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Winner Takes All In Debate, But Who Won?

■ The gloves come off in the second debate - both pundits claim victory.

by **Shaun Cricks**

staff reporter

On Friday, October 7, President George W. Bush and Senator John Kerry came head to head for round two of three scheduled debates. The town-hall style debate was moderated by Charles Gibson and consisted of pre-selected questions from the audience who had declared themselves undecided voters. The nominees were not informed of the questions prior to the debate. This duel was held at Washington University in St. Louis, MO.



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CALM BEFORE THE STORM: Senator John Kerry and President George W. Bush shake hands before a rather heated town hall debate.

Audience questions raised key issues on Weapons of Mass

Destruction in Iraq, importation of prescription drugs, the budget deficit, jobs,

Patriot Act, and more. The candidates, predictably, raised questions about each

other. Here's where each candidate stood on those issues.

On WMDs in Iraq, Mr. Bush said "Saddam Hussein was a threat because he could have given weapons of mass destruction to terrorist enemies. Sanctions were not working." Senator Kerry disagreed: "The goal of the sanctions was not to remove Saddam Hussein, it was to remove the weapons of mass destruction. And... They worked. If we'd used smart diplomacy, we could have saved \$200 billion and an invasion of Iraq. And right now, Osama Bin Laden might be in jail or dead."

The President accused Kerry of changing his mind on Iraq; "You know, for a while [John Kerry] was a strong supporter of getting

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Alcohol Awareness

■ Renowned motivational speaker, Ed Gerety, visits Rollins campus.

by **Katie Pederson**

asst. sports editor

While most of the Rollins community was either getting ready for their Wednesday night party sessions or working diligently on finishing that last little bit of homework or studying to partake in the night's debauchery, it was ironically the majority of the Rollins Greek community that was attending an inspirational alcohol speaker.

World-renowned motivational speaker, Ed Gerety, visited Rollins College last Wednesday evening, October 6, for an hour and a half cram session of stories, sayings, and magic. The

evening's event was coordinated by the sisters of the sorority Alpha Omicron Pi as a part of a nation-wide initiative on alcohol awareness, and Gerety spoke to a crowd at the Bush Auditorium comprised mostly of sorority and fraternity members who supported the cause. Gerety, a freelance orator on the ideals of leadership and self-esteem, prides himself on being dedicated to learning and teaching and speaks by the motto, "Real Issues. Real Results. Lasting Impact."

His presentation was full of spark and pizzazz as he frequently told elaborate stories complete with character voices and actions and invited, and perhaps at times demanded, audience participation. Gerety appealed to emotions and had the crowd laughing out loud, crying quietly, and openly expressing feelings towards their



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SOBER MOTIVATIONS: Ed Gerety speaks to Rollins students about alcohol abuse.

loved ones. It was a night of sweet tales and cautioned tragedy, and all who attended felt just a little bit better and a little bit changed after leaving that night (regardless of whether the Wednesday night partying carried on or not).

For more information on Ed Gerety or his speeches go to geretypresentations.com.

WMD Report

■ Charles A. Duelfer published his Weapons of Mass Destruction report last week.

by **Erika Batey**

asst. news editor

In a report released last week, U.S. inspector Charles A. Duelfer of the Iraq Survey Committee announced that Iraq had destroyed its weapons stockpiles in the early 90s after the Gulf War. Additionally, Iraq's ability to restart its nuclear weapon program had significantly weakened in the decade after the war.

The report is significant because it maintains Saddam Hussein's prewar claims that the country did not possess any weapons of mass destruction. It is also sparking increased criticism internationally and from

many Democrats and anti-war advocates that the Bush administration went to war based on false evidence and for the wrong reasons.

The report also concluded that Saddam Hussein maintained ambiguity over whether or not Iraq possessed weapons, mainly as a deterrent to Iran. According to the report, he told his closest aides, "The better part of war is deceiving." One of his advisors stated that he "wanted to avoid appearing weak and did not reveal he was deceiving the world about the presence of W.M.D."

The findings report that Saddam Hussein's decision to destroy Iraq's weapons was in an effort to end United Nations sanctions imposed on the country. Once sanctions were removed, he might have intended to restart the pro-

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The Debates Continue

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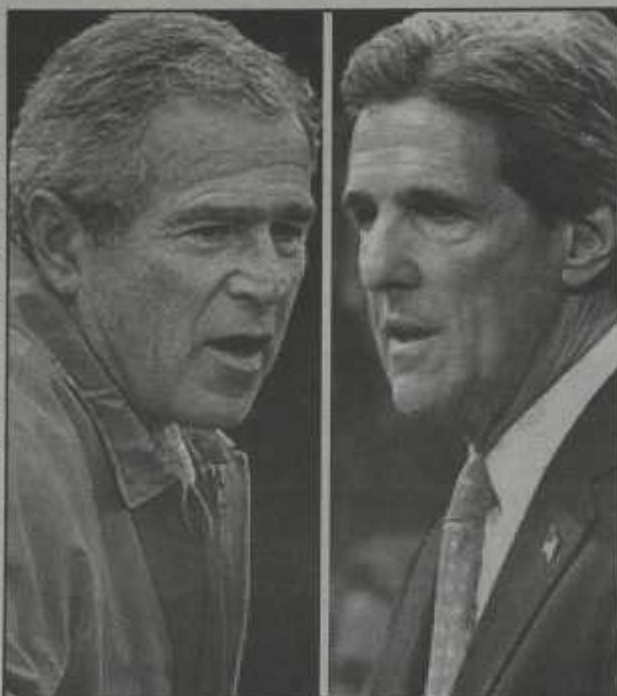
rid of Saddam Hussein. He...changed positions." Kerry insisted, "The president didn't find weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, so he's really turned his campaign into a weapon of mass deception... I've never changed my mind about Iraq."

When questioned about cheaper prescription drugs from Canada, President Bush said, "Just want to make sure they're safe... it might be from a third world." Senator Kerry's retort was, "We're not talking about third-world drugs. We're talking about drugs made right here in the United States of America. The president sides with the power companies, the oil companies, the drug companies."

Kerry was tough on the deficit, declaring, "He's added more debt to the debt of the United States in four years than all the way from George Washington to Ronald Reagan put together." Bush answered strongly, "We have a deficit because

this country went into a recession... Secondly, we're at war... I'm concerned about the deficit."

"We found out today that over the past 13 months, we've added 1.9 million new jobs in the last 13 months," said Bush. Kerry claimed, "He lost 1.6 million."



PRESIDENTIAL SHOWDOWN: The second presidential debate is just as heated as the first.

The Candidates differed slightly on the Patriot Act; Bush fully endorsement its renewal and Act 2; Kerry concurred- with a caveat. "A whole bunch of folks in America are concerned about the way the Patriot Act

has been applied... People's rights have been abused."

Each nominee attempted to define his opponent with name-calling and attacks on his record. "He's got a record," said President Bush. "He voted 98 times to raise taxes... They don't name him the most liberal in the

United States Senate because he hasn't shown up to many meetings. They named him because of his votes." Kerry

replied "Compassionate conservative," what does that mean? Cutting 500,000 kids from after-school programs, cutting 365,000 kids from health care, running up the biggest deficits in American history?"

Analysts disagreed on who won the debate as much as the candidates did on the issues. Chris Wallace, Fox News correspondent, said,

"George Bush came to play. He held John Kerry even at the very least." Paul Begala, former adviser to President Clinton, said on CNN, "The press will say it's a draw, but I think Kerry [was better than] Bush - or rather Bush made a few errors. Two words for President Bush: anger management." Other expert critiques offer equally contrasting results. Ultimately, the decision of who won this debate, and the others, will be made at the polls on November 2.

Duelfer Releases Final Report on Iraq's Weapons Program

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grams. The report states that he maintained the "intellectual capital" to do so, yet "the regime had no formal written strategy or plan for the revival of W.M.D. after sanctions."

In addition to ending Iraq's nuclear program, Saddam Hussein also destroyed chemical stockpiles in 1991. The activities at a storage depot that Colin Powell mentioned at the UN Security Council were not related to chemical weapons. The last banned biological weapons plant was destroyed in 1996. While Iraq did have plans to build ballistic missiles, none had been produced. Additionally, the country possessed no Scud missiles at the time of the war in 2003.

However, the report's detailed investigation of the United Nations' oil-for-food program reveals further evidence, including corruption and profiteering between both Iraq and foreign companies. The program was created in 1996 in an effort to bring food and medicine to Iraqi citizens suffering from the effects of war and UN imposed sanctions. It gave the country permission to sell oil and use the proceeds it received to buy necessary foreign goods.

Yet the report released last week cites evidence that Saddam Hussein amassed around \$11 billion in rev-

enue in the past decade from deals with foreign governments and corporations. It states that he made deals with countries including France and Russia by directing oil vouchers to them, allowing them to buy oil from Iraq and then resell it at a profit. The report reveals that in Russia, "oil voucher gifts were directed across the political spectrum targeting the new oligarch class, Russian political parties and officials."

In France, Iraq acted similarly by targeting government officials. The report states that Charles Pasqua, a former French interior minister, received vouchers for almost 11 million barrels of oil. The report accuses dozens of other companies and people. After the report was released last Wednesday, neither the French nor the Russian embassies could be reached for comment.

Both Democrats and Republicans are using the report to support their views. While Republicans are emphasizing the interest Saddam Hussein still had to maintain a nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons program and the potential he would have had if United Nations sanctions had been lifted, Democrats are saying it is the final evidence that the administration's attack on Iraq was unjustified and based on false evidence.

Correction

Last week's Entertainment section included an article entitled "A New Look at 'The Odd Couple'" that incorrectly credited photos to staff photographer Adam Burton. The photos were taken by Ryan Wright and provided by the Rollins Theatre Department. We apologize for the inaccuracy.

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DUELFER'S REPORT: Charles Duelfer, of the Iraq Survey Committee, released a report last week announcing that Iraq had destroyed its weapons back in the early 90s.

The Vice Presidents Get A Turn

■ Senator John Edwards and Vice President Dick Cheney took the stage at Case Western to debate major political issues concerning voters.

by **Brittany Lee**

news editor

On October 5, Vice President Dick Cheney and Senator John Edwards faced off at Case Western Reserve University in their first vice-presidential debate. At least 43.6 million people watched the televised debate, an audience nearly as large as for the first presidential debate in 2000, held between George W. Bush and Al Gore. The two candidates, Cheney, 63, and Edwards, 51, sat at a semi-circular table on stage at the university, with Gwen Ifill from PBS moderating the debate.

The debate began and continued for a long portion with questions concerning the war on Iraq. Ifill's first question addressed both Paul Bremer's speech stating there were never enough troops on the ground and the controversy surrounding the actuality of a link between al Qaeda and Saddam Hussein. Cheney asserted, "What we did in Iraq was exactly the right thing to do. If I had it to recommend all over again, I would recommend exactly the same course of action." Edwards attacked the accuracy of the information being fed the American people concerning the success of the war. "Mr. Vice President, you are still not being straight with the American people.... We lost more troops in September than we lost in August; lost more in August than we lost in July; lost more in July than we lost



THEIR FIRST AND ONLY DEBATE: Vice President Dick Cheney and Sen. John Edwards faced off at Case Western Reserve University with Gwen Ifill from PBS moderating the debate. in June."

The debate raged with Cheney countering that now power is being turned over to the Iraqis and fewer troops are necessary, while Edwards insisted that not only were the American people being lied to on the war's success, they were additionally told a link existed between the 9/11 attacks and Saddam Hussein when, in fact, there was none.

Edwards continued on attack mode and stated the Bush administration had Osama bin Laden cornered in the mountains of Afghanistan early on, but "made a decision to divert attention from that and instead began to plan for the invasion of Iraq." Cheney argued, "The senator has got his facts wrong. We've never let up on Osama bin Laden from Day One. We've actively and aggressively pursued him."

Cheney brought up an issue Republicans have continually centered on—Senator John Kerry's shifting positions on the conflict. He additionally attacked Edwards' record, calling him "Senator Gone" and stating,

"Frankly, senator, you have a record that's not very distinguished." He claimed to have never met the Senator until that night, a statement found to be false later in the night when Edwards' wife reminded Cheney that in fact they had met three times previously.

Edwards fired back by using Cheney's involvement in Halliburton as ammo, charging that Cheney pushed to lift U.S. sanctions against Iran and did business with countries his administration proclaimed to be "sworn enemies of the United States." In addition, he claimed that Halliburton, like Enron and Ken Lay, paid millions of dollars in fines for providing false information. Cheney called the charges an attempt to "throw up a smoke screen" and defended that there was "no substance to the charges."

