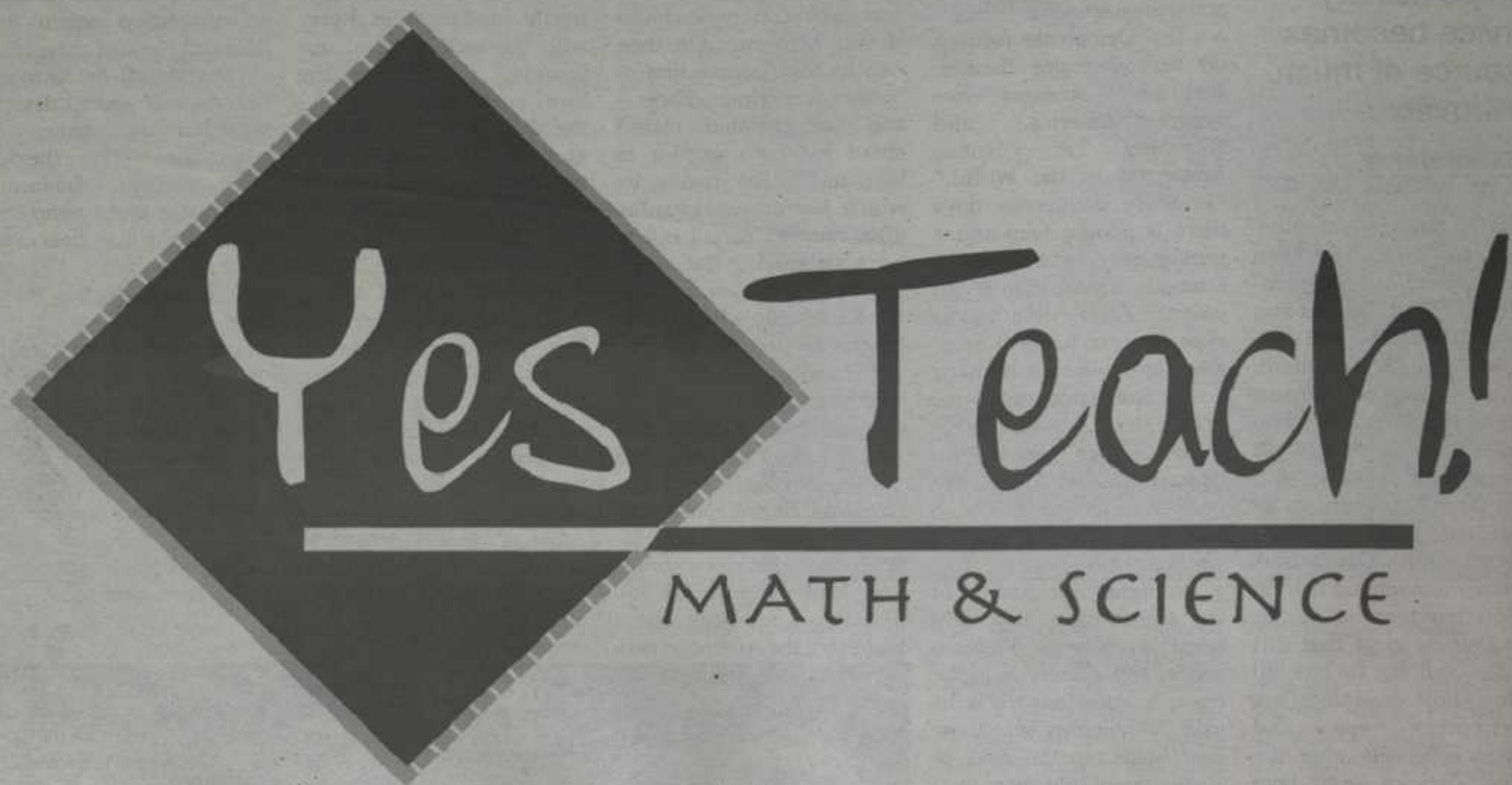
Students will intercede by praying for campuses, all organizations, sports teams, friends, and the Orlando area. Central Florida will be kicking off the event, which is comprised of Stetson University, University of Central Florida, Valencia and Seminole Community Colleges, as well as our very own Rollins College.

The entire event spans 40 days from Sept 1 through Oct 10, and Rollins' participation includes September 1-3 and October 1-3 for 96 hours straight for each scheduled time. Students, signed up for designated

times throughout the days, will meet at Intersarsity staff-worker, Kim Koi's, house in downtown Orlando.

With numerous scriptures painted along the walls, an amazing sanctuary room has been set up for the event. It's quite a kick-off for the organization.

It's just prayer, you say. What's the point of people praying? According to member Janet Aponte, "Even if you're not spiritual, the power of the mind should not be overestimated. If enough people come together to pray, changes can be made. The power of prayer is awesome!"



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Rollins Honored As A Family Friendly Employer

■ This year Rollins ranks among the Top 25 employers for working families, as awarded by *The Orlando Sentinel*.

by **Brittany Lee**

news editor

Each year, since 1993, the *Orlando Sentinel* has honored Central Florida's Top 100 employers for working families. This year, for the first time, Rollins was ranked among the top 25.

On July 30, the 11th Annual Top 100 Companies for Working Families Awards were presented in the Royal Pacific Resort Hotel. The process for receiving recognition in this awards ceremony is complex.

Companies deemed eligible begin by filling out initial entry forms, which display their selection of family friendly benefits. From there, the responses are scored on a point system and the questions weighted, ranging from one to two points, depending on the program.

This year companies

were additionally asked whether their benefits applied to part-time employees, and employees' family members, such as spouses and children. If a company's benefits encompassed more than just full time employees, it earned extra points. This year's deadline for entries was April 2.

To determine ranking among the top 25 and to ensure against ties, companies were requested to provide a notebook of supporting material. A panel of judges, comprised of experts in the Human Resource and employee benefits fields, as well as employees of the

Orlando Sentinel knowledgeable in workplace initiatives, scored this material and combined it with the original entry forms to rank those at the top.

This year's Top 100 were featured in the August 1 edition of *Florida Magazine*, as well as on WESH-TV Channel 2, which ran short video clips of each company.

It is a great honor for Rollins to be ranked among the Top 25. Maria Martinez, assistant vice president of human resources here at Rollins expressed, "We are very proud of our family friendly work environment and are pleased to receive

this recognition."

As members of the Rollins community, we should all take pride in the fact that our college devotes time, forethought, and money not only to the students, but also to the faculty and employees who are essential to the success of the institution.



Convention Shows Compassion

■ WA GOP showcases Bush's compassionate side with message of hope.

by **Ron Hutcheson**

syndicated writer

California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and first lady Laura Bush showcased President Bush's softer side at the Republican convention Tuesday night, a night that presented a sunny contrast to Monday's emphasis on the war on terror.

Hoping to win over swing voters, immigrants, and women, Day Two of the Republican National Convention offered a message of hope and optimism during a time of war and economic difficulty.

"Ladies and gentlemen, America is back!" Schwarzenegger said in prepared remarks distributed before his speech to delegates gathered just blocks away from the barren spot that once anchored the World Trade Center's twin towers. "Back from the attack on our homeland, back from the attack on our economy, back from the attack on our way of life."

Schwarzenegger was the star of the show, but the night was also a Bush family affair. In a last-minute addition to the schedule, the 22-year-old twin Bush daughters, Jenna and Barbara, took on the role of introducing

their mother to the packed convention hall and a national television audience.

Bush, who arrived in New York on Wednesday, spoke to the convention via satellite from a campaign event near Gettysburg, PA. He spent the day trying to counter any suggestion that he harbors doubts about the outcome of the war on terrorism.

"We may never sit down at a peace table, but make no mistake about it: we are winning and we will win," Bush said at an American Legion convention in Nashville.

His comments were intended to quiet a flap that started Monday, when Bush seemed to suggest in a taped television interview that America could never declare victory against terrorism.

"I don't think you can win it," he told NBC's Matt Lauer in an interview taped last weekend. "But I think you can create conditions so that those who use terror as a tool are less acceptable in parts of the world."

Later Tuesday, Bush expressed regrets about his televised comments during a chat with conservative radio host Rush Limbaugh.

"I should have made my point more clear about what I meant," Bush told Limbaugh. "What I meant was that this is not a conventional war ... I probably needed to be a little more articulate."

Democratic spokesman Phil Singer said Bush has "gone from mission accomplished to mission miscalcu-

lated to mission impossible" in discussing the war on terrorism.

Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry, taking a break at his home on Nantucket Island in Massachusetts, left it to his running mate to react to developments in New York. Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina, the vice presidential nominee, took offense at Republican criticism.

"All they could do was attack," Edwards said in a statement released by the campaign in West Virginia, where he was campaigning. "You know why? Because they don't have a plan to create jobs, to fix health care, or win the war on terror."

On the streets of New York, protesters confronted Republican delegates outside their hotels and threatened to disrupt convention-related events with sit-ins and other acts of civil disobedience. Police arrested throngs of protesters who tried to march to Madison Square Garden without a permit. More than 500 demonstrators had been arrested before Tuesday's wave of civil disobedience, which resulted in hundreds more arrests.

While Bush talked tough on the campaign trail and chatted up his "good friend" Limbaugh, his supporters in New York highlighted the compassionate side of his conservative philosophy. The podium lineup at Madison Square Garden featured two of the nation's most popular Republicans -

an actor-turned-politician who craves the limelight and a former librarian who initially shunned public life.

Schwarzenegger, a former body builder who shelved his acting career to enter politics, cited his personal history as evidence that the American dream is alive and well. The high-profile convention speech marked his political debut on the national stage, and Schwarzenegger made the most of the opportunity.

He made light of his acting career, even as he mined it for effect. He urged Americans to stay upbeat about their country and its economy.

"To those critics who are so pessimistic about our economy, I say: Don't be economic girlie men," he said.

Schwarzenegger, whose foreign birth makes him ineligible to run for president, also offered an emotional tribute to his adopted home. He recalled his boyhood in Austria, where his family lived in fear of the Soviet troops who occupied part of the country and where Schwarzenegger dreamed of moving to America.

"Everything I have - my career, my success, my family - I owe to America," he said. "In this country, it doesn't make any difference where you were born ... That's why I believe in this country, that's why I believe in this party, and that's why I believe in this president."

During an earlier visit to a New York firehouse, Schwarzenegger displayed

some of the characteristic earthiness that sometimes gets him in political trouble. He told the firefighters that he admires the "balls you have to do the jobs you do."

Schwarzenegger, who usually downplays his Republican Party ties, differs with Bush by supporting abortion rights and opposing a constitutional ban on gay marriage. Laura Bush has also indicated that she differs with her husband on abortion, but she does not talk about it publicly.

In contrast to Schwarzenegger, a polished performer, Laura Bush came reluctantly to her high-profile political role. Before marrying Bush in 1977, she extracted a promise that she would not have to give political speeches.

The pledge was quickly forgotten, as was her commitment to jog with Bush. This year, she and her daughters are campaigning like never before.

She offered a personal look at her husband's anguish over sending troops into battle.

"I remember some very quiet nights at the dinner table," she said in her prepared remarks. "And I remember sitting in the window of the White House, watching as my husband walked on the lawn below. I knew he was wrestling with these agonizing decisions that would have such profound consequences for so many lives and for the future of our world."

A Word From the Dean

First, on behalf of the faculty and staff of the Hamilton Holt School, I want to thank the staff of *The Sandspur* for providing us space in their publication. Communicating with students who live off campus, and who often work during the day, can be a challenge. *The Sandspur* will become an important way for us to reach out to our students and to hear from them as well.