Aside from the reoccurring discussion of Iraq, the candidates were questioned on the issue of joblessness and gay marriage. Cheney began the discussion on joblessness in America by focusing on a need for more jobs and improvements in education, citing the No Child Left Behind Act as a first piece of legislation by the Bush administration dealing with this.

Edwards assailed the current administration's dealings with poverty, "During the time the vice president and the president have been in office, 4 million more Americans have fallen into poverty." Cheney countered that Edwards was using out of date data, and that since 2003, "we've added 1.7 million jobs." Yet Edwards stuck to his argu-

ment and retorted that "millions have fallen into poverty. Family incomes are down, while the cost of everything is going up." He followed with the bold statement, "Mr. Vice President, I don't think the country can take four more years of this kind of experience."

As the topic shifted to gay marriage, the candidates shifted less into attack mode and actually paid one another compliments. Cheney, whose daughter Mary is a lesbian, showed support for gay relationships, stating that "people ought to be free to choose any arrangement they want." Yet President Bush supports the passage of a constitutional marriage which would ban gay marriage. To this, Cheney said, "He sets policy for this administration and I support him."

Edwards took a similar stance on the issue, showing support for gay relationships but that he, and Kerry, believes marriage is between a man and a woman. Of Cheney's family situation, Edwards stated, "I think the vice president and his wife love their daughter...And

you can't have anything but respect for the fact that they're willing to talk about the fact that they have a gay daughter." Cheney, in his follow up, simply thanked Edwards for the kind words.

Another matter of import stemmed from Kerry's argument during the first of the presidential debate, for increased global participation in the War on Iraq and the use of a "global test" to determine which actions should be taken. Edwards stated, "What we know is that the president and the vice president have not done the work to build a coalition that we need." He supported Kerry's stance on the need to internationalize efforts in Iraq, to which Cheney retorted, "You talk about internationalizing the effort. They don't have a plan. Basically, it's an echo."

The debate continued, and the 30-second format broke down when Cheney accused Edwards of demeaning the sacrifices of the Iraqi people. "For you to demean their sacrifice is beyond the pale," Cheney said. "Oh, I'm not," Edwards began before Cheney cut him off and the two fought to get in words before the moderator moved the debate along.

October 5 marked the first and only of the vice presidential debates for this election, and from the controversy and discussion it sparked this debate will certainly play a critical role in the outcome of this November's presidential election. The race between Kerry and Bush is undoubtedly a close one, and now the American people have heard both the presidential candidates and their running mates face off. Edwards and Cheney both showed themselves to be capable speakers and tough opponents during this heated debate.



THE DEBATE HEATS UP: Both Edwards and Cheney stayed on the defensive throughout the debate.



CHENEY VS. EDWARDS: The vice presidential debate drew much media attention and over 43.6 million watched.

Afghanistan's Presidential Elections

■ Afghanistan holds its first democratic presidential elections last Saturday.

by **Erika Batey**

asst. news editor

With all the debating and media coverage surrounding the United States Presidential race, many Americans may have forgotten that Afghanistan held its first democratic presidential elections last Saturday, October 9. Holding elections was a key moment in the country because it marked a step in the United States' campaign to bring democracy to both Afghanistan and the region.

There were eighteen candidates, including the interim President Hamid Karzai, considered to be the front runner, and former interior minister Yunus Qanooni, who is also receiving popular support in the country. Massooda Jalal was also in the race, the only female candidate. In order to win, the candidate must receive fifty percent of the total vote, plus one.

Both Karzai and Qanooni are advocating similar political plans for Afghanistan. They both support a moderate form of Islam, democracy, and positive international relations with other countries. They also strongly support rebuilding the country, and promise security and stability.

However, despite the success the country and the United States have achieved in setting up democratic elections, violence and confusion have been threatening to disrupt the process. Hours after the first votes were cast, the candidates laid down charges of voter fraud. Voting at certain polling stations was halted after officials learned that ink used to mark voters' fingers could be washed off, resulting in some people voting several times.

New ink was supplied, but some of the candidates are demanding another election and even saying that Saturday's election should not be counted. The United Nations is currently holding talks with the candidates in an effort to save the elections.



photo / DAVID P. GILKEY/KRT

BALLOT BOXES: Workers at the United Nations Election Counting Center pass along ballot boxes the day after the first democratic presidential election in Kabul, Afghanistan.

Also, a few days before the election, President Karzai's vice-presidential running mate survived a bomb attack. A bomb was detonated next to his convoy, injuring seven people and killing one person.

In recent weeks, former Taliban members also threatened to disrupt voting, stating that they planned to attack polling stations and that voters should boycott elections if they did not want

to be responsible for an attack.

Talks are still underway to determine the outcome of Saturday's election and whether there is a possibility of the elections being re-held. Ahmed Shah Ahmadzai, one of the presidential candidates, announced, "This is completely, completely pre-arranged fraud," in regard to Saturday's voting. However, Karzai called the elections

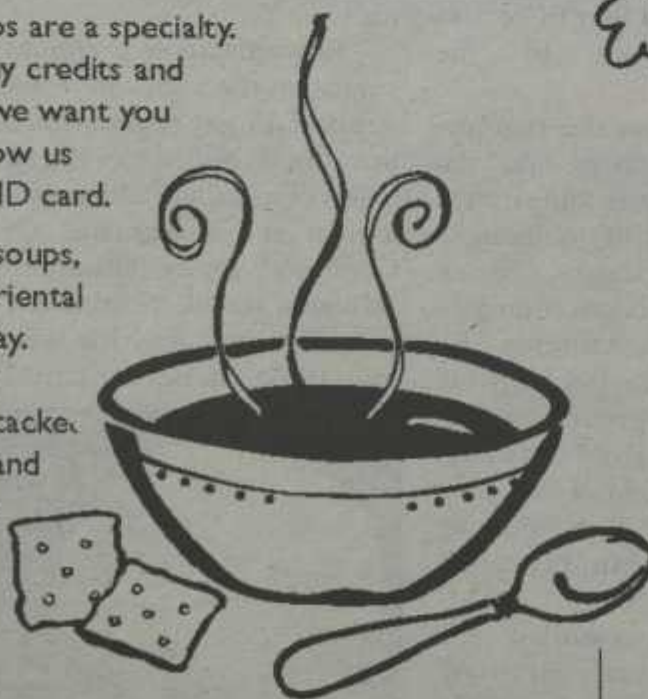
"free and fair", and said, "Who is more important, these 15 candidates, or the millions of people who turned out today to vote?"

More than ten million Afghans registered to vote. Depending on whether officials agree to count the votes or re-hold elections, the outcome is not expected to be announced for another one to two weeks.

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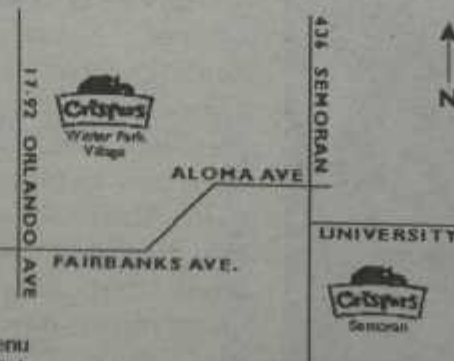
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Career Coach

by **Marian Cacciatore**
columnist

Q. I heard you speak in a recent class and you talked about the challenge of "identifying your calling." I have been thinking about the class discussion and wondered if you could elaborate on this topic of "calling versus job." Katie '06

A. Katie, have you ever known anyone who was miserable in their job but felt powerless or unable to make a change? They may be reasonably effective in their employment role, but at the end of the day they will leave work unfulfilled and disengaged. Often financial pressures and family responsibilities create situations where change seems impossible. Many times, it is not a "bad job" and the individual will report that the other people in the department seem reasonably fulfilled. However, for this person, there is no connection between their employment and a deeper sense of meaning and fulfillment.

As I work with adults facing career transitions, one theme remains constant: *we want to make a meaningful connection between our work and our personal interests, strengths and passions.* Through the years of working with students, I have begun to gather qualitative stories that highlight this "internal struggle" that many of our students face. Currently, I am working with Dr. Sue Easton on the development of a survey, which will allow me to gather quantitative data as well. I mention this only to highlight my own personal inter-

est and passion in assisting students to identify their calling and to create strategies to achieve their goals.

Author Michael Novack, in the book *Insights on Leadership*, highlighted four characteristics of a "calling." These four points will provide a starting point for our discussion.

My calling is unique to me. I have special and unique gifts and talents that are mine alone to use.

A calling requires certain preconditions. A "true calling" requires that I have the talent, love and commitment necessary to make this a reality. Each of these elements are equally important. For example, I may have the talent and love for a particular area, but if I do not have the commitment to "do what it takes" it may not be a true calling.

A true calling yields enjoyment and renewed energy for me. When I am involved in these activities, I lose track of time and easily become immersed in the work.

Many individuals have to travel down various paths before identifying their "calling." Often a person will experience false starts and stops in the pursuit of a "calling." This journey will require significant stamina and commitment. This element should be of particular comfort to adult students who are often frustrated by a lack of personal direction or clarity.

I see the discussion and reflection of a "calling" as critical for adult students. Many Hamilton Holt students initially make the decision to return to school in order to transition to a more meaningful career path. While the pursuit of a degree

is an important and often critical step in making the transition a reality, a great deal more work is required to integrate a personal vocation or calling into an employment role.

In *Whistle While You Work*, authors Richard Lieder and David Shapiro effectively weave the practical topic of a calling within a work situation. *"While a calling runs through our whole lives, we are not called once for life. Responding to our call is something we do every day. Calling breaks down into daily choices. In responding, we ask ourselves again and again, 'How can I consistently give my gifts away.'"*

Katie, I hope I am not leaving you with more questions than you started with. What feelings has this discussion stirred up within you? Have you been able to identify elements of "your calling"? If not, are you willing to do so? Are you seeking a more effective balance between your "calling" and your work life?

In the next issue, we will discuss ways to uncover your "calling" and will also discuss some strategies on incorporating your "calling" within your current employment role. Watch for this column in the next Sandspur issue.

However, in the meantime, if you would like to begin some individual work on this issue, feel free to schedule an appointment.

Do you have a question for Marian? Email her at mcacciatore@rollins.edu. She guarantees that all questions will be responded to individually or in this column.

Holt Student Insights & Reflections

I have to say, I love being a student in the Hamilton Holt program. For me the greatest thing about Holt is that the students join on this common path of education from all walks of my life. From people my age to those starting families, or empty nesting and sharing pictures of grandchildren, the common thread that weaves us together as Holt students are our differences.

Most students just come for class and with their schedules, who can blame them? However, I feel the more unified we are as a student body, the more fulfilling our academic experience can be. It is my belief that in feeling connected to something

greater than just your self, you better your experience as a student; it affords the chance to engage in intellectual discourse with those whom you know, trust and feel connected to. I am sure you are saying to yourself, "gee, Mary-Allen is right. I would love to be more involved...but I just do not know how." Well my fellow evening study friends, I am here with a solution to this quandary. The opportunity is here for our students to be an active participant in the Holt school. Your friends in SGA are working hard to create a year that is full of networking opportunities. Our goal is to be your voice while building stronger ties within the Holt school and the

Rollins College community. We have developed a calendar to keep you busy and in the social loop by sponsoring many events throughout the year to bring the student body together.

I bet you saw us a couple of weeks back between Bush and Cornell passing out bookmarks, candy and highlighters. I speak on behalf of everyone involved at SGA, it was a pleasure to meet so many fellow students! Remember, you can always check our website at, www.rollins.edu/holt/hhsqa for SGA happenings.

Mary-Allen Singer

Meet & Greet

■ **HHSGA set to host meet and greet opportunity with President Lewis M. Duncan.**

by **Russ Stacey**
contributing writer

Maybe we should call him the "Hurricane President." Since taking office on August 1, 2004, Rollins President Lewis M. Duncan has had to deal with more than just academic and administrative issues. Mother Nature heaped her share of headaches on him with Hurricanes Charley,



photo / ROBERT WALKER

Frances and Jeanne, which thankfully inflicted minimum damage on the college. Want to ask him about it or any other topic? Rollins' "Meet the President" on Wednesday, October 20, in the Bush Auditorium is your chance. The event is scheduled from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

As Rollins Students, it is important for all of us to get involved, and this is a perfect opportunity to learn

about our president and our school.

Dr. Duncan says he was drawn to Rollins because of our commitment to excellence, innovation, and community. He believes in the value of a liberal arts education and that Rollins has an important role to play on the national stage in raising the issue of how to make liberal education relevant for the 21st century. "The world has never faced greater need for quality liberal education for a rising generation of citizen leaders," he said. "Rollins College is exceptionally well positioned to answer this call, and I look forward to sharing in leadership service as Rollins' president."

He received his bachelor's degree in physics and mathematics and his master's and doctorate in space physics from Rice University in Houston. He led Dartmouth's Thayer School of Engineering for the past six years with great success.

Since the national search for the college's 14th president commenced in October 2003, more than 200 applications were received. Dr. Duncan succeeded Dr. Rita Bornstein, who served from 1990 to 2004, the first woman to hold the president's office.

When asked about his immediate plans for Rollins, Dr. Duncan answered, "My plan is to listen. I'll listen and ask questions... and actually those are two very different things." Let's take him up on it October 20!

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What's All This Other Stuff On My Ballot?

by **Mark Bartschi**

managing editor

If you have watched any amount of television lately, you have been inundated with ads that plead, "Vote no on 3!" or "Vote yes on 4!" but if you're like most people, you probably have no idea what those numbers mean.

The Florida legislative system has an intentional loophole in it that allows "citizen initiative amendments" to the state Constitution. According to the Florida Chamber of Commerce, only 16 states have such a process; Florida adopted it in 1968.

If a group cannot get legislation pushed through the state Congress for whatever reason, it can start a petition to have its law bypass Congress and be placed directly in the Constitution. If it gets 488,722 signatures and meets legal wording requirements, it is placed on the General Election ballot.

The noble idea behind this process is that if citizens really want a certain piece of legislation passed but cannot get it done because of lobbies or other political forces influencing their congressmen, they can bypass the politics

and pass it themselves.

Lately, however, there has been growing concern that special interest groups are abusing this system, using paid signature gatherers and deceptive advertising to circumvent the normal costly and slow process of getting a bill passed.

Voters may obviously vote for something that sounds good on paper without realizing that it will cost the state billions of dollars that it does not have. But the Constitution is the supreme law of the land, and the state is obligated to make any sac-

rifices necessary to uphold it.

Regardless of how you feel about citizens having direct access to the state Constitution, the best thing you can do is try to understand the issues behind each proposed amendment, evaluate what the benefits and consequences will be if it is passed, and make an informed decision on whether you agree with it.

Whatever you do, watch out for special interest ads, whether they be in print or on television. Biased ads rarely present an accurate description of what an

amendment will do. Unfortunately, the 75-word summary printed on the ballot is often less than helpful.

Below you can find common-language summaries of each amendment along with the rationales behind supporting and opposing it.

Blind voting is an insult to the democratic process—whether you like the idea of initiative amendments or not, if you plan to vote on them, it is your responsibility to make an informed choice, no matter what that choice may be.

Sharpen those pencils—you have lots of bubbling to do.

Amendment 1

Parental Notification of a Minor's Termination of Pregnancy

Sponsor: Florida Legislature • Proponent: Florida Right to Life Committee • Opponents: Planned Parenthood, ACLU

WHAT DOES IT DO?

If passed, this amendment would require abortion clinics to notify parents of girls under the age of 18 before performing an abortion procedure. Legislation can be passed to allow exceptions, for instance, where rape or incest is involved.

WHY SHOULD I VOTE FOR IT?

Proponents believe that parents have a right to know if their daughter is about to undergo elective surgery, and it is critical that parents be involved in such an important decision. Evidence from other states shows that legislation like this reduces abortion rates.

WHY SHOULD I VOTE AGAINST IT?

Opponents believe that such legislation is a breach of every citizen's fundamental right to privacy. They also caution that the notification process could delay medical care and increase risks to the pregnant woman.

Amendment 2

Constitutional Amendments Proposed by Initiative

Sponsor: Florida Legislature • Proponent: Vote Smart Florida • Opponent: Hands Off Florida

WHAT DOES IT DO?

If passed, this amendment would require Constitutional amendments like these to be submitted by February 1 and the Supreme Court to issue an advisory opinion by April 1 of the election year.

WHY SHOULD I VOTE FOR IT?

Voters will have more time to research and debate proposed amendments before voting.

WHY SHOULD I VOTE AGAINST IT?

It will be more difficult and confusing for future amendments to make it onto the ballot.

Amendment 3

The Medical Liability Claimant's Compensation Amendment

Sponsor: Citizens for a Fair Share, Inc. • Proponent: Florida Medical Assn. • Opponent: Florida Trial Lawyers

WHAT DOES IT DO?

If someone sues for medical liability, the person suing would be entitled to at least 70% of the first quarter million in damages and 90% of any amount exceeding that. The rest can be taken by the claimant's attorney. Currently, there is no cap on the percentage an attorney can charge.

WHY SHOULD I VOTE FOR IT?

This caps attorney's fees, ensuring patients receive a fair share of their compensation.

WHY SHOULD I VOTE AGAINST IT?

If attorneys cannot take a larger portion of patients' awards, they will find the cases to be unprofitable and not take them, resulting in malpractice cases that are never filed. Without threat of being sued, doctors will be less concerned about injuring or killing patients.

Amendment 4

Miami Area Voters Can Approve Slot Machines In Parimutuel Facilities

Sponsor: Floridians for a Level Playing Field • Proponent: Parimutuel Operations • Opponent: No Casinos, Inc.

WHAT DOES IT DO?

By itself, nothing. It authorizes voters in Miami-Dade and Broward counties to decide if slot machines should be placed in horse/dog racing and jai-alai venues. If they decide to place them, taxes collected must go to state education. Currently, this decision rests with the state.

WHY SHOULD I VOTE FOR IT?

Local residents should make this decision for themselves. If they decide in favor of placing the machines, jobs will be created, and state education funding will be enhanced.

WHY SHOULD I VOTE AGAINST IT?

The cost of controlling crime related to the new machines would outweigh the revenue given to education. It would also tarnish Florida's family-friendly environment.

HOW MUCH MONEY WILL THE STATE MAKE?

Locally, tax revenues would increase from \$5 million to \$8 million annually. Statewide, tax revenues would be augmented by \$200 million to \$500 million annually.

Amendment 5

Florida Minimum Wage Amendment

Sponsor: Floridians for All PAC • Proponents: ACORN, MoveOn.org • Opponent: Coalition to Save Florida Jobs

WHAT DOES IT DO?

If passed, this amendment would raise the state minimum wage from \$5.15/hr. to \$6.15/hr and require that it continue to increase annually based on inflation. It also provides protection from employers who fail to adhere to the new legislation.

WHY SHOULD I VOTE FOR IT?

A full time employee making minimum wage currently makes only \$10,712 per year. 300,000 people would benefit from this raise, and an additional 550,000 will benefit from "ripple effects."

WHY SHOULD I VOTE AGAINST IT?

Employers will have to spend more money on low-end jobs, which will force them to lay off tens of thousands of workers. Companies may also cut health care coverage and retirement benefits.

Amendment 6

Repeal of High Speed Rail Amendment

Sponsor: Derail the Bullet Train • Proponent: Florida Chamber of Commerce • Opponent: Florida Transportation Assn.

WHAT DOES IT DO?

If passed, the High Speed Rail Amendment passed by voters in 2000 will be repealed. The previous amendment requires the state to fund construction of an intrastate bullet train.

WHY SHOULD I VOTE FOR IT?

Florida cannot afford the billions of dollars this project would cost. The money could be better spent on highway construction to ease congestion, health care, or education.

WHY SHOULD I VOTE AGAINST IT?

A bullet train is necessary to ease traffic caused by population growth. Repealing this amendment would take away an environmentally safe form of mass transit.

HOW MUCH MONEY WILL THE STATE MAKE?

Repealing this amendment will save approximately \$20 billion to \$25 billion over the next 30 years.

Amendment 7

Patients' Right to Know about Adverse Medical Incidents

Sponsor: Floridians for Patient Protection • Proponent: Acad. of FL Trial Lawyers • Opponent: FL Medical Assn.

WHAT DOES IT DO?

Allows patients to anonymously review the malpractice record of healthcare providers.

WHY SHOULD I VOTE FOR IT?

Patients have a right to know whether their doctor has a history of malpractice incidents.

WHY SHOULD I VOTE AGAINST IT?

Physicians will not be able to conduct peer reviews, which reduce error and improve quality.

Amendment 8

Public Protection from Repeated Medical Malpractice

Sponsor: Floridians for Patient Protection • Proponent: Acad. of FL Trial Lawyers • Opponent: FL Medical Assn.

WHAT DOES IT DO?

This amendment would prohibit medical doctors convicted of three or more incidents of malpractice from practicing medicine in Florida.

WHY SHOULD I VOTE FOR IT?

Almost 195,000 Americans are killed every year as a result of malpractice. This amendment would protect patients from doctors who repeatedly make mistakes.

WHY SHOULD I VOTE AGAINST IT?

Doctors practicing in high-risk fields will leave Florida, and new doctors will be discouraged from practicing in Florida. This would limit access to quality healthcare.

ABOUT THIS SECTION

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A New Normalcy For Rollins

■ Are the tirade of hurricanes the cause of student unrest and disorder this fall semester?

by **Steve Neilson**

dean of student affairs

Student affairs professionals frequently measure the beginning of an academic year in terms of the smoothness of opening, significant student crises, major judicial infractions, and the number of calls from parents of new students. Perhaps by these standards, the beginning of the 2004-2005 academic year for Rollins College was not unlike other years except for the impact that two hurricanes caused on the psyches of student, faculty and staff. Make that three hurricanes, no make that four, five?!

It seems like this year has started four or five times, or has never really started. There is a collective search for normalcy and predictability. With the "end" of hurricane season still six weeks away, no matter how

hard we try to make it go away, it will not leave us. Nightly newscasts line up hurricanes in the Atlantic like I-4 at rush hour. The names begin to strike fear in us. It was Charley, Frances, and Ivan and now its Jeanne, Karl, and Lisa.

What are the effects of these storms and the focus on hurricanes? We think it is significant, playing it out and continuing to evolve. What are some of the observed behaviors we think are linked to this condition—a condition not unlike post-traumatic stress syndrome.

First of all, there is an uneasy restlessness. For instance, there were two fights this past weekend—and as one staff member commented, "Our students just do not fight." Staff who confront students are being rudely and angrily talked back to. With multiple starts, campus evacuations and weekend incidents, Residential Life staff has not experienced "down time." RCC peer mentors, arguably the best group of peer mentors in years, are having problems completing their administrative work. One staff member reported they

were in shell shock, and another called it a "ruined semester." There are an unusual number of "bizarre" medical cases. Even motivated and committed students are not showing up. Programs that historically attracted 40 students are now lucky to get five.

There is a lot of energy, but the energy is caused by uncertainty, not by positive, dynamic programming. Students are all "hyped-up," fed by a "contagion of hysteria" and fixation on 24-hour weather reports. In most natural disasters, the event comes, quickly departs and then we clean up the mess. The severe weather events and the uncertainty surrounding storm paths just keep on coming!

What is going on? Good questions and many theories abound. So in the interest of debate, here is my theory: All students, but especially new students, actively seek the norm. This is an understandable and well-researched aspect of human development, especially in this age population. Students, in a desire to be liked and successful, quickly scan the environment and

seek out the "norm." For better or worse, that's usually easily identified and emulated. But now, that norm is chaos and uncertainty.

Even the student body is bifurcated along another set of dividing lines: those directly impacted (living off campus or with family and friends who sustained damage) and those for whom the storm was a welcomed diversion and chance for socializing. The haves and have-nots are being defined in new ways.

Then there is the student affairs staff. Loyal and dedicated to students' well being, they have tirelessly served through thick and thin. Many of these staff are experienced and dedicated to helping students identify the appropriate norms and minimizing the impact of events that are out of the predictive, normative mode. In a way, our staff works hard at creating a learning environment that is challenging and supportive. What do we do when the new norm is chaos?

Faculty and staff are also dealing with the realities of Charley and Frances. Their homes, family homes,

friends' homes, and property have been damaged. Their "normalcy" has been disrupted by waiting for insurance adjusters, cutting down trees, and helping children adjust to sudden changes in their routines.

So what to do? First of all, it is important to talk with each other about our experiences. Second, we must transform this energy created by uncertainty into positive energy. The more we focus on the great things that are happening the better. These great things are driven from the ordered, intentional programming and planning that we have done. All is not lost—it's just been badly shaken!