Communicating with students wasn't the only challenge we faced this year, however. Hurricane Charley delayed classes and left many people with damaged homes followed by days without power, telephone, or water. As I write this, college

administrators are already preparing for the possibility of an unprecedented second hurricane in the first few weeks of the semester.

There are not many good things to say about a hurricane. But hurricanes and other unexpected events do remind us that we can't let short term emergencies distract us from longer term goals. We need to handle our emergency, then get back on the path of accomplishing what we set out to do. Many of you are well aware of this, of course, having decided that no hurricane-nor anything else-is going keep you from earning your degree.

At open houses and other events, I often talk to

students about the benefits of higher education. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, an obvious benefit is the impact on earnings. Whereas the average high school graduate earns \$29,800 annually, graduates with bachelor's degrees earn around \$48,896. And individuals with a master's degree earn around \$56,494.

This year the Holt School is doing a special outreach to all Rollins College students regarding graduate education. If you are thinking about an advanced degree, I encourage you to consider the College's fine graduate programs in human resources, education, counseling, corporate communication and technology, liber-



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FORECASTING A BRIGHT FUTURE: Dean of the Hamilton Holt School Dr. Robert Smither.

al studies, and business. Your Holt School advisor can direct you where to find information on any of these.

All of us are hoping that Hurricane Frances passes us by. But if she doesn't, we know that Frances will end up being just another of those emergencies that we must manage then move

beyond. Whether you are working toward a BA, MA, better job, or more satisfying life in general, I hope you won't let today's emergency deter you from your larger goal.

I wish you every success this semester.

Bob Smither
Dean

Career Makeover...No Surgery Required

■ Looking for timely career advice? Then turn to the *Holt News* career coach.

by **Marian Cacciatore**
columnist

Currently the theme of primetime "makeovers" appears to have captured the imagination of the public. The results often seem unbelievable! Yet, these makeovers appear to be beyond the reach of many "ordinary residents" of Central Florida. However, did you know that Career Makeovers are being achieved on a regular basis at the Hamilton Holt Career Services? It's true!

By taking advantage of Career Services, Holt students have actually achieved dramatic change and growth without setting foot into a plastic surgeon's office! This kind of "makeover" begins with education regarding the job search process. It includes gaining confidence by obtaining and then quantifying related experience. It is a process of clarifying how skills can transfer into new realms and add value! Each step is "tailor-made" to each individual student and focuses on those areas that need the most attention.

We guarantee that the Career Makeovers can be just as dramatic as the prime time series! Take Pam Ford for example: Her "before" picture shows Pam as a for-

mer homemaker who enrolled in the Holt school to finally achieve her dream of becoming a children's therapist. A close-up shot reveals a significant lack of self confidence and some self doubt! When she started this journey several years ago, her quote was, "I am not sure that I will be able to do this, but I want to try!" During her undergraduate years, she worked as a Crossing Guard and school cafeteria worker to make ends meet. Ultimately, though, she knew that she needed to obtain work in her field of interest to make her dream a reality! This desire prompted her to take advantage of Hamilton Holt Career Services.

After working with Career Services during her undergraduate years, her "photo" looks very different today! She is absolutely beaming! After graduating *summa cum laude* from the Holt School last May, she is beginning the Masters of Counseling Program this fall. She has transitioned out of her part-time positions into a paraprofessional educator's role within an Orange County classroom. It is a step closer to realizing her ultimate career goal. "I love working with the chil-

dren and being a part of their education. I am confident that this experience will help me as I continue to grow professionally!"

Here is Pam's Makeover testimonial: "I could not have attained what I have, educationally or career/job-wise. Without Rollins!! While my parents are my "rocks," Rollins is the "wind beneath my wings." My career makeover began when Marian "took me under her wing" and worked with me on all fronts. She stood with me every painful inch of the way. I learned how to write a resume targeted to a particular audience, how to market and project myself at interviews, how to network through informational interviews, and how not to lose hope when I got a rejection letter! Thanks to Marian's coaching, I am utilizing my education and skills on a daily basis, and enjoying it immensely!"

Today Pam is confident that her Career Dream is now easily within reach. To her, the makeover has been both dramatic and fulfilling! "I truly have experienced a Career Makeover! Thanks so much for guiding me through the tedious journey; it is paying off!"



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Hamilton Holt School Career Counselor Marian Cacciatore.

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- Community Meet & Greet.....Beginning September 27
- General Meeting - CSS170.....October 4 - 5:30 p.m.
- Fall Family Festival.....October 16
- Dr Duncan at Holt Assembly.....October 20 - 6 p.m.
- General Meeting - CSS170.....November 1 - 5:30 p.m.

Educating and Leading by Example

Holt Spotlight:
Department of
Communications
Professor, Dr. Sue
Easton.

by **Brian Hernandez**
production manager

Whether you've taken a gander at their website, browsed through their offices on the first floor of the Cornell Social Sciences building, or enrolled in one of their many course offerings, it's clear that the Rollins College Department of Communication is staffed by a talented group of instructors. In this first edition of the *Holt Spotlight*, we narrow our sights on a member of this distinguished faculty whose interests and experiences have helped shape the educational goals of Holt students in both the undergraduate and graduate levels: Dr. Sue Easton.

Having joined the Communications Department in 2001, Dr. Easton has taught a variety of courses. But in addition to her skills as an instructor, Dr. Easton has worked tirelessly to serve as a mentor and advisor to several student organizations, all with the hope of developing a sense of community amongst the Holt program and its diverse student body.

A leader and teacher both in the classroom and in the corporate world, Dr. Easton represents the Rollins College Ethos of Fiat Lux throughout all of her endeavors. In this exclusive *Holt News* interview, we learn a little more about the person behind the successful reputation, and how the challenges in her life can serve as an inspiration to students and goal seekers of all ages.

I understand that you earned your undergraduate and graduate degrees in New York, is that where you are originally from?

Yes, I was born in Syracuse. I moved to FL about 18 years ago. To earn my BA, I graduated Auburn Community College and then transferred to the State University of New York at Oswego. It took me seven years to get my BA. After teaching and then working as a manager for GE, I returned to college for my Masters at Syracuse University. My college experiences were similar to many Holt students - I was a single mother with three children and a full time job while I went to college nights to finish my

degree. I always regretted not having more of a 'college experience' and when I returned for my last degree (Ph.D. at FSU) I really took advantage of all that the college had to offer. I joined clubs, attended lectures and sporting events, and really saw the difference of a college experience when I was more involved. Even though I was old enough to be the mother of everyone in class, I made wonderful friends of all ages from around the world.

What led you into the communications field? Were you a chatty child? Or just curious about human interaction?

I think communication is at the heart of human experience and relationships. Originally, I became interested in the field through my work in organizational development and human resource development. As a manager I realized

the impact of communication on morale and productivity. Later in my consulting business, I spent most of my time helping people develop stronger communication skills and worked to develop systems within companies so that people could be heard more effectively. As a result, I saw people become more confident as they recognized greater choices in their lives.

And yes, I was a talkative child. My mother often reminds me that my report cards frequently said, "Susie is a very bright child, but she would do much better if she could control her talking in class."

Where there any experiences during your childhood or young adult stages when your interest in communications was peaked or even challenged?

I think I am constantly in a state of learning, and that it seems to be a continuous spiral. For example, this summer while working on a book that I'm writing with Wally Schmidt on intercultural communication for international business, I have learned so much beyond the stereotypical communication issues. As I research how multicultural groups work in global organizations, it extends my research on virtual teams. It also impacts my thinking about the political and social issues of culture and how that affects working together. The more I learn, the stronger my desire is to read and learn more. I've also been doing research that extends my background in small groups and work teams and explores the group dynamics of bullying, gangs and

school violence. With the political campaigns, I'm exploring the rhetoric and issues related to being a critical consumer of media. All of this stuff is very fascinating to me.

You've mentioned that you worked for many years in the corporate sector, what were your experiences like? I held several management positions in GE in the aerospace



MULTILEVEL MENTOR: Dr. Sue Easton helps make the Holt Community so unique.

division. Because I had a teaching background, I started in the training department and trained ex-military instructors on instructional design and presentation techniques. As you might imagine this was a male dominated organization and I was often the only woman in the room. It was very common for newcomers to assume I was the secretary and ask me to get them coffee or take notes in the meeting. Additionally, women had to be careful not to talk about their family or to hang pictures on their desks if they wanted to be taken seriously. It was a wonderful place to learn skillful communication strategies for being treated as an equal.

As an educator what have you been impressed with most from your students? Are the personalities and or work ethics in students today the same as when you were attending undergraduate classes?

I am most impressed with students who are sincere and enthusiastic and want to get the most they can out of their class. I often develop close friendships with my students that are built on mutual respect and a desire to work together on something meaningful. I also like students who share feedback and new information with me. I have several students that send me articles, quotes, or candid comments that enrich my classes. I also like to work outside of class with my students on extra-curricular projects and activities. Brian, it was too long ago to remember what personalities or work ethics were like when I was an undergraduate. I don't

even think they had pencils back then

You're an instructor in both the Holt Undergraduate and Graduate Communication programs - do you have a particular course that you enjoy teaching more?

I really enjoy all of the classes I teach, but I'm proud of the online courses I've developed. I think it gives Holt students an

option for a unique style of learning and I've spent a lot of time working on the instructional design to make these classes challenging and meaningful. It requires a very different set of skills on my part and I'm continually researching ways to make these classes better.

You're also an internationally recognized expert on group dynamics and works teams - What do see are the most effective aspects of a successful group? Have you been able to adapt that philosophy in your own life?

I think clarifying expectations and creating the right structure are very important. Most teams need to establish trust before they can work well together, and this happens most often by consistently meeting commitments. I use a team approach whenever I can and always start with a meeting to clarify what we hope to accomplish and how we will divide up our work and coordinate. We even did this when planning my daughter's wedding.

What do you enjoy doing in your free time? Do you have a passion you indulge in often?

I do a lot of volunteer work and I like to play golf and racquetball. I also like to travel and try to take one international trip each year. I've found a passion in traveling solo because of the experiences that emerge from being on your own in a foreign place. I always make friends with strangers and get to know the local culture much better that way.

I understand that you are arranging an upcoming communications seminar - can you explain what it is about, where it will be held and how interested parties can find out more about it? Yes, this is the Florida Communication Convention which will be held this October 14-16. I'm the 1st VP and

Convention Chair this year so this event is my responsibility and so far this year, I have worked hundreds of volunteer hours on this. Fortunately, I have created a convention team (see answer above) and that makes the job so much easier to accomplish. This is a great convention for faculty and students and several of our students will be presenting this year. Three of our students are presenting papers and have been nominated for awards. To learn more, go to <http://www.flcom.org>

You come in contact daily with adult students experiencing many of the same difficulties that you may have faced while an undergrad... what advice do you have for those struggling with completing their degree?

As trite as it might sound, don't give up. Just keep taking courses each semester and eventually you will see the light at the end of the tunnel. When I was considering going back for my Ph.D. I was feeling discouraged and told my friend, "I'll be 50 years old before I get my Ph.D." and she said, "so how old will you be if you don't get it?" In other words, time marches on - you can make the most of it, or let it slip by - it's up to you.

You are also serving as the faculty advisor to the HHSGA, why did you want to do that when you appear to have such a busy schedule?