The challenge before us all is to rebuild this "normal" world—not just for students, but also for each other and ourselves. I don't think we can simply wish this. It needs to be thoughtfully planned out how we do this. And then, with firm resolve and the dedication that is a hallmark of Rollins faculty and staff, reclaim this normalcy from the ethos of chaos to the ethos of achievement and success.

Do You Share Your Innermost Thoughts With Strangers?

by **Mo Coffey**

asst. features editor

Blog. The noun sweeping the country. (Actually it's now a verb, too: You're blogging while writing and a

blogger if you write a blog.) But what exactly is a blog? According to blogphiles.com, a blog is a journal available on the web where the writer makes chronological entries.

Perhaps you've heard of the site LiveJournal.com. Anyone around the world can create a username, profile, and online journal or blog. You can add your friends to your list so they

can view your updates or choose to leave your page open to anyone in Cyberland. One does not need to be too computer literate in order to bare his or her soul to the world.

Does the idea of posting your thoughts and actions on the web sound kind of weird, dorky, or pathetic? Not so much. LiveJournal alone has 4.8 million users that post 200 blogs per minute. Google "blog" and 58 million websites appear for you to choose from. Besides LiveJournal, Blogger.com and BlogPhiles.com are two popular free host sites.

This year where everything is political, even presidential candidates have gotten on the blog bandwagon. GeorgeWBush.com hosts the President's official campaign trail blog. Not to be excluded, Kerry and Edwards share their stories at blog.johnkerry.com.

Mystery has been bogging down bloggers as one writer has taken the pop culture world by storm. Known only as Rance, one blogger has been posting insider information and gossip about the entertainment world and celebrities. Rance, who bills himself as

an A-list actor, has a cult following. Witty and sometimes bizarre comments have been attributed from everyone from Jim Carrey to Ben Affleck to George Clooney. There has been much speculation as to Rance's true identity: a famous actor, director, or perhaps a publicist? Or could it be a hoax? Regardless, if you're ever bored try reading Rance's blog at <http://captainhoof.tripod.com/blog>. It can get addictive; consider yourself warned.

Even the bloggers are talking about their blogging habits. Virgin bloggers beware. On his blog, Anders Jacobsen notes the pitfalls of first-time bloggers: "Hey guess what—bloggers are cool!" He compares first-time posters with people who call from the car when car phones first came out: "Hey, guess where I am? I'm in the car!"

Millions blog, and you can too. In the age of technology where teachers email you homework and grades are posted online, who needs a diary with a lock and key? A username and password for your blog is so now.



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Ask The Fox

The Sandspur introduces its first weekly advice column aimed at answering your social and relationship questions and concerns.

Dear Fox,

There's a girl in one of my classes who I think is really hot, but I never talk to her. I want to find ways to start conversation but can't think of any good excuse to go over and talk to her in class or after class, and I never seem to see her around campus. How can I find a way to get her talking to me?

-Shy at School

Dear Shy,

You seem to not be so outgoing (or this girl might intimidate you). This should be somewhat painless for you: try sitting next to the girl in class. If that's not possible, get to class a few minutes early and see if you can strike up a really casual conversation—it'll probably be easiest if you talk about something related to the class at first: "Did you understand the homework?" or "I can't believe the professor is giving us that test next class." Anything to get her talking to you. Some might suggest the How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days approach of mixing up notebooks or leaving something behind with your name in it, but I think the best (and easiest) is to start talking with her about the class...perhaps even offer to work together on the next paper or study for the next test. It's non-threatening and casualness builds comfort. On the way out of class make a point to say you'll see her next class, and again, build up towards seeing her purposely outside of class. If she feels comfortable commiserating about homework, etc. with you, then you can later move towards casually asking about weekend plans. Don't forget to get her laughing: jokes, witty comments, and even bad pickup lines are a great way to make a girl see that you're fun to be around. Go get her!

Dear Fox,

My so-called best friend slept with the guy I like. How do I react without seeming unrational?

-Betrayed by a Best Friend

Dear Betrayed,

Every girl will have this happen at least once to her. And I tend to think of situations like this in three steps: 1) Get sad, 2) Get mad, 3) Get even. Sounds harsh and a little immature, but you can't let your so-called best friend completely destroy your relation-

ship and not feel guilty. I see you're already at step two but I'd like to ask you to possibly reflect for a few moments before you act irrationally. I assume that since you all are best friends, she knew you liked the guy. It's unwritten girls code that you can't hookup with the girl that your friend likes—and this girl is your best friend??? I don't care if there was alcohol or anything else involved...there's no excuse. Your friend was heartless and selfish and selfishness is the least attractive quality in a friend. She broke your bond of trust. If you are a more forgiving person than me, and you're willing to rebuild the relationship with her, make sure she knows it's going to take a lot of groveling, apologizing, trust building, and time—and make sure she knows how much she hurt you. And if you do decide not to stay best friends (either by cutting her out of your life entirely or just being more casual friends), don't feel any guilt: she hurt you. Either way, think for a little and then take action; don't let the anger build up inside until you are ready to explode.

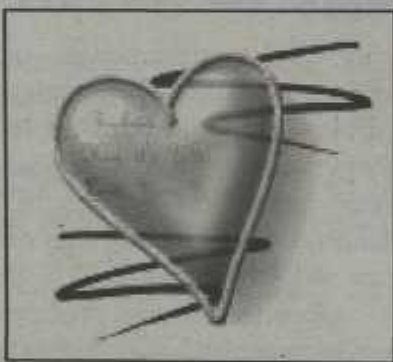


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Dear Fox,

I just got to Rollins and I have a boyfriend back home but I'm not sure I want to keep a long distance relationship with him. Instead, should I find someone here?

-Long-distance Love

Dear Long-distance,

I've had the same problem. I can share from personal experience: the fact that you have doubts about your relationship tell me that you have to resolve your problem with one of two ways, this current state of limbo isn't working for you. First, talk to your boyfriend about your doubts—either he'll feel the same way and want a break or he's more committed to the relationship than you. Both are problematic and will cause you to split sooner or later. Talk to him. Nothing will resolve itself here; the situation will only weigh you down. Also, is there anyone here you already have

your eye on? Don't miss any opportunities here because you are unsure of the relationship with your boyfriend. Talk and figure it out—NOW!

Dear Fox,

What signs does a girl give to let you know she wants either a serious relationship or just friends with benefits?

-Mixed Signals

Dear Mixed,

If you're confused about this girl, then you've probably come to a point in your relationship with her where there are benefits but no emotional attachments. Do you want something more serious with her? Guys get a bad rap for being players but some (perhaps you) actually aren't scared of a little commitment...and that's a good thing. What makes you think she's not at the same place as you? Two signs that she might just want to be friends with benefits: If she's only interested in hooking up and doesn't include you in other parts of her life OR If she was really into you at the beginning and now is kind of standoff when you want to make plans that don't include hooking up. If you are getting signals from her that she is only interested in casual hookups then maybe you should just ask her: if she's not in it for a relationship then she won't be offended you asked and if she is looking for something seriously (like I think you are) then you'll both be on the same page.

Dear Fox,

I really like this guy, and I want to be with him. Still, I don't know if I am ready to have sex with him. It would be my first time, and I am afraid of what that might mean. I think I love him, and I know he feels the same way, but I don't want to be having sex just for the sake of sport or having something to do. Also I am afraid of what he will think of me afterward. How will it change our relationship? Is it normal to be so indecisive?

-Anxious About My First Time

Dear Anxious,

Breathe a sigh of relief—you are not alone in your indecision. It's a good sign that you haven't done anything yet—I think it means you're not ready. There's no rush. Have you discussed sex with your



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boyfriend? Don't wait until an inopportune moment—as uncomfortable as it might be to bring up now, waiting could lead you to a rash decision. You need to be secure enough in yourself and your decisions without worrying about how your guy will react. You'll have to live with your decisions long after he's gone. I don't know how your guy will react, but I can promise you this: sex changes all relationships. Make sure you understand how you feel about having sex, and also how your partner feels. You shouldn't have many hesitations if the time (and guy) is right.

Dear Fox,

Is it okay for a girl to ask a guy out?

-Waiting to Make the First Move

Dear Waiting,

YES! Regardless of what you may see in chick flicks, girls can totally ask guys out. A guy I just asked said that if a girl asked him out he wouldn't be turned off at all: it means she's showing initiative. He also said to remember that guys can be intimidated too. The worst thing that can happen if you ask

him out is him saying no...which might upset you but won't cause him to laugh at you or embarrass you. (I'm told it's pretty much the same as when girls reject guys.) The best thing is that he'll say yes or at least be willing to get to know you better and he'll know you're interested. If no one is willing to make the first move, nothing will ever happen. Go for it! (And I want a date report if and when he says yes!)

Communication

Communication seems to be key this week. AIM, MSN, text messages and post-its are great, but try having a one-on-one convo with whomever you're having problems. You don't have to get all blue in the face talking about your feelings, but don't just sit in your room and bitch. Also, don't be afraid to go after what you want—your life doesn't have to be as dramatic as *The O.C.* (although Laguna Beach kind of makes me wonder). Take action this week and who knows what tomorrow will bring. Keep cool, kids.

Do you have a question for The Fox? Email thesandspur@hotmail.com (and don't worry, your identity will be kept anonymous).

SGA WEEKLY

R-Fridays are coming!

This Friday will be the first ever "R-Friday". Show your school spirit by wearing your Rollins gear. Be on the look out for SGA in front of the campus center during common hour distributing Rollins goodies and building school spirit. Go Tars!

Senate Update

The SGA Senate has begun their year with two successful meetings. They have addressed important organizational issues and passed Halloween Howl legislation. Don't forget Senate meetings are open to the student body every Wednesday at 6pm in the Galloway Room.

A Date with Duncan

Do you have concerns or questions about the future of Rollins? Come and meet Rollins' 15th President Lewis Duncan on Wednesday October 20, or Wednesday October 27 during lunch in the campus center. The President is here for the students so take advantage of this amazing opportunity!

SGA Congratulates

This week Student Government congratulates the Rollins College Theatre Department for their outstanding productions of *Oscar* and *Felix* and *The Early Girl*.
Way to go!

Connie May Fowler

■ Learn more about a professor at Rollins who is also a well-renowned author.

by **Heather Williams**

copy editor

When one first meets Connie May Fowler, she comes across as most people usually do when you meet them for the first time. She is warm, accommodating, and personable. Yet it is when you get a chance to really talk with her the true person comes out. Her exuberance for life, her love of writing, and her passion toward building strong relationships with her students and those close to her comes across in every facet of her accomplishments.

Professor Fowler, the Irving Bachelor Chair of Creative Writing, is currently in her second year of teaching at Rollins. She serves as a Professor of creative writing, as well as the Director for *Winter with the Writers*. *Winter with the Writers* is one of the oldest running literary series in the state of Florida, having been showcased for approximately sixty-five years. The festival brings

four acclaimed writers to Rollins every week during the month of February. Set to attend on February third is Barbara Robinette Moss, a memoirist. On February tenth Denise Duhamel, a poet, will arrive. We will hear from Edward P. Jones, a novelist and short story writer, on February seventeenth, and on February twenty-fourth, Michael Ondaatje, a poet, novelist, and memoirist will be visiting. The writers hold master classes during the evening, in which students are fortunate enough to have their work put up for review. At night, the visiting author holds a reading in Bush Auditorium.

Excitingly, both of these events will be locally televised this upcoming year. These events are not only free and open to the public, but also a remarkable way to have an intimate encounter with such a commended writer. Directing this program for the second year,



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FACULTY SPOTLIGHT: Winter with the Writers Director, Connie May Fowler, brings talent and experience to Rollins.

Fowler's goal is, "...to try to bring to the Rollins community some of the most important and dynamic voices in contemporary literature." Her intent is to see more campus-wide involvement, as well as departmental support and encouragement.

Also for the second year

For all students interested in applying for this course, please submit a brief cover letter stating why you want to be an intern, one poem, one page of creative non-fiction, and one page of fiction. These should be turned in to Professor Connie May Fowler by

October 25 at 5 p.m. Her box is located outside her door in room 206 of the Mills Building. Approved students will be announced 5pm on October 29.

Connie May Fowler is a well-

acclaimed author, having published four novels, a memoir, a screenplay, and articles in the *New York Times*. In addition to this, Professor Fowler has presently completed her latest novel, *The Problem With Murmur Lee*, due out January 11, 2005. She was most recently published last week in the Sunday edition of the *New York Times*. Here she gave insight into what Floridians have been dealing with this hurricane season, and reflected on the changes it has presented in our everyday lives. I encourage all of you to take a chance to meet Professor Fowler if you have not yet done so. Sign up for one of her classes next spring, apply for the *Winter with the Writers* internship, show your support in attending one of the readings, or pick up one of her amazing books. We are so lucky to have such a wonderful woman, teacher, and friend here at Rollins with us every day.

Winter With the Writers

A Festival of the Literary Arts Sponsored by Rollins College

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THE HOT SPOT GIOVANNI'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT AND PIZZERIA

When craving a little piece of Italy, some greasy handmade Italian pizza, or just a break away from the campus chaos, Giovanni's offers a relaxed dimmed getaway for a romantic couple, or even a whole crowd. Famous for their pizza, I can personally attest to its delicious ratings. They were large slices, served hot. Stay away if you are carb conscious, because this place is Dr. Atkins' nightmare. But hey, you could always put some meat on the pizza.



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The pizza dough is prepared fresh daily, and the pizzas run in the average price range. A medium pizza comes with six large slices for approximately \$12. You can also order a large, or if brave enough, a Sicilian deep dish for about \$16. Giovanni's is notorious for making their own sauce and dough from scratch! Walking in to the restaurant, patrons are free to watch the cooks pat, roll, prepare and "put in the oven, for you and me" through glass coverings. Remember all orders include two rows of garlic bread, a staple in the Italian diet. These are not just your normal garlic rolls. Served in a basket, there are about eight vertical pieces baked fresh and warm.

If you are not a pizza lover, do not fret. There are several other options such as mozzarella sticks, tomato bruschetta, salads, homemade soups, calzones (even vegetarian ones), pasta, chicken, veal, eggplant, seafood, steak and more. Giovanni's also prides themselves upon their own selection menu with original dishes. A couple of the waiters suggested the Tortellini Giovanni and the Chicken Parmesan.

Giovanni's eliminates the need to argue about where to go to dinner. Located only a couple miles off the campus next to the Outback and across the street from Walgreens, Giovanni's is the answer to anyone's hunger pains. They offer a friendly environment and always encourage Rollins students to visit.

They are open Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday from 12 p.m. to 10 p.m.

This family owned bistro has been sitting right near Rollins for six years. Where have we been? Get out there, past the Park Avenue haven and try all the novelties the Winter Park area has to offer.

BY LARA BUESO



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MAMA MIA: Baked fresh daily, their notorious pizza is to die for. Dare to try the Sicilian slices!

Shark Tale: Nemo Meets the Streets

Travel the sea with Oscar and Lenny in *Shark Tale*, DreamWorks' new undersea tale.

by **Katie Pederson**

asst. sports editor

It's a whale, oh excuse me "shark," of a tale in one of this year's best animated films, DreamWorks' response to Disney's *Finding Nemo*, the blockbuster hit *Shark Tale*. Making close to \$50 million in its first weekend out, heads and tails are turning to the theaters to catch this hilarious animated flick.

Shark Tale tells the story of the comic Oscar (voice of Will Smith), a little fish in a big, big ocean whose dreams of fame and fortune get his fast talking gills in deep trouble. Everything turns around for the down and out Oscar when he meets the great white shark, Lenny (voice of Jack Black), a slightly touched, vegetarian sweetheart whose demeanor makes him more of a great white wimp. The two strike up a deal to make life better for the both of them letting Oscar morph into the revered "shark slayer" and Lenny disappear forever from a disapproving family.

Everything seems to be going fine as Lenny goes incognito and Oscar makes his way to the penthouse



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WHALE OF A TALE: Will Smith, Angelina Jolie, Jack Black, and Renee Zellweger splash the screen with this year's hit.

suite until plans are interrupted by Oscar's gal pal, Angie (voice of Renee Zellweger), who harbors a secret crush for Oscar, finds them both out. Before they know it, both Oscar and Lenny will have to face reality and deal with love, loyalty, and some fast talking sharks to get out alive.

Shark Tale is an amazingly well animated movie whose graphics rival the best that Disney has to offer. This film's all-star voice lineup also includes such notables as Robert DeNiro as the godfather of all sharks, Don Lino; Angelina Jolie as the femme fatale, Lola; Martin Scorsese as the double-crossing boss, Sykes; and Katie Couric as the reefs top anchorfish, Katie Current. The film also carries with it an amazing soundtrack with songs from Grammy win-

ning artists Christina Aguilera, Missy Elliott, Mary J. Blige, Sean Paul, Justin Timberlake, and much, much more.

Shark Tale comes complete with its heavy product placement, as everything in the reef takes a spin on conventional companies, such as adds for the GUP (The GAP). Though rather entertaining throughout, *Shark Tale* proved a bit of a fishy disappointment in plot line as the end seemed more a mush of love, "forget-it," throw a star in the mix blah, blah, blah then an actual ending. If DreamWorks was looking to rival Nemo, it may have succeeded in box office numbers, but no amount of quick Will Smith one liners will ever add up to the Disney's original under the sea attempt at charm.

The Explosion Bu

Care to shout out loud and jam? Get the newly released punk rock album by The Explosion.

by **Adam Burton**

staff photographer

There are some bands around that make you want to grab a drink and the friend next to you, and shout every word. The Explosion is one of those bands.

The Explosion is not new to the music world, but new to the mainstream world. Previously on indie label Jade Tree records, the band has toured with the likes of AFI, Rockets From the Crypt, and Sick of It All. Currently on tour with punk

rock legends Social Distortion, things have gotten a lot better for the band, including a new deal with Virgin Records.

Take some of the remnants of the punk rock days, stir them in with harmonies and catchiness, and you've got The Explosion—five guys out of Boston with nothing to do but play music. Their new album, entitled *Black Tape*, was released just this past month. It is an emotional, melody-laced, punk rock infected album that smashes lyrics into the brains of unsuspecting listeners.

Opening with the feedback of the short-lived song, "Deliver Us," this song sets the pace for the album. The album also incorporates fast



Fashions from France

■ Check out the new Park Ave. novelty store, Tres Francais, for trendy attire.

by **Caroline Ogle**

staff reporter

Amongst surreal color and sensual music, a presentation of French fashion drew "oohs" and "ahs" from the eager crowd at the hip new store, Tres Francais. Situated on New England Avenue, the store celebrated its opening last Wednesday, October 6, with a fashion show, complete with light refreshments.

Tres Francais features clothes by French designers and carries bright, colorful lines of clothes by the names of Azuleros, Garella,



STUNNING SHOES: Here you can find an assortment of unique designer shoes for any occasion.

Chacok, and Martine Dayan. However, the store also carries all the essential accessories, such as shoes, purses, and even pillows. The store

itself is beautifully decorated with all kinds of statues, mannequins, and display items.

The theme for these clothes is color. Everything is bright, bold, and quite modern-looking. Much of the wardrobe can be worn in layers and can also be mixed and matched.

Martine Boreal, the owner of Tres Francais, is very proud to be able to share these gorgeous fashions with the people of Winter Park. During the coming years, her store is sure to become a hit with everyone from teens to adults. More information can be found on the store's website at www.tresfrancais.com.



TRES MAGNIFIQUE: The beautiful store front of Tres Francais prepares you for the gorgeous creations inside the shop.

With Black Tape



drums, power chords, and sing along shout outs. The album eventually then leads into the radio single, "Here I am."

Melodic catchy guitar work, combined with an even catchier chorus, make it easy to see why this is the first single off the album. The song also earned a spot on the soundtrack for the recently released videogame, *Tony Hawk's Underground 2*.

Another potential hit with simple yet driving lyrics is "We All Fall Down." It would not be surprising if this song showed up on the radio as well. "Don't Walk Away" and "Filthy Insane" are very driving and straightforward, making sure no one forgets this band has its roots in

genuine punk.

A personal favorite was "Go Blank," a song that does not waver from the band's established sound, and also provides a nice rock 'n' roll guitar solo.

This band's sound is very simple and does not change much throughout the album. The fact of the matter, though, is they do it well. It reminisces of the old days, especially with songs like "No Revolution," but is strong enough to survive today's music world.

The Explosion's latest effort, *Black Tape*, is a nice break from the current music world. It is a reminder that good music can be simple and catchy. This is an album best shared with friends. So go learn the words and sing-a-long.

Celebrity Matching

by Jess and Lara

Hollywood is full of dazzling duos. Match each of these starlets with their love interest of the moment.



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Bursting With Laughter

■ **Napolean Dynamite** a victim of copycat syndrome? Rate it yourself.

by **Selena Moshell**
staff reporter

Social misfits almost always make for good stories, and in turn, make for good movie scripts. Billy Madison, Tommy Boy, and Dawn Wiener were great subjects, to name a few. Unfortunately, "Napoleon Dynamite" falls slightly short of these comedic masterpieces.

Napoleon is an outcast who favors doodling unicorns, acing tetherball by himself, and dragging He-Man behind his school bus to more social endeavors. Depressive, awkward, and inept, he is uncomfortable to watch and elicits cringes more than laughs from the audience.

His family is a portrait of suburban misfits. When his RTV-riding grandmother injures herself on an extreme date, Napoleon and Kip, his

32-year-old brother who chats it up with his girlfriend on the Internet for hours at a time, find themselves under the care of their rug-wearing, door-to-door salesman of an uncle, Rico.

Changes are afoot at school for him as well when the new and only Hispanic student in the school, Pablo, befriends the friendless Napoleon. Although Pablo is dry and poker-faced throughout the movie, he aspires to greatness. He achieves it in mediocre ways when he is rejected resoundingly by the school's popular princess and then challenges her in the presidential race.

Associating with Pablo changes Napoleon in subtle ways, such as gathering the courage to ask a girl to the dance, but his growth in the movie is minimal. In fact, Napoleon's growth is not the highlight of the movie. Rather, Kip and Rico's foray into door-to-door salesmanship is the high point.

Kip, the movie's most comical character, portrays Napoleon's sexually repressed brother with a speech impediment who still

lives at home. Seemingly jobless when the movie begins, he is quickly sucked into Uncle Rico's door-to-door Tupperware scheme, which seems to go very well, despite Kip's comical, inept selling techniques. Kip seems to show more growth in the movie than Napoleon does, especially when his Internet girlfriend, LaFawnduh, finally comes to visit, which elicits drastic changes Kip.

The movie aims to reach the same heights as the brilliant cult classic "Welcome to the Dollhouse," which chronicled the life of another social outcast, Dawn Weiner. The difference is that Dawn not only showed growth through the movie, but she fought back against her aggressors. Napoleon, on the other hand, seems to welcome mockery, much to the discomfort of the audience.

"Napoleon Dynamite" makes a vain attempt at recapturing the spirit of "Dollhouse" but doesn't quite make it there. The younger audiences who flocked to the "Napoleon" due to savvy MTV market-

ing would not remember "Welcome to the Dollhouse," and might be too young to understand Dawn's angst and the ironic message of the movie. Therefore "Napoleon" caters to this modern audience well.

On its own merit; there

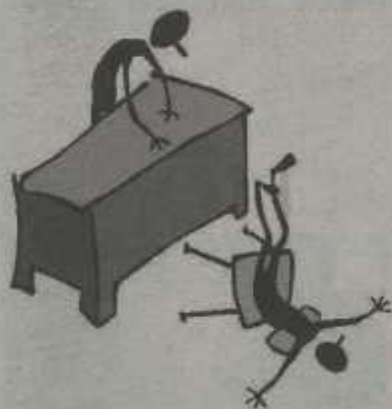
are moments of comedy in this movie. To fully appreciate them, though, one must first appreciate the movie's subtle nature of going after the awkward and unfunny so vigorously it ends up being funny anyway.



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DYNO-MITE: When laughing at Geeks is actually okay, Napoleon gives audiences plenty of chances to do so.