I have been at Rollins for three years and I've noticed that Holt students often seem to lack a sense of community. It's hard to make this happen when you come from work, go to class and then go home. There are so many opportunities that students are not aware of which could make their college experience so much richer... The Holt school is an amazing place for networking and meeting people who can change your life. We need to find a better way to connect with each other and create a sense of belonging. I hope to help the HHSGA make big strides this year in improving the sense of community and increasing communication. Hopefully with your help The Sandspur we will have an impact.

Tell us about your family?

I guess my family is my greatest joy. All three of my kids graduated from Rollins last spring - my son got his BA in Economics, one of my daughters got her Masters in Corporate Communication and Technology and my youngest daughter got her BA in Education. I also have a peepoo (dog) named Magic who is very special.

The Guinness Challenge

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formed DJ services whenever he could. He now works for the Upward Bound program on campus, a program aimed at helping low income, first generation college students, but jumped on the chance to help out WPRK.

Since the idea first came about last year, Plotkins has been training and preparing himself for the grueling time he will have to stay awake to break the record. He has been regularly doing yoga, become a vegetarian to improve his health, and even has his own marathon instructor for the mental aspects of sleep deprivation.

The studio itself is also being transformed to suit Plotkins needs, with everything from the comforts of home to his very own shower in the studio, as well as moving the studio to a bigger room to avoid claustrophobia.

This event isn't just Plotkins, though. He's just the ringleader.

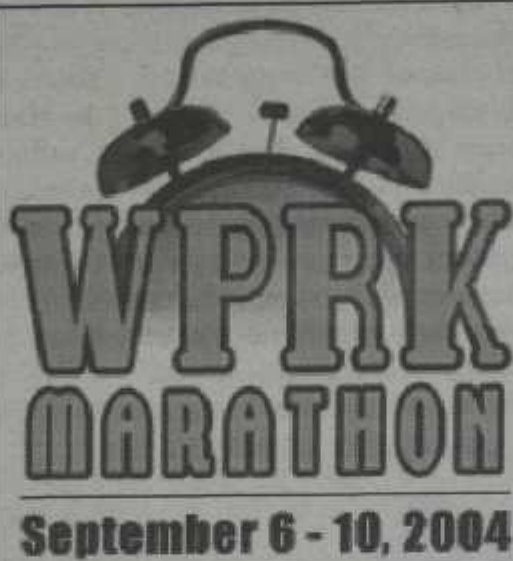
"We are hoping that everyone will be involved," Selena Moshell, the station's local music director, said. "There's a lot of things that people don't know about WPRK, and I hope this event will bring it all to life."

During the whole event, the station is taking an "open door" approach, inviting anyone and everyone who is interested to come down and volunteer, watch, or just learn more about WPRK.

"We are gonna need all the help we can get," Moshell said. The station is expecting to have anywhere from 20-30 people in the studio at all times to help with everything from keeping time, to operating cameras, to simply keeping Plotkins awake. The amount of rules that the Guinness Book of World Records has for this event is extensive and detailed, and people are needed to help at all times to make things come together.

"It'll be interesting to see what happens. I mean, what's [Dave] going to be like after 3 or 4 days?" Moshell said. "Nobody really knows."

The marathon will start at 9 a.m. on September 6 and will end at 11 p.m. on September 10. Events and special segments will take



GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS: WPRK DJ Dave Plotkins, hopes to be mentioned in this prestigious book for broadcasting a 110-hour live show in September.

place constantly throughout the whole broadcast. The list includes, among other things, over 30 live bands, interviews with prominent politicians, local media stars, musicians, and entertainers, and other outside events and competitions.

Among some of the people to look out for would be the creators of the cartoon Homestar Runner, the leaders of the Democratic and Republican National Conventions, local celebrities like Wendi Chioji, and many more.

"We've got a lot of big surprises, that's for sure," Plotkins said.

School Spirit

■ According to national tests, Rollins College is severely lacking in supportive spirit.

by **Karina Mc Cabe**
features editor

According to the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE), Rollins College is severely lacking in community support. In fact, out of all of the liberal arts institutions surveyed, Rollins is only ranked at the fifteenth percentile for "Supportive Campus Community," which means that 85 percent of liberal arts colleges are more compassionate and welcoming.

Considering that Rollins is a multicultural campus that upholds high academic standards, why do we have this abysmally low grade for social support? More importantly, will this trend continue or is this new generation of presidential leadership the change that Rollins needs to lead the college towards a more positive, supportive future?

On the other hand, will it take another hurricane to bring this community together? Two weeks ago, Hurricane Charley directed a lot of its might onto Winter Park a couple of weeks ago, devastating a great deal of the town's infrastructure. However, the town's inhabitants banded together to clear trees and share their resources with those whose power had gone out.

Rollins President Dr. Lewis M. Duncan remarked, "I was impressed by the remarkable sense of community—to pitch in and work together."

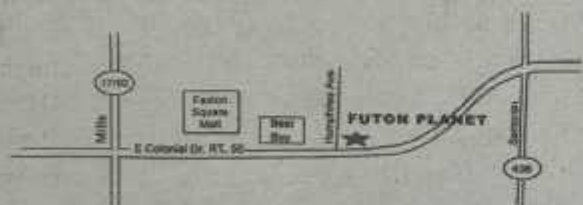
Like a real community, people in subdivisions left the confines of their four walls to barbeque in their front yards and share their food with neighbors before it spoiled. For those few days, neighbors were not strangers anymore. Yet, it is now a mere fortnight later, and Hurricane Charley is just a memory recalled by the odd fallen tree waiting to be cleared or the blue sheet roof coverings that stand where tiles had been knocked off. Now, Hurricane Frances is prepped to wreak havoc on Orlando this weekend.

It's true that most students were not on campus when Charley hit; nonetheless, for those who were here (Residential Life staff, faculty members, and Peer Mentors among others) and for members of the Winter Park community in general, who have now returned to their everyday, privatized life, this begs a much larger question: what exactly will it take to create a lasting, nurturing, supportive community rather than just one that supports each other during a tragic event?

In this highly privatized society, there is a weak sense of community and social support, interaction is scarce, and relationships are usually formal or superficial. However, during tragic events such as the terrorist attacks of 9/11, or even the blackout in New York, communities form strong, unified ties and help each other. Why, as a society, do we need to wait for such events to occur in order to be more supportive? Is this what it will take for Rollins to become a more supportive community?

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OPEN HOURS ANNOUNCEMENT

President Duncan will hold the first of his "open hours" on **Wednesday, September 8, at 12:15 p.m. in the Darden Lounge in the Cornell Campus Center.** Students, faculty, and staff are invited to stop by for informal conversation with the president. An "open hour" for students with evening classes will be scheduled in the near future.

Rollins is for the "Smart Kids"

■ New national tests prove that Rollins College ranks near the top in academics.

by **Ike Saunders**

staff reporter

Seniors across the United States of America are well aware of the *U.S. News and World Report's* yearly report on colleges across the nation. Statistics and factual information ranging from the acreage the college spans to faculty-to-student ratio keep soon-to-be college freshmen abreast on issues important to them in deciding where to apply and attend. Significant within this substantial amalgamation of percentages, numbers, and scores are the tables ranking the schools, comparing schools that offer similar degrees, that are in the same region, and so on and so forth.

On the horizon lies a potentially better alternative to the *U.S. News and World Report* college report. NSSE, or the National Survey of Student Engagement, is a nationally-administered test that allows schools to survey entering and exiting students in regard to their college experience. Ranging from the "on a scale from one to five, five being strongly agree, one being strongly

disagree," or "how would you rate variable X of your school," ("excellent" and "poor" being the extreme-end answers for the latter question) variety of questions to simple yes-and-no questions, the test offers a subjective insight into the school and its workings from a student's perspective.

George Kuh created the test and sends it out to the colleges to administer to students. Colleges are not required take the NSSE, but Rollins has participated in the survey since 2001, when the test originally came out. Dr. Hoyt Edge is Associate Dean of Faculty at Rollins College. An interview with Dr. Edge has offered a better understanding of the test, how Rollins rates on the test, and a professional opinion on the role the test plays with our institution as a whole.

"What NSSE does is ask very specific questions," says Dr. Edge. "It's a survey of student opinion that asks them about their own educational experience. And that's about as direct feedback as you can get." In allowing the students to offer up their personal takes and opinions on their school, it gives results pertinent to experiences and activities they engage in at school. Dr. Edge argues that experiences they ought to have and activities they ought to engage in all

go into a good education. In terms of the test, engagement seems to be a "catch word for everything that should be done to have a good education."

Depending on the "type" of school that a college is determines the category under which it is placed in terms of result comparison. Rollins has been deemed a master's school, not a classical liberal arts school. Classical liberal art schools seem to be in lesser urban locations and offer a more strict liberal arts

education. When looking to the results, none of the individual schools' results are made public; each institution only receives its results in addition to an overall comparison to schools in their same category as well as on the national level.

Dr. Edge disclosed some of the results to Peer Mentors in regard to how we stand in comparison to other schools across the nation. Rollins students write more papers than nearly all

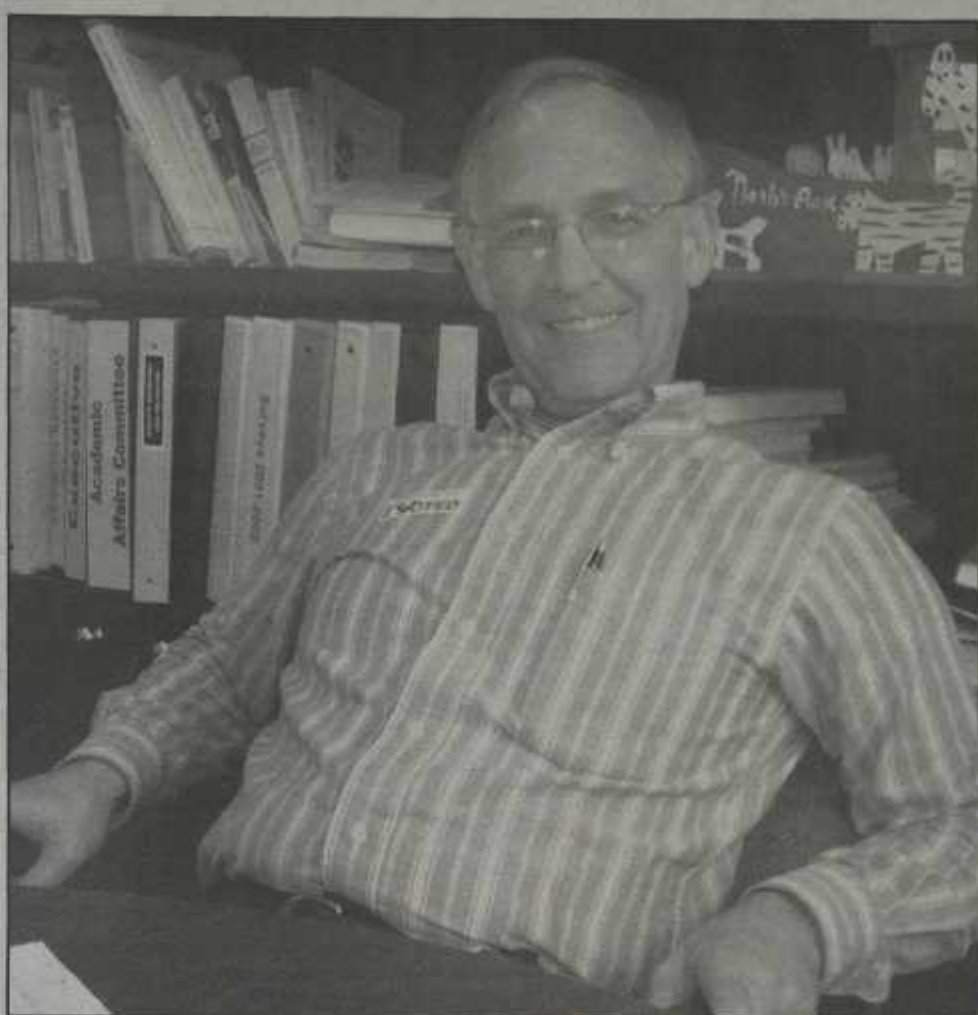


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DR. HOYT EDGE: Associate Dean of the Faculty.

schools in the nation, ranking above the 97th percentile in that category. Consistently, for synthesizing ideas, analyzing information, the number of packets and books students get per class, and numerous other areas of class activity, Rollins is three standard deviations above the national average.