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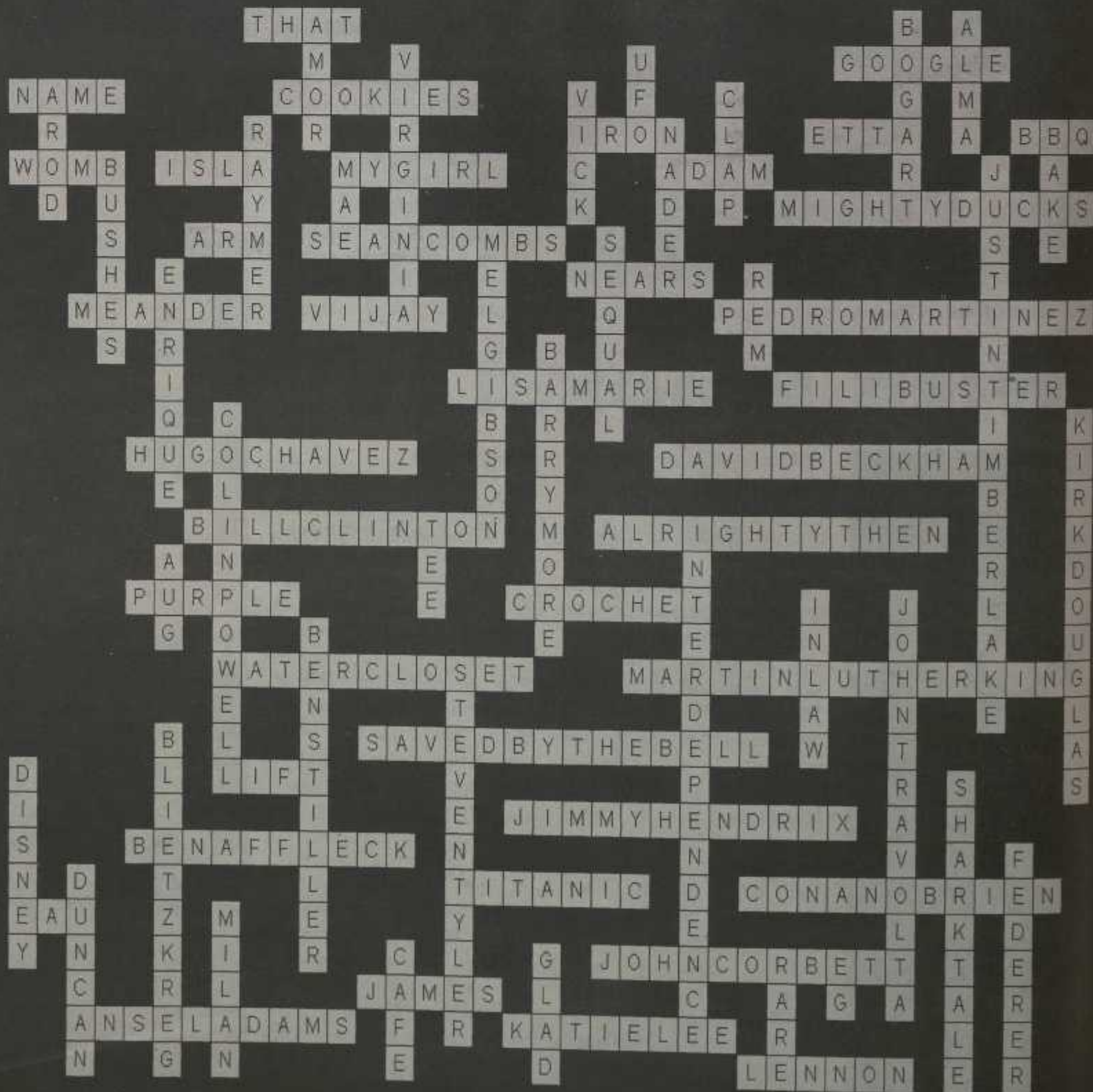
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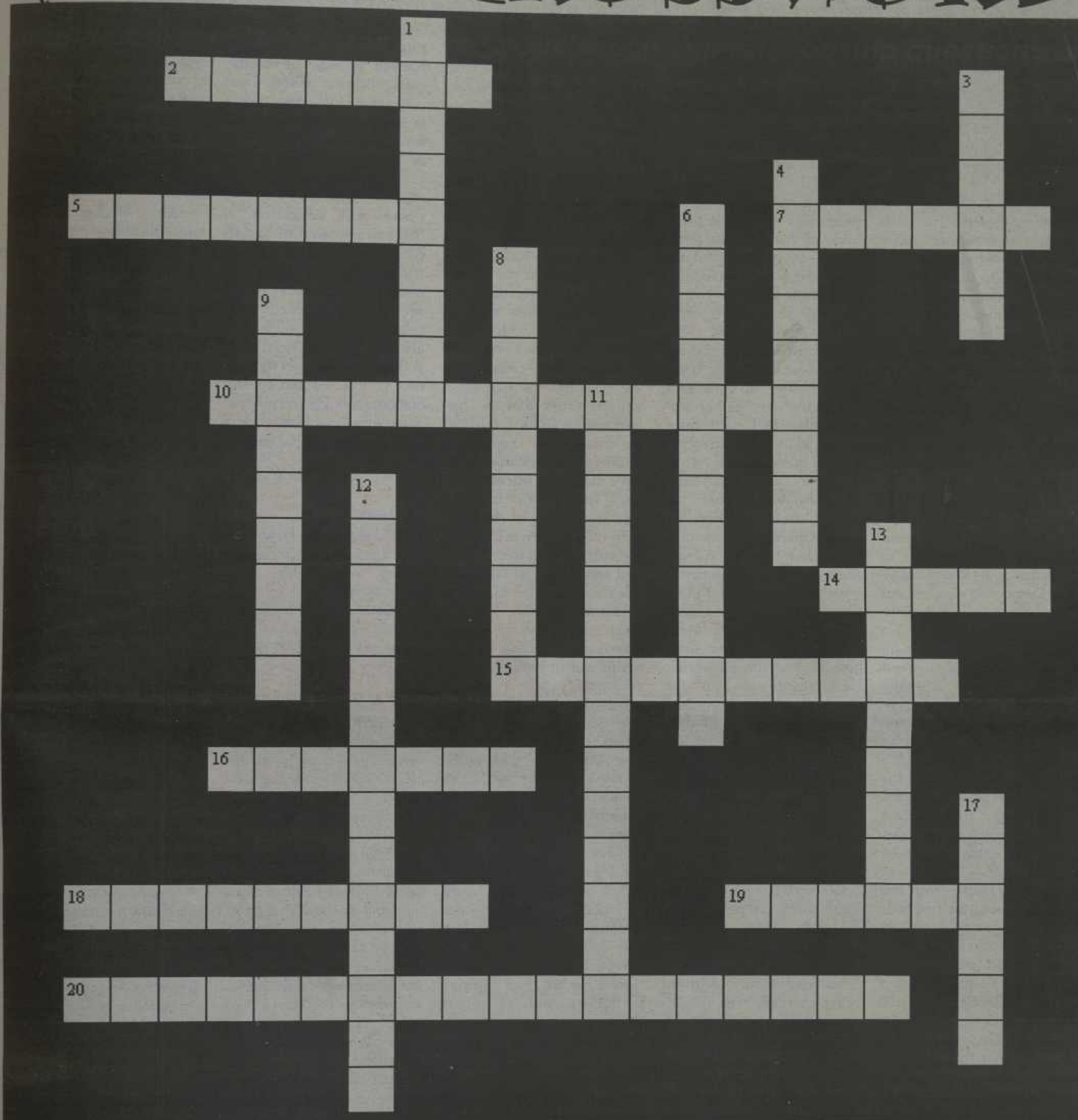
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- 2 Audrey
 5 "Say hello to my little friend"
 7 Rocky's wife
 10 Actress applied lipstick with her breasts in this film
 14 How many Godfather films were made?
 15 Almighty Then
 16 Baby's real name in Dirty Dancing
 18 Superman's alter identity
 19 Merrill
 20 Directed by Mel Gibson

DOWN

- 1 Actor in Ferris Buller's Day Off
 3 Hannah and Hanks starred together in this film
 4 Connery and Brosnan for example
 6 What Scuttle called forks in the Little Mermaid
 8 Bogart film
 9 Wax on, wax off
 11 Dance in the Goonies
 12 Ladder 49 star
 13 New October animation release
 17 Meg Ryan break out film

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by **Lara Bueso**

entertainment editor

Letter to the Editor: McGovern Did Not Stain Rollins' Integrity

Student comments on challenges put forth in editorials regarding Raymond McGovern Presentation from Oct. 1 Issue.

A college or university campus should be, in my understanding, a place where people can express freely their ideas and opinions, but Mr. John Ferreira, Sandspur Sports Editor, wants to change this principle. As he implicitly expressed it in his October 1, article. It seems true that conservatives care only about their own ideas. I want to respond to this article as an independent because I am not an American citizen. However, I want to discuss this issue because decisions of the President of the United States affect everyone, citizens and non-citizens alike, and even those living outside the country.

At Mr. McGovern's presentation, I was a bit disappointed as well because he implicitly got too much into partisan politics. On the contrary, he was very fair in blaming both Republicans' and Democrats' leaders for using our intelligence findings for political gain for decades. Every participant could see his frustration and relate to it if he is not living in a fantasy world. We should relate his frustration to his disappointment with how the executive branch redefines the mission of the Central Intelligence Agency. He feels that the scripture passage carved into the marble at the entrance to CIA Headquarters—"You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free"—is being stripped of its values for political reasons. Any open-minded person could understand the reason behind Mr. McGovern's criticism of the current administration. Let me remind everyone that the CIA mission is to be the "eyes and ears of the nation and at times its hidden hand." It was created on a basis of a non-partisan institution with no agenda and no policy interest other than to help protect the country.

As Mr. Issac Stolzenbach, Sandspur's Opinions Editor, stated in his October 1, column, "Step out of yourself and take a look at what impact our country is having on the rest of the world." We are college students; we should set our standards to be leaders, not blind followers; open-minded, not close-minded; educated, not ignorant partisans. Everyone should know that Mr. McGovern did not invent the possible terrorist threat theory that could

postpone our electoral process for the first time in history. I heard this theory from our Secretary General, John Ashcroft, and it was on national television. Mr. McGovern just expresses his concern about the motive behind the government decision to prepare the American people for a possible pushback of the election while even the civil war did not postpone this fundamental democratic process.

Now let bring some lights on what Mr. McGovern said and did not say. As Mr. Stolzenbach call on everyone who believes in "integrity" to "gather up" "and ask [the] hard questions," Mr. McGovern stands up and questions the uncontrollable and sometime "unjustifiable" gush of arrests and detentions of Arab-Americans preceding September 11, 2001. He sees some trend of similarity to what the Germans did to the Jews in the years leading to the Holocaust, but he did not compare this current situation here to the Holocaust. He stresses that if the German population had questioned the early hatred practices of the government against the Jews, maybe there would not be a Holocaust. Mr. McGovern did not compare President George W. Bush to Adolf Hitler, but he stated that Hitler made Germans believe that he was doing the right thing in persecuting the Jews. Thus, it is our responsibility to question the President decision to detain Arab-Americans without being charged, even though he certainly believes he is doing the right thing. It is good to be certain, but certainty does not mean "right." Mr. McGovern did not say that the President is conspiring to kill American in an orchestrated terrorist attack in order to win the next election.

Mr. McGovern did not suggest that President Bush should be arrested and tried as a war criminal. Instead, he elaborated on what Mr. Bush's own lawyers and those of the State Department are doing right now to defend Mr. Bush in this case, if need be. "If I were Mr. Bush," says Mr. McGovern, "I would be worried of not being reelected, considering of potential war crime charges pending over my head." He thinks, that might be a reason for the administration to put forth

the terrorist threat theory for the election just in case the President is not doing well in the poll in the few weeks leading to November 2; thus, creates a state of fear in order to postpone the election.

I do not think he is being unreasonable considering the graphic and eloquent presentation Secretary Powell, in behalf of the administration, put before world leaders at the United Nations to justify the invasion of Iraq. How can one flatly reject Mr. McGovern concern about potential election pushback, considering the 9/11 and the CIA Final Reports prove that the current administration falsified the intelligence community findings to attack Iraq. If we have the gut to impeach our last President for immoral behavior such as cheating, why can't we even question the current President action that was based on fallacious intelligence? I feel that I am surrounded with "idiots" whenever I hear my college colleagues call those oppose to this war unpatriotic. I was very upset when one of my professors who did not agree with Mr. McGovern presentation rudely worked out of the auditorium and called McGovern a "nut case" in an email, but I did not hate my professor for that. Instead, I went to him and expressed my discontent for his behavior. Then, he agreed with me that worked out of the room in protest, perhaps, was not a mature decision. I love him for that; he did not feel insulted because I questioned his behavior. No one is perfect, and he knows that.

If one believes in the First Amendment, how could he expect the school to bring in speakers who only

share his views? I think he might need a reality check himself because he contradicts his own beliefs. Dear colleague, if you are so concerned about the kind of person Rollins will make you because of Mr. McGovern presentation, I think you miss the true meaning of a liberal arts education. It helps you become an educated person by providing you with a rich curriculum, but not make you educated person. To become an educated person, which I believe you are here for, you must train your mind to tolerate and take others' ideas in consideration, although, you may not agree with them. This is one of the many tools to that end.