And what does Dr. Edge have to say in observance of this information?

"The typical story that we tell about ourselves is that this is a school that is more concerned about social life and we aren't academically concerned...When you look at the data, that view doesn't seem to be correct. The data suggests to us that we really are a first rate academic school." It seems that our point of view, however, is understating of our quality and excellence. Dr. Edge sees faculty and students alike telling themselves this story, and "what it means is that we don't recognize how good we are. And we don't do everything well, but when you start looking at these general categories, we score very, very well."

Due to the nature of this test and its being far more subjective point of view coming from the horse's mouth directly (so to speak), there's the potential that the *U.S. News and World Report* will soon become obsolete. "NSSE surveys different things than the *U.S. News and World Report*," argues Dr. Edge. "The *U.S. News and World Report* looks at public information that indirectly

should have an effect on the academic experience. So how many professors have PhD's? How small are your classes? How many of the alumni give money?" The hope is that seniors in high school will see the value in this more dynamic survey.

Furthermore, there's no reason to think that NSSE isn't valid. "One of the things that has happened is the participation rate has gone up, especially compared to 2001, so we have more confidence in the results." The colleges can also use the test to their advantage. "We've just begun a comparison between 2002 and 2004, and we have gotten better on some areas that we were weaker in. This gives us a handle on what Rollins can do to create a better academic experience."

Few students would continue to attend a college unsuitable to their needs or desires. We clearly have students returning for their second, third, fourth years (and yes, even others are on longer plans), so Rollins must be doing something right along the way. Don't second-guess your decision in attending Rollins.

"I think the NSSE data indicates we should think of ourselves as being an institution that is first-rate in terms of academic challenge and that we teach them the skills of the liberal arts in an excellent way. In other words, they're getting a good education here, and they ought to be proud of Rollins and what they're doing."



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SPONGEBOB GOES RETRO: First year student, Austin Connors, tries a very different look for his Pinehurst room.



FLOWER POWER: Mallory Master's color coordinated bathroom in Sutton Place Apartments.



A MAN'S DREAM: A TKE bedroom complete with trucker caps, extra-large TV, and colorful posters.

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■ Rollins students: make your dorm room go from drab to fab!

by **Mo Coffey**

staff reporter

Would you want to live for nine months in a prison? At first glance, your dorm room might have sent you reaching for some Prozac. Rest assured that there are ways to make your room more like home.

The economy might not be in the best shape, but someone forgot to tell the students and parents who spent \$1.3 billion on dorm furnishings in 2003, according to The National Retail Federation. Average students, reportedly, spent \$319. According to my calculations, all that the average student must have bought was a TV, DVD player, and a few towels and planned on doing without sheets, lights and a phone.

Everything cool does not cost \$2500, although that plasma TV would look awesome on your wall and score you some new friends. While not everyone has a plasma (you'll just have to live without The O.C. in

HDTV), you can still pimp out your room.

There is quite an array of what is considered cool, although a few Rollins students have been putting their own exclusive touches on their rooms. Freshman Austin Connors has infused his unique style into his Pinehurst room. He blended a Woodstock feel with his love for SpongeBob SquarePants. The result? Tie-dyed bedding with SpongeBob TV and carpet. It works, trust me.

Mallory Masters has decorated her Sutton Place apartment so that you'd think you were walking into a trendy Ritz. Her trick? Expanding on a Shabby Chic base. The outcome is a great mix of custom-made bedding and numerous pillows adorning the bed, vintage Audrey Hepburn posters gracing the walls, and matching bathroom towels, soaps and shower curtain.

Keep in mind that uniqueness is key to making your room cool. There are a few accessories, though, that when combined with your love for classic movies or cartoon characters, for example, can add worlds of fun to your room. Check out some of these great finds to make your room more stylish:



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DRINK IT UP: Your mom always told you to eat your fruits and vegetables. Make her happy: drink them. Make your own smoothies with yogurt, fruit, and ice. While you can still get an awesome Strawberry Banana smoothie from Miss Mae in The Grille, with your own smoothie maker the ingredient options are endless. Mix it up with The Smoothie Margarita Maker from target.com, \$34.99.

LET THERE BE LIGHT: Much to the disappointment of those students looking to set the mood in their rooms, dimmer switches cannot be installed in dorms. Instead, turn off those eye-sore fluorescent lights that no one looks good under. Plug in a colorful burst of sun with the No Boundaries 5-Light Multi-Colored Floor Lamp from walmart.com, \$19.92. Use GE Reveal light bulbs—they simulate true sunlight

better than any other light bulb, and they're available everywhere light bulbs are sold.



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ART: Not a fan of your bed-head in the morning? Why not wake up to a more pleasant face on the wall. Hang up posters of Johnny, Angelina, or Britney. Also available are great vintage and art posters. Try Posterplanet.net (posters run between \$5.95 and 12.95).

Decorating Tips From the Pimp!

by Jessica Combs

asst. features editor

Decorating on a Budget: College students are notorious for being broke. Now here at Rollins, this may not always be the case, but for those of us that do not have access to our parents credit cards, trust funds, etc. here are a few ways to save some cash when decorating your dorm room or apartment.



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1. Thrift Stores - Places such as Goodwill and the Salvation Army Store have a ton of used furniture such as futons and sofas. You could probably pick up one of these for around \$50 to \$100.

2. Consignment Stores - These stores often have many one-of-a-kind items that will make your living space unique and interesting. New consignment stores are opening up everyday all over the country.

3. Websites - Ebay.com, Overstock.com and many others have furniture, bedding, and home decorations for much less than retail cost.

4. Department Store Clearance/Sales - Check every so often at your local department stores for huge markdowns particularly after major holidays and a few weeks after school has started.

5. Garage Sales - Although many of the items here have a lot of wear and tear, you can usually negotiate with the sellers to get

a price that fits the item.

Decorate for Functionality: Dorm rooms are usually no bigger than your bathroom was at home, so decorate accordingly -- do what you can to maximize your space.

1. Lofting - This is a great way to free up space is by lofting your bed. This will often give you room to put a desk and a dresser underneath it, or even your roommates bed.

2. Closet Storage - Dorm closets are often cramped and don't hold what your closet at home probably did. Purchase shoe holders, belt holders, etc. that can hang from your closet racks and still conserve space.

Artwork: How can a room be "pimp" without any color?

1. Frame posters - to keep your room from looking like a typical dorm.

2. Photographs - to remind you of home or to display your talent!

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THE HOT SPOT

RAINBOW SNO-CONES

When the afternoon temperatures peak in the 100s, walking across campus can feel like torture. Thankfully, this week's Hot Spot may offer some relief from the heat. Rainbow Sno-Cones, located on Corrine Drive (near Fashion Square Mall and Baldwin Park), is an icy oasis from the smoldering Florida sun. The tiny stand is no bigger than your average freshman's dorm room, but you know what they say about good things coming in small packages. It's tucked away in a strip of small shops, so drive slowly down Corrine to make sure you don't miss this diamond in the rough.

The store is run by Bob Homer, who has owned and operated the small family establishment for the last 10 years. He took it over after the previous owners, two sisters from New Orleans, moved back to their hometown.

Walk up to the window and Homer will greet you as you examine the list of flavors posted on the outside wall. But beware; this place is not for the indecisive. With over 55 flavors to choose from, and the option of combining any of them, the selection is practically endless. Are you brave enough to try "Tiger's Blood" or will you just stick with "Cherry"? What about Margarita, Pink Lemonade, Rock n Roll, or Wedding Cake? If you don't want to commit to an unfamiliar flavor, just ask to try a sample first. You're sure to find one that'll keep you coming back for more.

For those calorie conscious students there's a sugar free menu offering less exciting (but still delicious) flavors including strawberry, orange-pineapple, and grape.

After you name your poison, Homer flips the switch on the sno-cone machine which transforms a big block of ice into a cup full of airy snow shavings. This is what separates Rainbow Sno-Cones from the rest. They serve what are known as "authentic New Orleans style snowballs." Traditional snow cones use crunchy ice chips, but Homer's shaven ice packs like real snow and holds in the flavor. He even layers the syrup and ice to ensure evenly distributed flavor from the first bite to the last. Then he serves them in overflowing Styrofoam cups.

Word to the wise, don't wear your favorite shirt. These piled high cones require skill to eat and spillage is almost inevitable. Above all do not attempt to eat one while driving.

With so many possibilities to choose from, chances are you'll want to make some return visits. But don't worry; this addiction is a cheap one. The prices range from a mere \$1.00 to \$2.25, so you won't have to spend all your "book money."

Rainbow Sno-Cones is open everyday, but the hours vary a little. Tuesday-Saturday it's open from 12 p.m. to 7 p.m., while Sundays' hours are 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Mondays' are 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. We highly recommended you stop by for a super quick, super cheap, super yummy treat.



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MARGARITA: Imagine 55 flavors! What shall one do?

BY JESSICA ESTES

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Rollins Idol Heats Up Down Under

■ Annual freshman talent show proves to be a hit with mass crowd and audience support.

by Lara Bueso

entertainment editor

Imagine a constant and consistent clapping beat, an overcrowded Down Under, bright lights flashing, a comedian calling himself "weird" in an eerie voice and attempting to sing, brave freshman students singing, playing guitars, and pianos, and four Rollins student judges taking it all in. That was the Rollins Idol talent show hosted by the Student Government Association on Monday, August 23.

Four students were randomly chosen from the audience to judge the event, and give a cold ambiguous stare at the performers, minus the horrible comments that Simon from *American Idol* would normally include. Eric O'Shea was again chosen as the comedian for in between performances. The crowd was never silent, as he joked about students in the audience and their laughs, reactions (Pube girl), Mike Dalto and his dreds, and even himself. We've learned that the remedy for a great comedian is one that is able to put himself down, making fun of his lack of dates, women experience, and tiny body. The crowd and Eric reminisced together about singing to our groceries as children, the evil stare mom gave us all, and even a talk about private parts.

But then the real event began. Fearless freshman (notice the alliteration) timidly walked on stage to woo the crowd and the judges and showcase their talent. It began with Caroline _____ who eventually won second place, and her ballad of Jewel, "Who Will Save Your Soul". She came out in what seemed to be shy, but quickly unleashed on the crowd and ended with a bang. The audience was hollering, clapping, and nodding their heads. Performers ranged from singing music by Yellowcard - Ocean Avenue, Eric played Greenday - Time of Your Life on the guitar with last minute singer Mike Dalto and still won third,



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SHOOP SHOOP: Shannon Ryan, '08, the first place winner of the talent show, rehearses a Betty Everett song, The Shoop Shoop Song.

original written songs by students, Jeff Buckley - Hallelujah, and more.

But the crowd was blown away when first place winner Shannon Ryan sang the "The Shoop Shoop Song" by Betty Everett. Shannon has been singing since she was able to talk! In high school she began to narrow her focus on classical music. Some cute black heels, in combination with a tight black skirt, and don't forget a

crowd, everyone laughed, then clapped and she kept on singing.

"I was scared to death, I usually don't sing in front of my peers. I sing to old and young people! Actually, my parents tricked me into signing up for the event. When we got to the talent show table in the down under during orientation, they kind of looked at me and smiled, and thus influenced me to sign up," Shannon said.

Despite the hesitation and the fear, she gave an outstanding performance. And the audience's reaction solidified her win.

The competition featured about 10 performances, all striving to be awarded the \$200 Spa pack for first prize, or \$30 gift certificate to Downeast for second and third place prizes. SGA also brought a very dear person to all members of Rollins out on stage for her 50 birthday. Mae! The night began with a Happy Birthday ballad by the audience, and ended with Eric O'Shea's comedic rendition love songs.

"You don't realize how hard it is to jump on stage and perform as a freshman in front of all your peers," Kim Hartman said. "But I can tell you it was a blast to watch from the audience."

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Shannon Ryan

Rollins Idol Winner

powerful voice are all the elements needed to win first prize.

As she sang, the crowd chanted back "if you want to know if he loves you so - it's in his kiss". She proved her talent when the cd skipped in the middle of the chorus. She kept going, said "oops the cd skipped" to the

Where's Your Livestrong Rollins?

■ What your wrist says about your personality and charity support.
by **Mo Coffey**

staff reporter

You are what you wear. This all too shallow view shouldn't be taken literally; however, what's on someone's wrist might give you a glimpse into who he or she is and what he or she believes.

Long gone are the days of the Legally Blonde Tiffany & Co. heart bracelet. This once trendy accessory has been replaced by effects with a little more meaning.

For those wishing to express their support for good causes, there are limitless companies willing to add some bling to your wrist for a small price.

After return to campus this semester, numerous Rollins students could be seen wearing yellow bands on their wrists. What were they? Live Strong Bands, which support the Lance Armstrong Foundation for the fight against cancer. The bands have already raised over \$5 million, and have been worn by everyone from Senator John Kerry to the cast of the O.C. They've become so popular that they're on back order for months. Philanthropy never goes out of style, so if you're willing to spend a few dollars to fight cancer and look cool, go online and get on the waiting list.

Keeping with the trend to fight diseases our generation will bear the brunt of, the Until There's a Cure foundation has introduced The Bracelet. Proceeds from the bracelet go to HIV/AIDS prevention and research. The thin cuff, unisex bracelets are available in copper, silver and gold. The statement they make is undeniable: I care about my future.

While WWJD bands are still worn by some, they are mostly left to the late nineties for the Christian revival phase. In a wave of the new millennium, mystic religions are now setting the tone. Kabbalah, the oh-so-trendy religion popularized by Madonna, Britney, Ashton, and Demi, is also on the forefront of what's hot to wear on your wrist. A simple red wool string promises

to protect against the influences of the Evil Eye. You don't need to practice Kabbalah or even appreciate its depth to wear the string like Esther (a.k.a. Madonna). One would think, though, that a religion getting its fifteen minutes of fame thanks to famous faces would have something other than a wool string as a symbol. I guess less can be more.

So next time you breeze by Tiffany & Co. or the Skagen watch store, think about investing in wrist gear that makes a positive statement.

WHERE TO GET YOUR WRIST GEAR:

Live Strong Band,
<http://shop.store.yahoo.com/pennycyclebuy/niliba.html>, \$1.00

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www.until.org, \$15.00-\$400.00

Kabbalah Red String,
www.kabbalah.com, \$26.00



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LIVESTRONG: Truly for the cancer society, or on the verge of just a hot trend?

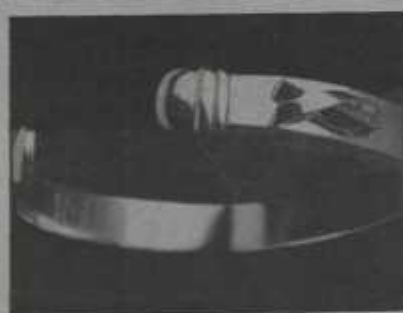


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HIV/AIDS: Gold, silver and copper, these are a large step up from yellow.



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KABBALAH: The source of Kabbalah is the power of light not about religion.

Addicted to the Simpsons?

■ Not the old cartoon Simpsons, but the Reality TV star Simpsons, namely Ashlee.

by **Jessica Combs**

asst. features editor

Her true fans know her as "Cecilia" from 7th Heaven and others might remember her stint as a dancer for her sister's tour. But now, with her new album and an end to her own reality show, Ashlee is truly soaking up the limelight. Who would have known that being the sister of a star, mixed with some teenage drama and her famous green Converse shoes, were all the elements needed to make another hit MTV reality show?

The show, which was used as publicity for her album, made Ashlee Simpson a household name. Watched by over 50 million viewers weekly, *The Ashlee Simpson Show* followed Ashlee around on the daily errands made while making an album. We see her working in the recording studio, writing songs on mountains, in the office with the president of her record label, and at home acting like a normal, annoying teenager. She's late to all her meetings, always wears the same shoes, and seems all-together unprofessional...three things you wouldn't think you'd find in someone in a star. One can only guess that she's trying to live up to her self-proclaimed reputation as the rebellious, punk little sister.

The last episode wraps up the album and shows the beginning of the endless promotions and gigs that Ashlee will perform in order to get her image out there. For fans, the obvious next step is to go out and buy the album.

The average listener will catch on to the fact that the lyrics aren't deep and the vocals



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IN THE SHADOWS?: Must be difficult to get a record deal just because the older sister actually has singing talents.

aren't amazing, but nonetheless the songs are catchy. So catchy in fact, that they rocketed her up to the number one spot on Billboard's Top 200 Album Chart during the album's debut week. *Autobiography*, which has been described as more punk, rock-inspired, and edgy than her sister's albums, has proved to listeners that Ashlee, in fact, is no Jessica. This of course, is exactly what she wants.

Some might recognize the title track as the theme song from *The Ashlee Simpson Show*. It's considerably one of the best songs on the album. The first single, "Pieces of Me," is about her friend/make out buddy/aspiring singer, Ryan Cabrera. Ashlee sings, "It's as if you know me better than I ever knew myself,"

and talks about how nice it is to come home to someone who loves her just the way she is. The second single entitled "Shadow," is about Jessica. She sings about her family, finding herself, and of course, living in the shadow of her ultra-famous sister. Many songs are less than memorable but each track has its own lure to keep the Ashlee fans amused.

After all this, I can't lie...I watched the show, I bought the album, and yes, I do sing along. It's just another pop-punk album with more pop-punk songs for all of us closet pop-punk lovers. If you are too embarrassed to buy the album in stores, check it out on I-Tunes or listen to it from those of us less embarrassed who actually put it on our playlists.



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PIECES OF ME: Her hit song from the *The Ashlee Simpson* show, prompted fans to buy so many albums, that Ashlee outsold her sister!

Drugs, Love, Drama, and Letting Go

■ It's unique, it's new, it has Natalie Portman, it's coming of age without the apple pie and foreign beauty.

by Adam Burton

staff reporter

In any ending there is a new beginning. Such is the case with the *Scrubs* star Zach Braff's new little gem, *Garden State*, an intriguing movie that he wrote, directed and starred in that presents seemingly overdone ideas with little twists and turns.

Braff plays Andrew Largeman, an aspiring actor

living in California who has been estranged from his family for years. Forced to confront old friends and his father, Largeman is called back to his home state of New Jersey because of the death of his mother.

This break from life for Largeman turns out to be a very eye-opening and life changing experience that is entertaining and thoughtful. An experience that starts when he decides to stop taking the numerous medications that have been prescribed for an unknown ailment.

The beginning of the movie is rough, because it is not quite apparent what is going on. Viewers are forced into Largeman's

somewhat strange life with no explanation of who he is or his relation to anyone. Things are explained along the way, which adds to the uncertainty of what is known and more importantly what Largeman really knows about himself.

Upon returning to his hometown, he meets old friends that he hasn't seen since he left about 10 years ago. His friends never got out of town—never really did anything with their lives. The only one who came close is a friend who invented silent Velcro and sold the patent for millions. But all he does is party and casually use drugs. The state of Largeman's hometown is what most people hope they don't get stuck in. It's as if no one ever escaped from high school.

However, taking a look at Largeman's life, it doesn't seem as if he has even escaped. He doesn't seem any happier. He's "Jersey's DeNiro" but lives a life that isn't anymore fulfilling. The only friend



LETTING GO: Natalie Portman acts as the catalyst in Zach Braff's life, exploring romance and love together to overcome past battles.

from the past that is truly noteworthy is Mark (Peter Sarsgaard), a gravedigger who is completely willing to help out Largeman in any way, even after the hiatus in their friendship.

Admire the misery and old faces, a beacon of hope shines in the form of Sam, played by the witty and charming Natalie Portman. Sam is the foil for Largeman, leading a life that is more interesting than five other people combined, and ends up being the perfect match for him.

Largeman spends the next few days in town becoming romantically involved with Sam.

The love story is really the main focus of this film, and Braff's main error is underplaying it with the rest of Largeman's confused life. Sam is Largeman's way out

and flips his world upside down. Portman does an incredible job of conveying this hope, and Braff does an incredible job of conveying the struggle of letting everything you know go.

This is essentially a coming of age story. Not the kind that America is used to, where main characters use apple pies for pleasure, but the transition to real adulthood—finding a true sense of self.

Braff's attempt at movie-making is astounding, especially taking in to consideration that this is his first venture. If *Garden State* is a preview of what is to come from Braff, then everyone should keep watch on the aspiring actor and writer. His transition from *Scrubs* to director was a smooth one.



ZACH BRAFF'S BREAKOUT FILM: His directorial debut starring Natalie Portman and Peter Sarsgaard receives four and a half stars.

College student tries to return uneaten food for partial refund



Andy Pernsteiner, above, cautiously approaches counter with chicken bone and a few peas.

By POLLY BROWN

Choking his dignity at the cash register, college student Andy Pernsteiner recently presented a local diner cashier with a plate of pickled-over food, demanding money for the vittles he didn't ingest. The cashier—who wishes to remain anonymous—was flabbergasted by the whole incident. "It was both sick and sad at the same time," she said. Pernsteiner had a different take: "I didn't eat the bone, so why should I pay for it?" Pete Woychick—a childhood friend of Pernsteiner's—said it was monthly fees tacked on to his friend's checking account that drove him to the shameless act. "Andy has been pounded for months by fees on

his checking account. He's pathetic. I never really liked him when we were kids either." Woychick—who says he personally was financially saved by Washington Mutual's Free Checking Deluxe—thought his childhood friend needed to get his act together and visit a Washington Mutual Financial Center or go to wamut.com. Then he, too, could sign up for Free Checking—an account with optional Deluxe services like free online bill pay. "Until Andy decides to get Free Checking," said Woychick, "I'm never eating out with him again. I'm pretty sure I won't return his phone calls either. I might even change my name."