~Jean Chery

Ms. Jean Chery,

Thank you for providing us with a voice of reason, you are indeed correct on many points—especially in your observation of what it means to get a liberal arts education. This college has a long history of educating their students to be aware of the world around them, training their students to utilize critical thinking skills, and inspiring them to explore various sides of any given situation. Our own Hamilton Holt School is named after a man that dedicated his life to ending war. Dr. Hamilton Holt (1872-1951) served as Rollins College president for twenty-five years, which flourished both academically and financially under his tenure. Before being asked to head-up Rollins, Dr. Holt was a world-renowned peace activist, and chaired such international activities as The World Peace Movement and served as one of the minds behind The League of Nations; thus, it is unfortunate that this school has forgotten its roots. You are right; we should

be putting ourselves in a position, both academically and morally, to be leaders on national and international scenes. It seems more apt now to say that students here are training themselves to be part of an empire, rather than developing consciousness of a global community.

Mr. McGovern raised many interesting points (that I have yet to find a fact-checker to prove him wrong), but like you said, Republicans don't want to hear it. They are set in their ways and reject anything from the other side of the spectrum. Student at this school are, arguably, more concerned with maintaining the status quo than they are concerned with what's going on in the rest of the world; thus, it follows that the majority of our students are victims of false consciousness—meaning—they think their logic has determined their political affiliation when it is actually their economic status that has determined their choice of parties.

I have to admit that I'd hoped someone out there from America's millennial generation would have responded to their integrity being called into question, but I fear that they are either too busy to worry about trivial matters such as what belt will match, or worse yet—they just don't get it; nonetheless, thank you for your response and your unique insight; students like you really make this job worthwhile.

Anyone out there that would like to catch-up on this discussion, please visit our web site at www.thesandspur.org and reference issue five. Remember, any questions or comments are always welcomed at istolzenbach@rollins.edu, but be careful, you might get published.

~Issac Stolzenbach
opinions editor

Let Your Chad Dangle!

The Sandspur Reminds You To Vote In 2004

Their Losing Battle

How The Right Is Always Wrong

by **Robert Walker**

columnist

On May 18, 1954, the Jackson, Mississippi *Daily News* featured an editorial by a self-avowed conservative which read, in part, "White and Negro children in the same schools will lead to miscegenation. Miscegenation leads to mixed marriages and mixed marriages lead to the mongrelization of the human race."

This columnist was not some angry crack-pot with a type-writer. He was the standard issue conservative of the day. For those thinking, "Now, Robert, you cannot honestly use one person to validate the thinking of an entire ideological group," I offer *The Southern Manifesto*. The manifesto, published March 12, 1956, was signed by 96 members of congress (19 senators, including Strom Thurmond, and 77 members of the House of Representatives). "We commend the motives of those States which have declared the intention to resist forced integration by any lawful means," is among the texts more telling passages. Of course, it is littered with cries against the Supreme Courts' ruling in *Brown v. Board of Education*, which called for integration of public schools. These 96 members of Congress were outraged by the ruling. Conservative America was outraged by this ruling. They did not want change, as conservatives never do.

The op-ed pages from the mid-1950s are bursting with pieces on the evils and the dangers posed by integrating public schools. What is most telling is that these op-ed pieces are from southern newspapers and written by white men, most of whom were self-avowed conservatives and good moral Christians. They feared mixing races. They feared the slippery slope of complete social integration this ruling would lead to. The conservative of the day wanted to preserve, indeed conserve, his separate white and black social spheres. He wanted to keep the "Whites Only" signs. He wanted legalized racism— even if the entire country was rapidly moving in the opposite

direction.

Now, some fifty years later, this mentality has not disappeared. There are still those who judge people based on the color of their skin and not the content of their character. However, the majority of society has been able to see the lies of the 1950's for what they are. We know that interracial relationships lead to nothing more than children of mixed race, not the "mongrelization of the human race." That was a lie then, and it is a lie today! The conservatives were wrong, very wrong.

Now, conservatives are a stubborn lot. Even when the scientific community shoved mountains of empirical data at them, proving the only difference between black folks and white folks is what you see on the outside (we are put together the same on the inside), they refused to give in. Many of them threw on bed-sheets and dunce caps and went around setting crosses on fire. Yes, the KKK considers itself to be a "conservative Christian organization." With the KKK proclaiming its conservatism, you would think it would be hard to find someone proud to be a conservative. Sadly, it is much harder to find someone who is proud to be a feminist.

Well, despite their racist history and members like Strom Thurmond and the KKK, the conservatives are alive and well in modern America. Who, you may ask, are they? Well, they are fine people like Senator Rick Santorum, of Pennsylvania. Senator Santorum, like his historical bigot counterparts, has an issue with a certain kind of sex. No, it is not interracial sex; it is gay sex. The senator equates sex between two adult men to "man on child, man on dog" sex. He thinks that if you legalize gay sex and gay marriage you will be forced to legalize bestiality, polygamy, and all other manner of sexual relations. Indeed, it is this warped conservative ideology that is behind the movement to add a gay marriage ban to the Constitution. In accordance with their stance on racial matters, the conservatives are once again dead wrong.

Their argument lacks legal merit and is based completely on personal and religious beliefs, much like the racism of the 1950s and '60s.

Allow me to digress into the marriage issue for a moment. One of the key elements of legal marriage is both parties must agree to the union—you cannot marry someone who does not want to marry you. Most states do not have any legislation that expressly forbids marriage to a dead person. Nevertheless, common sense tells us a dead person cannot agree to be part of a marital union. Much like a dead person, a dog cannot agree to a legal union, nor can a minor (without parental consent). As for polygamy, what is the big deal? Seriously folks, if two guys and three girls want to form a union and spend their lives together, more power to them. Now, I do not condone the nonsense of forcing 14-year-old girls to become some guy's eighteenth wife; that is just wrong. We live in a society that prides itself on freedom, so if a group of consenting adults want to legally intertwine their lives, let them. I would like to note, as a strong believer in the separation of church and state, I do not believe the government should ever force any religion to recognize any union.

Okay, sorry for the digression, back to the task at hand. Not so long ago I heard conservative talking head, Ann Coulter, utter the following phrase, "liberals are treasonous... they're out to destroy America." It's so very ironic that someone of Ann's ilk would offer such an insight. The truth of the matter is that it is people like Ann, conservatives, who are out to destroy America. Conservatives were wrong in 1950s, and they're still wrong.

As I showed at the start of this piece, conservatives fought against the changing tide of the civil rights movement. They fought against equality and freedom— two of the dominating tenants of American life. Is America, America without freedom or equality? No.

Perhaps the most dastardly move by present day conservatives is the United States Patriot Act. Anyone

who has taken the time to read over this little piece of legislation knows it is a direct attack upon the civil rights we so value in this country. It is a roll back of freedom. The Bush slogan should be, "spreading freedom in the world, while rolling it back at home." I will not go into great detail about the Patriot Act, as I have done in the past and the information is available online for anyone who wants to read it. However, I would like to state that winning the war on terror becomes pointless if we surrender the rights that make America what it is, in the process.

In all these cases, the conservatives are working against what are core values of American society—freedom, equality, and individual rights. They, not the liberals, are the ones out to destroy America. Thankfully, if history has taught us anything it is that their's is a losing battle. Conservatives always fail because progress is as certain as the passage of time. Like tiny grains of sand, the conservatives are powerless against waves of change crashing upon the shores of society. Fight as they may, change will come. And once change has come, history is rarely kind to the conservative. We honor progressives like Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X, and other great civil rights figures. No one would suggest a day to celebrate the legacy of the KKK, or Birmingham, Alabama sheriff Bull Connor, notorious for his brutal treatment of Civil Rights Activists. Nor has anyone suggested celebrating Joseph "look there's a communist" McCarthy.

For those offended by what I have offered here, I do apologize. My goal is never to offend, although that does happen; it is to inform. Further, I do not begrudge conservatives. I do believe they are wrong and ignorant to the fact that progress, social progress, is inevitable. Perhaps the best thing I could say to a conservative reading this is something Bob Dylan once sang, "Your old road is rapidly agin'. Please get out of the new one if you can't lend your hand for the times they are a-changin'."

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The Kohlman Observer



by Jake Kohlman

political columnist

DISTORTION VS. REALITY

It is getting pretty bad for President Bush and Vice President Cheney right now. If it is not news out of Iraq, it is a new report coming out saying what we already know: everything President Bush said leading up to the Iraq War has turned out to be false. One would think that the President and Vice President would see the debates as an opportunity to level with the American public, to show our country they realize things are not going smoothly in Iraq; and maybe, just maybe, they might even shoulder some responsibility for the mess they have caused. Turns out that was just a pipe dream.

After the President's horrible showing in the first Presidential debate, Republicans were looking to Vice President Cheney to curb the momentum the Kerry/Edwards ticket had picked up. Cheney, as he so often has in the past, stepped up to the plate and took a huge swing. Turns out what looked like a solid single immediately after the debate was really a ground ball right back to the pitcher. In watching the debate I thought Cheney did all right for himself. I mean he is still obviously evil, but he was much better at staying on message than President "It is hard work" Bush was. Cheney did say he had never suggested a connection between 9/11 and Iraq which made me laugh a lot, if only to keep from crying. The problem for Cheney was people actually fact-check what you say in these debates.

Cheney said a number of things that were blatant lies in his debate, but perhaps the most odd was his line about never meeting Senator Edwards until that very night. This was clearly a planned line and Cheney sold it very effectively. I was even impressed watching. As the saying goes, it was interesting if true. Turns out it is not. Cheney had met Edwards at least three times previously, even sat next to him at a prayer breakfast. Luckily for us, there are pictures of the two of them. Hearing all this, it was odd Cheney would say such a lie, especially one so easily proven to be false. Then I realized this fits into Cheney's whole program; he says one thing no matter how much evidence might contradict him. He says things are going well in Iraq, no matter what our TVs show us and members of his own party say. Cheney is separated from reality and he showed it in his face-off with Senator Edwards.

If the Vice President was supposed to stop the bleeding, the President in his debate last Friday was supposed to perhaps get some momentum going on his side. The bar for the President was set ridiculously low after his dismal performance in the first debate. Basically the President just had to show he could form two sentences in a row without minute-

long pauses in between, and the media was going to call him the winner of the debate. After a lot of prep work the President did in fact manage to speak almost coherently.

The debate was in the town-hall format, where audience members would ask the questions for the two candidates. I thought President Bush would be thrown off by having to answer questions not coming from a handpicked audience. This is, after all, a President who rarely if ever gives press conferences and in the first debate was clearly irritated at being questioned on his record. But President Bush came out fighting, and I almost mean that literally; he seemed very angry at times. He cut off the moderator, Charlie Gibson, and he jumped in without being prompted. It is almost as if he does not understand why people might see things differently than he does.

The best moment of the debate happened at the end, with the last question for President Bush. A lady in the audience asked the President if he could please name three instances where he had made a mistake during his administration. This question echoed a question asked several months earlier at a press conference, in which the President was asked to name his biggest mistake. In both cases the President was unable to come up with a single mistake he had made. In this debate, the President said he had perhaps made a mistake in nominating a few people. On the larger issues, he did not specify which ones, he felt he was entirely correct. He failed to mention not providing enough troops for the war in Iraq as a mistake. Earlier on in the debate, he said it was the military's fault, not his, there were not enough troops. He said nothing about the possibility it was a mistake to oppose the establishment of a Homeland Security department and the 9/11 commission, though perhaps he thinks because he flip-flopped on those they do not count. The President again failed to hold himself accountable for anything that has gone on under his watch.

What the debates have shown, so far, is how desperate the Bush camp is getting. As Howard Fineman of Newsweek said, "what we have here now is a race between President Bush trying to tear down John Kerry and the news from Iraq tearing down President Bush." Bush even unveiled a new tactic in the second debate, dragging out the tried and true "liberal" label. Of course no one has yet asked the President how you can criticize someone for being too inconsistent and consistently liberal at the same time. Can you really be consistent and inconsistent? Maybe in the President's bizarre version of reality you can.

The "Right" Answer



by Jami Furo

political columnist

GAME, SET, MATCH CHENEY

The one and only vice presidential debate of 2004 took place on Tuesday, October 5, at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. The speakers were, of course, Democrat Senator John Edwards and Republican Vice President Dick Cheney. PBS's Gwen Ifill moderated the event.

Plain and simple? Cheney destroyed Edwards. Even if I were not a Republican I would be able to admit to that. I mean, I can concede Kerry won the first presidential debate (but that is for another article). So as objectively as I can, I say that Dick Cheney won the debate.