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Link Yourself to Friends at Other Colleges

■ Connecting Rollins to a popular social network with other colleges around the country.

by **Nancy Aguire**

staff reporter

Many of you may already have heard about this great new online directory that connects people through social networks at colleges and universities all over the United States. The Face Book has been called "The cultural phenomenon of the century," and while it may not be the most important thing going on, it is not something you should ignore.

Started by Mark Zuckerberg, a Harvard sophomore, in February of this year, The Face Book has become extremely popular. He was frustrated at the fact that Harvard University didn't provide the online social networking database for students that they had promised. He decided to take matters into his own hands and came up a site that now provides participating students with a way to search custom-made profiles of their classmates. This online network

is entirely student-run.

Among the schools participating are Amherst, Brown, Vanderbilt, NYU, Duke, Emory, Colombia, Notre Dame, Dartmouth, Yale, UVA, UCF, Tulane, UCLA, and many more. As of August, there were over 180,000 registered users at 37 colleges and universities. The Face Book plans to hit 70 new campuses in September. Rollins College is not currently on The Face Book network. Students from Rollins must request to be included. The site for this is <http://www.thefacebook.com/contact.php>. If you just want to check it out, the site is simply www.thefacebook.com.

If Rollins gets on the network, students will be able to search for people in their classes, upload pictures of themselves, and create a profile, including anything from their dorm address and telephone number to their favorite bands, clubs they're involved in, field of study or summer plans. Another feature is that it makes class

schedules available online and groups members according to which classes they are in or by similar interests.

Contrary to what some skeptics may think or say, The Face Book is NOT a contest to see who has the most friends. It is also not a way to find a significant other. It is simply a way to make friendships with people who are similar to you and have the same interests. Some people may also worry about having all that information on the web, for everyone to see. The truth is that members don't have to fill out their profile entirely; they can provide as little or as much information as desired. There are also numerous privacy options that can limit who can access your information.

As more and more colleges join the network, the last thing we want is for Rollins College to get left behind. Let's get those requests in; it's worth the time.



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Neither Alien nor Predator Wins

■ Alien vs. Predator: let down of the summer.

by **Max Remer**

staff reporter

The clash of Alien vs. Predator (AVP) has been a long time coming. The fight between these two alien super-beings has already sparked much debate and a video game; yet it has taken Hollywood a while to catch up and create the movie that sci-fi fans have been demanding. However, fans might not get all they were hoping for.

AVP, set in the near future, starts out as multi-billion dollar entrepreneur Charles Weyland (Lance Henriksen) recruits a crew of experts to locate and lay

claim to a mysterious pyramid located thousands of feet under Antarctic ice. The crew, made up of the best experts, enters the pyramid and slowly learns of its morbid secrets. This pyramid becomes the battle ground for the majority of the movie. The story itself explains why the Predators are coming to earth, and why aliens are running around thousands of feet below the surface. The audience quickly learns that the battle between Aliens and Predators have been going on for thousands of years. Humanity's great ancient civilizations were used as a tool by the Predators who fight this war as a right of passage.

The overall story of AVP is shallow at best. There is almost no character develop-

ment and the audience ends up not even caring about the outcome of the characters. The first hour of the movie has little action or viewer interest, as it basically sets up why these characters are even journeying to the pyramid. There is some light drama in the beginning, as the leader of Weyland's team, Alexa Woods, threatens to leave because of the unsafe conditions of the exploration. Big shocker, she stays after the rest of the crew convinces her that they need her to lead them. There are hints of different paths that the writers or directors could have taken to make the story much more interesting, but those must have been scrapped for more fight scenes. This is not all bad however, as these scenes are



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AVP DISCOVERIES: In the aptly-named Sacrificial Chamber, Thomas (Sam Troughton) discovers an alien egg.

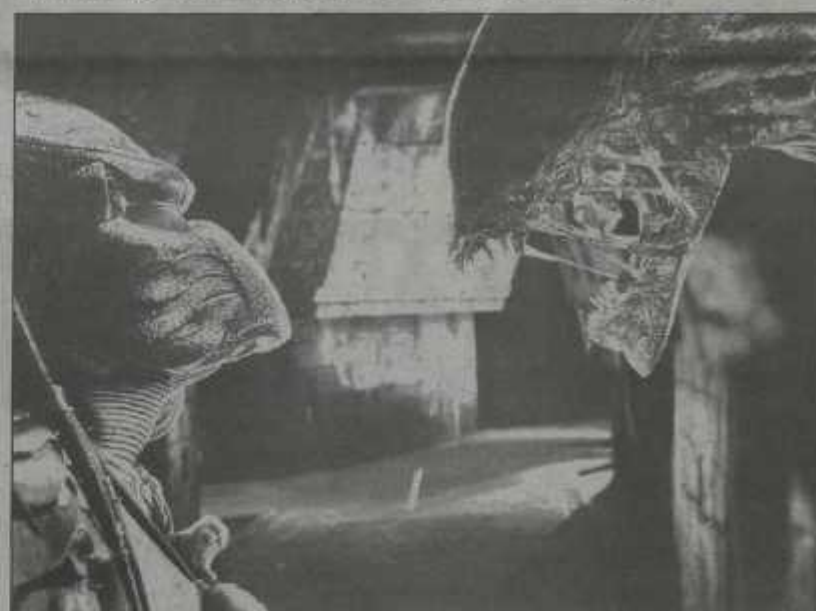


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ALIEN VS. PREDATOR: The two arch enemies finally battle in the Pyramids.



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DUKING IT OUT: The specialization effects are worth it.

the backbone of the movie and the only thing that makes it worth seeing. Once the ball starts rolling and people start dying, the movie becomes much more suspenseful and thus enjoyable.

The special effects for the most part are excellent and jaw dropping. There is a lot of beautiful computer animation and slow motion

effects in the fight scenes. The ending however, leaves you unsatisfied and angered that the first hour of the film was wasted. In the end, this movie is worth the ticket price simply for the excellent special effects, but you will most likely not want to see it again until it comes out on DVD. This is one battle that can wait.

Lying Liars And The Swift Boats They Didn't Serve On

■ An analyses of the new smear ads being run by the Swift Boat Veterans for Truth.

by **Robert Walker**

columnist

Last night, I was sitting on my sofa enjoying the pleasures of nude Cheeto-eating and taking in some news, when what to my eyes should appear but the most unfair and unbalanced thing this side of Fox News. So unfair and unbalanced was this thing that I nearly choked to death on one of my savory, crunchy, cheese-flavored delights. What, you may ask, could be so heinous as to cause Cheeto-related near affixation? Well, the new ad being run by the Swift Boat Veterans for Truth, that's what.

This new ad features footage of John Kerry giving testimony to the senate with overlays of veterans who claim to have served with John Kerry. These veterans claim that their service with Kerry has shown him to be a "liar" and a "betrayal." Now here comes the funny part, that is zero as in not

even one, of the veterans in this ad ever served with John Kerry. Okay, now I'm confused. How can someone who didn't serve with someone have opinions of that person based on having served together? To borrow a line from Larry The Cable Guy, "That's like Elton John thumbing through a Hustler magazine—it just don't make sense."

If the fact that none of these men has ever served alongside Senator Kerry doesn't have you scratching your head, maybe the fact that they've all engaged in some serious flip-flopping on their opinion of Kerry will. In the new ad, veteran George Elliot states, "John Kerry has not been honest about what happened in Vietnam."

However, eight short years ago, at a 1996 Kerry news conference Elliot sang a different note: "The fact that he [Kerry] chased an armed enemy down is not something to be looked down upon, but it was an act of courage." For those that may excuse these remarks as Elliot simply "playing nice" at a news conference held years after the war, how do you explain what Elliot

wrote of Kerry in 1969? "In a combat environment," he wrote in Kerry's 1969 fitness report. "Often requiring independent decisive action Lt. J.G. Kerry was unsurpassed."

The flip-flopping continues with the comments of Louis Letson and Van Odell. Perhaps the most overt lie is the one told by Mr. Letson, "I know that John Kerry is lying about his first Purple Heart because I treated him for that injury."

What makes this such an overt lie is the fact that nowhere on John Kerry's medical record does the name Louis Letson appear. In fact, under "person administering treatment" for the injury in question, it is signed by J. C. Carreon. Mr. Letson tries to explain his lie by stating that it was commonplace for doctors and medics to sign-off on paperwork for treatments they didn't administer. In other words, to explain his lie, Mr. Letson offers that it was commonplace for doctors and medics to falsify government documents. Maybe it is just me, but the fact that the guy is confessing to falsify government documents doesn't add to his credibility,

but maybe that's just me.

Nearly as big a liar as Mr. Letson is Van Odell. Odell claims that he knows John Kerry lied to get his bronze star because he was there and he knows what happened. Of course, Mr. Odell has yet to provide any documentation proving that he was assigned to one of the five Swift Boats that was patrolling the Bay Hap River on the day in question. Furthermore, Mr. Odell claims that John Kerry is lying when he states that the boats came under-fire. This not only calls into question Mr. Kerry's account, but the account of the U.S. Navy. And it does make one wonder why, according to a U.S. Naval damage report from the day in question, one of the boats sported three new bullet holes following the combat that, according to the veterans for truth, never occurred.

I'm sure the Swift Boaters for Bush—oops, I mean Truth—would have us believe Mr. Kerry shot the boat after wounding himself as to make his fantastical account all the more real.

Okay, okay calling them Swift Boat Veterans for Bush wasn't really an oops. As much as I like being the eternal optimist and believing in the honesty of politicians, it is a bit disconcerting that, thus far, two Bush re-election campaign employees have been found to have ties to the Swift Boaters. The first of these two is Kenneth Cordier, who was part of Bush's veterans affairs steering committee. He also appeared in one of the Swift Boaters ads. The second Swift Boater with obvious Bush ties is Benjamin Ginsberg, who served as a lawyer for Bush's campaign and as legal advisor to the Swift Boaters.

Now, you're probably thinking, "Robert, why would a bunch of Vietnam veterans get together and fabricate a bunch of lies to smear John Kerry?" Well, I'm glad you ask, because I have a myriad of working theories that include CIA conspiracies, aliens, and man-eating radioactive rabbits. Unfortunately for me, this scenario has more to do with anger and revenge than anything my alcohol-assisted imagination could ever concoct. You see all these veterans have admitted that their disgust of John Kerry is

fueled by his post-war involvement with Veterans Against the War (see Michael Dobbs' piece in the August 21 issue of the Washington Post).

These veterans for truth are mad that John Kerry came back from Vietnam and testified about the war crimes and atrocities committed there by U.S. troops. These veterans for truth call Senator Kerry's testimony "lies" and "betrayals." Of course, if what Senator Kerry testified to was nothing but lies, then why did the U.S. armed forces dishonorably discharge soldiers for committing war crimes? Why were officers dishonorably discharged for ordering "free fire" zones? Why have so many Vietnam veterans shared horrific accounts of what happened there? Accounts that include war crimes and atrocities, like those described by Sen. Kerry in his testimony.

The truth is that war crimes were committed in Vietnam, and John Kerry told the truth about them. The Swift Boat Veterans for Truth, like so many of their ilk are interested in nothing resembling truth. They instead seek only to further their own ideals, which may explain why all the key financiers of the Swift Boaters are also long-standing Bush campaign financiers.

So, folks, here's the bottom-line. This November, you'll have the choice between two men. One of these men served in Vietnam with great distinction and he has the military record to prove it. The other waited out the war playing fighter pilot in The Texas Air National Guard, because we all know during Vietnam the rough stuff was going down in Texas. And speaking of records to prove stuff, George W. has yet to produce any record to discount the claims that he was AWOL for most of his tour in Texas. He offers the convenient excuse that his record has been "lost" or "misplaced."

Yes, George W. Bush is the president that embraces war when it isn't his butt on the line. John Kerry will be the President with a deep respect for war, because once upon a time his butt was on the line. So, ask yourself who do you want deciding when, if, and why to put your butt on the line?

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The Crude Truth About Iraq

■ One writer dispels the oil motivation rumors and gets to the truth of the war in Iraq.

by **Jami Furo**

copy editor

Ever since the United States entered the war in Iraq, I have heard one word that seems to pervade American speech. When the topic of the controversial war arises, I hear that word

barrels of crude oil, which is second in the world only to Saudi Arabia. Likewise, the post-Hussein government in Iraq has expressed interest in allowing the United States to develop the oil fields for the mutual benefit of Americans and Iraqis.

However, to say that the entire war is about oil is an extremely narrow view. It is a view that ignores major elements in the conflict.

The idea that oil is the United States' only motive for going to war ignores the

to someone that you don't know. It happens in our front yards. It happens to our mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, sons, daughters, nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and friends.

With that in mind, let's discuss Saddam Hussein. Hussein joined the Baath party at the age of 19, and at the tender age of 22 attempted his first assassination—Iraqi Prime Minister Abudul Karim Kassim. After gaining his greatest ambition, head of state, his first order of

real threat to the Gulf Region, and he's made no secret of the fact that he hates Americans. We know that he had chemical and biological weapons because he used them—not only on the surrounding nations, but on his own people.

Saddam Hussein is not the only threat of terror for the United States. But he is one example.

President Bush was criticized for not preventing the attack on September 11, 2001. Now that he is trying



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FIGHTING FOR AMERICA: Troops on the ground in Iraq fighting for the American way of life, not for oil.

more than any other. I hear it from the media, and I hear it from the American people. What is that word? Oil.

It's everybody's favorite cynical, cop-out answer for why the United States went to Iraq. It's a simple way to condemn both the war and capitalism at the same time. "We're only in Iraq because of oil because all the United States cares about is money."

Well, I'm tired of it.

I'm not naïve. I will not assert that oil is not an issue at all in the Middle East. Iraq has reserves of 112 billion

fact that terrorism is a real threat. While it has been clearly stated that the conflict in Iraq is not a direct result of the attack on September 11, 2001, and that this was in the planning stages before that attack, the two events are related.

Terrorism is real to us. If you're from New York, you know that. If you know someone from New York, you know that. If you're from Washington, D.C., you know that, too. Terrorism is not a myth that happens somewhere else in the world

business was to kill dozens of his rivals.

Saddam Hussein reigned in his kingdom by using terror. He suppressed the Kurds using chemical weapons. To the rebellious Shi'ia in the south, he razed towns and drained marshland, rendering the survivors homeless and starving. He tortured, brainwashed, and killed his own people, including members of his own family.

Under Hussein's rule, the Iraqi people were terrified. They were afraid for their safety and for the security of the entire Gulf Region.

The United States succeeded in finding Saddam Hussein and arresting him. And who could forget the sight the day that Hussein was overthrown as leader? The Iraqi people flooded the streets, cheering and destroying pictures and statues of their former leader. At press conferences, they thanked the American military and vilified Hussein.

Saddam Hussein was a

to prevent further terrorist attacks, he is being criticized for that, too. The assertions contradict each other. It suggests that those that make these assertions change their stances to suit their own needs. What happened to having steadfast opinions that do not change with convenience?

Our troops are fighting in Iraq with pride and courage. If for no other reason, show some consideration for them. To discount their mission as some shallow attempt to gain more oil makes their purpose seem meaningless, and that is not fair.

You don't need to like the war. I think anyone, given the choice, would choose peace over war if at all possible. But like it or not, those soldiers are fighting for you. Did you ever think of that? They are fighting for you. And when you say that this war is about nothing but oil, you make their attempts seem wrong.

This is not about oil. It's about America.



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The Docs Make Their Predictions

■ The Docs are here to help youthrough the football season with their picks.

by **Ferreira and Remer**
the football docs

Remember last year when all your friends made fun of you because you finished last in the Fantasy Football standings? Or when you begged your little sister to help cover your gambling debt? Well you have come to the right place, because Dr.F and Dr. Max are here to help you. And here is what the docs think will happen this football season.

AFC EAST

Dr.F:



1. New England Patriots

This division is going to be a cakewalk for the defending champs; they should breeze into the playoffs.

2. New York Jets

Quincy Carter is a good pickup for a team that lacks dazzle. Might fight for a wild card spot.

3. Buffalo Bills

Other than Drew Bledsoe, there isn't anyone around who can really help this team.

4. Miami Dolphins

I hope my dear 'Fins lose all 16 games so that Wannstedt gets fired, and we can go into 2005 with some good draft picks.

Second Opinion:

1. New England Patriots

Tom Brady is going to be a strong leader against an increasingly weak division.

2. Miami Dolphins

With the unbelievable loss of Ricky Williams (who thinks he's Barry Sanders), the Dolphins look for another mediocre year with no running game and new acquisition David Boston out for the season.

3. New York Jets

This division's wild card, but inconsistency will keep them out of playoffs.

4. Buffalo Bills

Who cares? But on any given Sunday...

AFC WEST

Dr.F

1. Kansas City Chiefs

The most exciting team to watch this year; last year

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experience will help, and they will beat out the Broncos for the top spot.

2. Denver Broncos

Champ Bailey makes this good defense, great. Will take one of the wild card spots in the AFC.

3. San Diego Chargers

Phillip Rivers will add a steady hand at QB, but this team still a few years from making a serious run.

4. Oakland Raiders

"I've fallen and I can't get up" will be this team's mantra. The addition of Warren Sapp will add lots of talk but no walk.



Second Opinion:

1. Kansas City Chiefs

Priest Holmes, Tony Gonzalez 'nuff said.

2. Denver Broncos

Even the loss of Clinton Portis Denver has the reputation of finding and creating amazing running backs; look for someone to fill his shoes.

3. Oakland Raiders

Old...really old...

4. San Diego Chargers

Don't look for a stellar year from Phillip Rivers, Tominlison can't carry the whole team.

AFC NORTH

Dr.F:



1. Pittsburgh Steelers

This division is pitiful, and this pitiful team will take it.

2. Cleveland Browns

Garcia makes this team a serious contender for the division.

3. Cincinnati Bengals

A team that can be great or terrible; it's all up to the young guns.

4. Baltimore Ravens

The Madden curse will get to this team, which hasn't done much lately.

Second Opinion:

1. Pittsburgh Steelers

Even though Maddox isn't a solid QB, his excellent receivers make up for it.

2. Baltimore Ravens

It all lies on this question: will the Madden curse stop the juggernaut that is Ray

Lewis?

3. Cleveland Browns

Who knows if this team will gel? Who knows who their running back is? Who knows anything anymore.

4. Cincinnati Bengals

No Dillion, no future.

AFC SOUTH

Dr.F:



1. Indianapolis Colts

This team will fight the Patriots for the AFC; keep an eye on them. They have the best QB in football and one of the most explosive running backs the game has ever seen.

2. Tennessee Titans

Even without Eddie George this team will still make to the playoffs

3. Houston Texans

With a beefed up offensive line, this team might turn some heads.

4. Jacksonville Jaguars

Much too young to make a run. Leftwich and Taylor will carry this team, but the rest are light years away from being reliable.

Second Opinion:

1. Indianapolis Colts

Manning-James duo will lead this team to the playoffs.

2. Jacksonville Jaguars

Anything is possible. The Jags have a shot because there young players will develop into solid stars.

3. Tennessee Titans

The loss of veterans will hurt them when experience is needed late in the season.

4. Houston Texans

More experience is needed before this team can back a run.

NFC EAST

Dr.Max:



1. Philadelphia Eagles

McNabb should have the slow start; he always does, but he should kick it into high gear just before his team chokes in the playoffs.

2. Washington Redskins

Running game will be strong with Clinton Portis. Other additions and the subtrac-

tion of Spurrier also help.

3. Dallas Cowboys

The boys from C block return yet again, with play-offs just out of reach.

4. New York Giants

Rookie quarterback Eli Manning should be the starter.

Second Opinion:

1. Philadelphia Eagles

With Terrell Owens they finally have the star that will take over the hump all the way to Super Bowl glory.

2. Washington Redskins

With Clinton Portis this team will be a contender, but still some serious questions on defense.

3. Dallas Cowboys

Parcells and Keyshawn will make this team work, and they will also compete for a playoff spot

4. New York Giants

Eli Manning will help this team, but they will go nowhere in this difficult division.

NFC WEST

Dr. Max



1. Seattle Seahawks

Yeah, it's possible, look for the birds from the north to see extended play this year.

2. St. Louis Rams

Look for only a mediocre performance this year after that upsetting loss last season.

3. Arizona Cardinals

Just a bit better than the 49ers...and this year will be just enough to get them out of last place.

4. San Francisco 49ers

Garcia is gone, Hearst is gone; chances are also gone.

Second Opinion:

1. St. Louis Rams

This division will be wild, and the Rams have the experience, and the running back.

2. Arizona Cardinals

Maybe the Cardinals will finally win this season, or maybe I'm just nuts.

3. Seattle Seahawks

Going nowhere.

4. San Francisco 49ers

Everybody that mattered left.

NFC NORTH

Dr.Max:

1. Minnesota Vikings

Hopefully Culpepper can pull his team together with the help of Moss to hold back the Lions.

2. Detroit Lions

Look for sparks of life from a team that has long been dead.

3. Green Bay Packers

Age has finally caught up with the once great Bret Favre.



4. Chicago Bears

Arguably the best LB can't even pull this team out of a hole this deep.

Second Opinion:

1. Green Bay Packers

Favre will carry this team into the playoffs just to spite all those who say he is too old.

2. Minnesota Vikings

Moss isn't enough of a team player to make this team any



better, and the defense just isn't good.

3. Detroit Lions

Might finish last or first depending on the development of their young players.

4. Chicago Bears

The only thing they were good for was making the Dolphins worse.

NFC SOUTH

Dr. Max:

1. Carolina Panthers

Super bowl confidence should carry over to this year; hopefully they don't pull a Tampa Bay.

2. Atlanta Falcons

Vick is back, and after a season on the sidelines he means business. This was a tough call putting them in second, but they still lack other players.

3. New Orleans Saints

Aaron Brooks can be a star or a flop; it's up to him to decide where his team goes

4. Tampa Bay Buccaneers

After losing players left and right, the once Super Bowl champs need to rebuild.

Second Opinion:

1. Atlanta Falcons

Vick is back baby, and he will lead this team into the playoffs.

2. Carolina Panthers

A solid team that will struggle after making the Super Bowl.

3. New Orleans Saints

There will be lots of hangovers in New Orleans, not in Bourbon Street but in the Super Dome.

4. Tampa Bay Buccaneers

Once a good team that John Gruden manage to destroy all by himself, by being too arrogant.

Why do Floridians Ignore Sports?

■ This week on the *F-Word*: Both Rollins students and Floridians ignore great teams.

by John Ferreira

sports editor

It was a summer to forget for a South Floridian sports fan. The Dolphins didn't even wait until December to choke. This time they chickened out before the first ball was even snapped. "Run Ricky Run" has a whole new meaning now, as Williams uses his speed to avoid the DEA and not linebackers. David Boston got hurt, and Jay Fiedler didn't which is shame unto itself. My beloved Marlins haven't found the magic of 2003, even though they traded for someone who they had traded away in the off season. The magic was rekindled in my heart though because Shaq is coming to the Heat. This is all beside the point, though. Now is the wonderful time when I get to fill up my sports quota by following the Rollins sports teams.

As a Floridian I often get asked why nobody seems to care about sports down here. Look at attendance numbers in Florida and you will find that we have some of the lowest regular season attendances in the country. It's not from lack of quality, which some argue. The Marlins have won the World Series twice in the last six years, but will be lucky to break the one million-fan mark. The Dolphins are one of the most famous NFL teams yet can't even sell out a playoff game. Nobody watches the Magic because they are pitiful; nobody watches the Devil Rays because they are even worse. The Jags struggle to get anybody interested, and nobody is interested in hockey even though the Lightning won the Stanley Cup. The only team that people seem to care about here is the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, who spent decades at the bottom of the standings in hideous orange uniforms.

Does any of this sound familiar? It reminds me of a little place called Rollins College, where there are exciting sporting events

going on but the majority of fans seem not to care. If you take a look at the NACDA Directors' Cup standings (which takes into account all sports, all year round) Rollins finished sixth in the nation and first in the conference. This is the highest finish Rollins has ever had; people should be excited about it and jumping for joy. Attendance at Rollins games still is not where it should be, if you consider the serious achievements of the varsity teams. Rollins is a small school yet it manages to compete year after year, and even bring in national championships. If we were a school with 20,000 students, I could understand the apathy. However, Rollins is a David amongst Goliaths in Division II. We are the constant giant killer and the constant underdog. But hey, it's more fun that way.

The Rollins baseball team went all the way to the College World Series—a grand feat. That translated into a small number of fans going to games. I go to the Rollins baseball games, and sometimes it's scary to see

that visiting fans outnumber us almost two to one. Women's basketball had a great year, yet fans chose to pass. The swim meets had little fan support, and the volleyball games are always half empty. The one exception to the rule was men's Basketball, which is Rollins' Bucs. That seems to be the only sport that truly created a buzz on campus. They had a terrific year, yes but so did other teams. Like the women's golf team that WON THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP, there was no coverage from our friends at WPRK who handpick the basketball team to cover. The basement radio heads seem to think that only basketball is worthy of their attention. What about the greatest radio sport of all, baseball? I'm sure that interested for the baseball team would peak if our friends at WPRK chose to cover them. Or why doesn't WPRK have a weekly sports show, that recapped Rollins sports. Also let us remember that one of the reasons why fans watched basketball games was the presence of the SSC Tourney.

Perhaps it is a Florida thing. After all, we are the Sunshine State. Floridians like to think they are too sexy for sports. Hey, we are good looking people—I'm aware of that. Confronted with the choice of a pool or a good ballgame, most Florida natives will chose the pool. Let me say that this is not normal. That fact that we can go outside anytime of the year without getting frost bite is what should make Florida the best sports state in the country. Exciting things will be happening this year right here at Rollins and sure hope you go to a game at least once. What makes me even more sick to my stomach is that I have to hear about the Red Sox and Yankees every single day. Southerners love the Braves, why can't Floridians embrace the Marlins?

On a side note, I'd just to like to welcome myself as the new Sports Editor of the Sandspur, and for all you liberals out there don't worry I'm still going write an occasional piece for the regular Opinions section. Hope you'll join me weekly.

Fantasy Football Adds Some Fun to the Season

■ Two great websites offer both free and paid competition.

by Socrates Perez

contributing writer

Are you ready for Fall Fever? Come on, you know you're just dying to see the likes of Priest Holmes, Peyton Manning, and Randy Moss in action! Well there's no better way to get into the football action than diving into fantasy football!

Get out of the slump of just watching games aimlessly, rooting for your dying team to resurrect itself from the lost cause of a losing season (my apologies to all you Redskins and Chargers fans). Keep your own season alive with a team of your own.

You can be the manager of the greatest squad to hit cyberspace! So you want to know how to make it all happen? Here's some info that could get you started on your road to the championship. Here are two websites sure to get you in football frenzy.

Yahoo! Fantasy Football

With Yahoo's free fantasy football, you are capable of creating your own custom league that looks just the way you want it. Make a league with just running backs and even pick your players just like an NFL Draft. You can make drops, pickups, and even trades with other teams throughout the season. Sign up is easy, and competition is a blast. If you're inexperienced or can't find a custom league, just join one of the many public leagues already existing. <http://football.fantasysports.yahoo.com>

Draft Types on Yahoo

There are three draft types available. The Offline Draft lets you get your team together and handpick players and ends when the league commissioner enters which team has which guys. Pre-Rankings allow you to place every player in the priority order of your choice. The computer does the draft for your entire league once your league is ready. If your first choice has already been

picked, it moves on to your second choice, and so on. The best way to go is probably a Live Online Draft. Here the league commissioner sets a date and time when the teams in his league will go online to pick their players, just like the NFL teams. If a certain team cannot attend, he can just pre-rank his players and let the computer do the picking.

Sporting News Fantasy Football

Although Sporting News offers games that will cost you some money, they also provide free salary cap fantasy football. Unlike Yahoo's draft-style leagues, salary cap football gives you a certain amount of money to spend on the players of your choice. This league is not as personally competitive because you and your friend may have the same players. However, if you like the idea of having free reign over the NFL with a limited amount of cash, this is for you! <http://fantasygames.sportingnews.com/football>

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What's Happening? ROLLINS CALENDAR

Friday 9-3

Volleyball - Fall Bash Invitational
Alfond Sports Center

All Day

Women's Soccer vs. Montevallo
Cahall-Sandspur Field
5 p.m.Men's Soccer vs. Montevallo
Cahall-Sandspur Field
7 p.m.

Saturday 9-4

Volleyball vs. Montevallo
Alfond Sports Center
2 p.m.Volleyball vs. West Georgia
Alfond Sports Center
6 p.m.

Sunday 9-5

Women's Soccer vs.
Alabama - Huntsville
Cahall-Sandspur Field
12 p.m.Men's Soccer vs.
Alabama - Huntsville
Cahall-Sandspur Field
2:30 p.m.

Monday 9-6

Labor Day Holiday
No ClassesHHSOA General Meeting
CSS - 170
5:30 p.m.

Tuesday 9-7

ACE
Bierbach and Reed
6 p.m.

Wednesday 9-8

Thursday 9-9

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on effects of Hurricane
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Volleyball Takes Three of Four

■ Tars kickoff '04 season with three and one record.

by Max Remer

staff reporter

Rollins Volleyball looks to come out strong this season after a fourth place finish in the conference last year. Although the Tars have a hard road in front of them, they have started the season off in a rather good way. The Tars recently hosted the Rollins College Champions Sports Volleyball Invitational. Involved in this two day Invitational was Rollins College, Florida Gulf Coast, Lenior-Rhyme, Augusta State and Mars Hill.

On day one of the Invitational everything went in Rollins's favor as they easily rolled over opponent Mars Hill in 30-15, 30-9, 30-

16 sweep. Julia Caner racked up twelve kills and fourteen digs for the tars as they rolled over Mars Hill. Rollins also decimated opponent Augusta State in a 30-25, 20-24, 30-22 sweep to close out day one of the Invitational. Caner came through strongly for the Tars, once again having thirteen kills and fourteen digs. Playing equally as well for the Tars was Allison North, who contributed eleven kills.

Day two of the Invitational was not nearly as kind to Rollins. In Rollins' first match against Lenior-Rhyme Rollins almost secured their win when they quickly created a two match lead. However, Lenior-Rhyme rallied back in the third and fourth game to force Rollins into a fifth game. Despite losing two games in a row (their first losses of the new season),



photo / RC SID

SPIKE IT: Rollins Volleyball swept day one, but split their matches on day two.

Rollins rallied back to win the fifth and final game. For the third straight match, Julia Caner led Rollins with eighteen kills and eighteen digs.

Rollins was poised and ready to begin their next match against Florida Gulf Coast. Despite keeping it close and playing well, Rollins was sadly defeated. Once again, Rollins was led by Julie Caner with kills and twenty four digs and Allison North with twelve kills and three blocks.

Despite this loss, the weekend was considered a success. If the Rollins Volleyball team can keep up this level of victory, a NCAA Tournament spot seems likely. The last and only time the team has seen a spot at the NCAA Tournament was

back in 1995 when the team went 26-9. With this year's squad, a repeat might be possible.

Rollins next match up begins this Friday and continues on into Saturday (September 3-4) for the Rollins College Fall Bash Invitational. Rollins will play two games on Friday and two games again on Saturday. Rollins will be playing against Ashland Christian Brothers, Montevallo, and West Georgia, which should prove exciting match-ups. Hopefully Rollins will be as successful in during these games as they were in their last Invitational. This is definitely a team you will want to keep your eyes on throughout the whole season.



photo / RC SID

READY TO ROLL: Allison North '06 looks ready to kick off another volleyball season.

Bright Year Ahead for Soccer

■ Soccer Teams look to build off strong years.

by Chase VanSteenburg

staff reporter

Already off to an exciting start, the Rollins women's soccer team has compiled a 2-0 record since their season began Saturday. On Saturday, the Tars beat Belmont Abby College 1-0 in the 107 minute of double overtime. Keri Dye put the winning goal past Belmont goaltender Katherine Bogey (9 saves) on the rebound after Jacquelyn Parson's shot ricocheted off the post. The Tars won again on Sunday, beating Wingate 3-2. The next match, against Montevallo on Friday at 5:00, will be the women's opening game in the new Barker Soccer stadium.

The quick start for the

Rollins women seems to be a good indication of what can be expected from them all season. A preseason vote of conference sports information directors and coaches has projected Rollins to finish fourth out of the nine teams in the competitive Sunshine State Conference. The team finished 13-6 last year, and with five all-SSC players returning to the team, the Tars look to improve on last year's record. Look for standouts in middle Keri Dye (this week's athlete of the week), and middle/forward Laura Guild, last year's top scorer (23 points). Middle/defenseman Jordan Ward and defenseman Whitney Chamberlain (tied for second with 13 points each last year) are also players to watch, while defenseman Lindsay Taylor and goalie Fran Nicoloso (1.19 GAA,

.795 Save Pct.) return to shore up a defense that proved formidable last year.

Despite positive projections, the Rollins men's soccer team (0-1-1) is off to a slow start. The team battled to a 1-1 tie in their first game last Friday against Southern Connecticut State University. The Rollins team came into the second half down by one as a result of a goal by Connecticut's Christian Kabeya, but tied it up in the minute 69 with an unassisted goal by Rollins junior Ben Owen. Rollins went on to outshoot Connecticut 9 to 7, but after two overtime periods, the match ended in a tie. The men's team plays their next game against Montevallo on Friday at 7:30, which will also be their first home game at Barker Soccer Stadium.

Despite their early performance, the men's soccer

team looks to do quite well this year, although it will be hard to improve on last year's stellar 14-3-3 record. A preseason vote of conference sports information directors and coaches has projected the Rollins men's team to finish third out of the nine teams they are competing with in the Sunshine State Conference. Look for the men's defense to be especially solid, with All-American defenseman Daniel Robertson returning to support two-time all-SSC senior Ben Munson, and returning Junior David Dwyer. Two other players to watch will be last year's SSC Freshman of the Year, forward Chris Cerroni, who led the team in points and goals (29 pts, 11 goals), and forward Ryan Dodds, who finished third in points last year with 22.