First, let us look at the overall picture. Cheney, while not an entirely exciting individual, remained calm, collected, and confident throughout the debate. Edwards, on the other hand, showed visual signs of frustration and anger throughout. He seemed restless, twisted in his chair, shook his head. While some may perceive this behavior as passion, I do not see it as such. I see it as nerves. I see it as a young senator that is used to addressing a jury and a judge about a case he has researched extensively, rather than addressing millions of Americans with the fate of fellow senator resting in his hands.

The debate started out with foreign policy. It was naturally dominated by the war in Iraq. Dick Cheney was strong on the issue. He supports the president; he supports the war; he supports the reasons. He understands that Iraq and September 11 are not related and that the war in Iraq is a part of the War on Terror, not the just war on bin Laden. He understands that the intelligence that led the president to believe that there were WMD's in Iraq was flawed, and he understands that that was not the president's fault.

John Edwards is a different story. The problem is that I don't quite understand what the story is. Edwards says that, "Saddam Hussein was a threat that needed to be addressed directly." He says that he and John Kerry agreed that the United States was right to address the problem. His plan includes vague promises like training United States troops, getting more nations involved as allies, and going into Iraq with "a plan to win the peace." These are the phrases that I heard thrown around through much of that Tuesday night.

How is it any different than what Bush and Cheney have said and done? What on earth is the difference? Are you saying that the president sent the troops to Iraq without training? I think you would hear a few more complaints from the soldiers if their president sent them to fight in a war without training them first.

Are you saying that the president didn't try to get allies? He did try, and he got some. The reason that we don't have more is that many nations (France being the most prominent example) refused. That is not the fault of the president. The other nations were not interested in helping. What are you going to do, kidnap them and hold them hostage?

Are you saying that the president does not plan to win the war? Are you saying that he went to war with the intent of losing? I hear this "doesn't have a plan to win the peace" stuff a lot late-

ly, and the vice presidential hopeful, John Edwards, was certainly a contributor. When you think about that for even five seconds, does that make sense? Does he really believe that? Does he really think that the president has absolutely no plan for this war? I mean, really. Even if you don't agree with the war, I can respect that. But to say that the president has no plan—which is not true and there is no evidence to support that it would be—that's just a desperate campaign ploy.

The vice president and the senator battled it out over Iraq in this same general manner for about 45 minutes, and then the discussion switched to domestic policy.

The first question was about jobs, poverty, and what the candidates will do to fix them. Cheney laid out several ideas that he and the president view as crucial in fighting poverty. He discussed creating jobs and reducing the "litigation costs that are built into our society." People need jobs to combat poverty, and they need money in their pockets (not in the pockets of politicians) to stimulate the economy. Cheney spent most of his two minutes talking about the importance of education in fighting poverty and unemployment.

Edwards began his rebuttal by asking the moderator to restate her question. When she told him that it was about jobs and poverty, Edwards replied, "I thought it was about jobs and poverty. I hope we get a chance to talk about education, but that's what the vice president talked about."

Cheney discussed education in reference to its importance as a solution to the problem with poverty and unemployment. The only reason that Edwards brought it up is that the previous question, he was accused by the moderator as not answering the question. He had to turn the tables to make himself look good. Again, it was a desperate attempt to save his sinking ship.

The rest of the debate was of course dominated by statistics. It was more of Dick Cheney standing firm, never wavering, and never fearing. It was more of John Edwards trying too hard to win but not hard enough to say anything.

I think the outcome of the debate can be seen in a single, subtle instance. The candidates discussed marriage for homosexual couples. While both candidates oppose gay marriage, Edwards believes that these couples should have the same benefits as married couples whereas Cheney does not.

Edwards tried to make Cheney look bad for his opposition of benefits for these couples by pointing out the fact that he has a lesbian daughter that he loves very much. It was his attempt to play the guilt card and the hypocrite card all at once.

What was Cheney's response? Did he get defensive? Did he get angry? Did he get personal to retaliate?

No. He simply said, "Well, Gwen, let me simply thank the senator for the kind words he said about my family and our daughter. I appreciate that very much."

That's it. Smack.

Smaller Schools Find Success in D-1

■ You don't have to have lots of students to be successful in college athletics.

by **James Coker**

staff reporter

It is a beautiful fall Saturday morning on a college campus, and only one thing is running through the hearts and minds of students across the country...college football. Here at Rollins College, the student body wakes up, paints the school colors blue and gold onto their face and body, grabs their poms poms, and goes to a co-ed intramural volleyball game between Crummer and P-Hut. Is this what to expect out of a true college experience? Well, at least Rollins has soccer and basketball, right? Then again, has anyone ever heard of the schools we play against? It seems to be if anyone asks why Rollins does not have Division I athletics, the immediate response is that the school is too small. Despite popular belief, there are a number of small schools that have found

success at the Division I level. These smaller schools include Virginia Military Institute (one thousand three hundred students), Wofford (one thousand one hundred students), Centenary (nine hundred), Colgate (two thousand seven hundred sixty eight), Davidson (one thousand seven hundred four), Furman (two thousand seven hundred ninety eight), Holy Cross (two thousand seven hundred forty eight), and Lafayette (two thousand two hundred fifty two). Birmingham Southern, a small private school in Alabama with an enrollment of 1,400 students, has just made a three-year transition from NAIA (National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics) to NCAA Division I athletics. Rollins College has a total enrollment of approximately 2,562 students.

The athletic department has a number of reasons for staying at the Division II level, including Rollins' allegiance to the Sunshine State Conference, limited amount of travel for athletic teams, and the lower cost of operations

compared to the expenses of running a Division I program. But by staying at the Division II level, the school has trouble finding decent competition in a number of sports. Division I basketball programs refuse to play division II schools like Rollins because it would hinder their RPI Ranking (Ratings Percentage Index). The RPI Ranking decides which Division I schools make it to the NCAA Tournament. The only D-I school Rollins plays in basketball is Stetson University, who they scrimmage every year, and last year beat by a convincing margin. Stetson, a small private university with a student enrollment of 2,500, plays reputable D-I programs such as the University of Florida, Florida State, the University of Miami and UCF. It seems that the true potential of the Rollins College basketball team will never be known.

The Rollins basketball season begins mid-November, so every student should take the opportunity to check out this talented group of players who happen to be



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DAVID DOES WELL AGAINST GOLIATH: Small schools like Wofford College have managed to hold their own against big schools in many sports, why can't Rollins?

ranked #3 in the nation on the basketball season a number of polls. But until begins...go P-Hut.

Road to the Baseball Playoffs

■ Here's a quick look at how the MLB teams stand at the end of the regular season.

by **Jake Kohlman**

copy editor

It's October and that means playoff baseball time. And if it's playoff baseball time that means Red Sox Yankees. That's right, again the Red Sox and the Yankees will face-off in the American League Championship Series to see who will advance to the World Series. The two teams met up in last years ALCS in an epic duel that ended with on a Game 7 home run by Yankee's third baseman Aaron Boone.

To reach the ALCS the Red Sox had to down the Anaheim Angels, sweeping the Angels in three games in their best of five series. The Red Sox dominated the Angels in the first two games of the series in the Angel's home ballpark, win-

ning the first game 9-3 and the second 8-3.

The third game, what would become the clincher, will go down in Red Sox playoff lore. The Red Sox jumped ahead early, scoring 5 runs off Angels starter Kelvim Escobar and taking a 6-1 lead into the 7th inning. The Angels clawed back in the 7th, scoring 5 runs to tie up the game, four of which came on a grand slam by MVP candidate Vlad Guerrero.

Tied at 6 the game went into extra innings. With two outs in the Boston half of the inning David Ortiz, an MVP candidate in his own right, stepped to the plate with a man on against Jarrod Washburn. As he had done so many times during the regular season Ortiz came through in the clutch, belting a two-run home run over the big Green Monster in left to win the game and move the Red Sox on into the ALCS.

The Yankees had a slightly tougher time then

the Red Sox in their match-up against the Twins. The Twins won the first game of the series with a score of 2-0 carried by a dominating pitching performance by Cy Young favorite, Johan Santana and a home run by Jacque Jones. The Yankees would come back to tie the series in Game 2, winning in the twelfth inning on a sacrifice fly by Hideki Matsui that scored Derek Jeter. The Yankees would win Game 3 as well, setting up a do or die situation for the Twins as they faced elimination in Game 4.

Things looked good for the Twins starting off Game 4. They had their ace back on the hill as Johan Santana pitched on short rest and they proceeded to jump out to a 5-1 lead. But the Yankees were not to be stopped. Owners of a Major League record 61 come from behind wins during the regular season, the Yankees never give up and in the 8th their persistence came

through for them. Designated Hitter Ruben Sierra hit a three-run home run on a hung curve ball that tied the game and took all the life out of the Twins and their fans. The game would move on into extra innings knotted up at 5 until the 11th when Alex Rodriguez would score the eventual winning run off a wild pitch, propelling the Yankees to a face-off against their heated rivals the Red Sox.

While much of the baseball world focused on the potential Red Sox-Yankee match-up the National League playoffs were going on as well.

The St. Louis Cardinals, owners of the best regular season record in baseball squared off against the Los Angeles Dodgers while the Atlanta Braves took on the wild card Houston Astros in the other series.

The Cardinals and their star-studded lineup had no problems with the Dodgers pitching staff in the first two games of the series, winning

each game by the score of 8-3. Cardinals right fielder Larry Walker was the hero of Game 1, belting two home runs. Albert Pujols, Jim Edmonds and Mike Matheny also hit home runs for the Cardinals to help the cause.

During Game 3 the Cardinals ran into a brick wall known as Jose Lima, the Dodgers starting pitcher. Lima pitched the game of his life throwing a complete game shutout against the powerful Cardinals lineup. That would be the lone bright spot for the Dodgers as the Cardinals won Game 4 to clinch the series and move themselves into the NLCS.

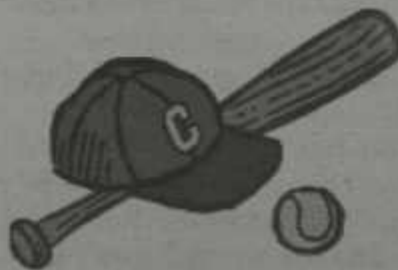


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Boston and New York Meet Again...

■ In the NL, the once ridiculous Central division emerges as the new powerhouse.

by John Ferreira

sports editor

The curse has finally been broken!! No, I'm not talking about the curse of the Great Bambino (the greatest curse of all). I'm talking about the Astros' postseason curse, which finally ended Monday night when the Astros walloped the Braves to win their first postseason series and advance to the NLCS. Next up for the Astros—only the best team in baseball, no sweat. Last year, the League Championship Series were far more exciting than the actual World Series. Remember how the Cubs took a three to one series lead over the Marlins only to have it taken away from them by the Inning from Hell? A fan reached over a snagged the hopes of generations of Cub fans. In the ALCS, we saw one of the greatest baseball games ever played when Boston took a lead deep into the game only see the Yankees come storming back when manager Grady Little left Pedro Martinez too long in the game. Worst of all, of course, was to see a player who will never amount to anything in the Major Leagues dash the hope of the New England faithful by hitting a walk off home-run. Let it be said that the same man went on to play a terrible World Series making so many mistakes that the Reds were wondering why they hadn't traded him away sooner. Even more so who can forget the when Don Zimmer jumped out of the dugout and charged Pedro Martinez only to be hurtled to the ground. That is an unforgettable moment of baseball history, and I never thought I would see a senior citizen thrown to the ground. Oh, by the way, congratulations to me for picking all of the Division Series correctly.

THE GREAT REMATCH

Boston Red Sox vs. New York Yankees

(Boston in 6)

This year will finally be the year that the Red Sox manage to get by the Yankees in the ALCS. That doesn't mean they'll win

the World Series, but hey, I'm sure that Boston fans will enjoy beating New York far more than they would enjoy winning it all. The Red Sox will win this series simply because they have the better pitching with two proven aces who can shut down the potent Yankee offense. If Schilling and Pedro both had bad starts in this series, the Red Sox are done for. The Red Sox are a more rounded team, meaning that they also have good hitting and solid defense, the Yankees have good hitting and excellent defense, but the pitching is shaky at best. I mean come on, would you feel safe if one of your major setup men was called "Flash"? I sure as hell wouldn't. The fact is that October baseball comes down to pitching and defense, and no one will be able to stop the tandem of Schilling and Martinez. For the Yankees, they have to hope that their pitchers will hold on and keep the games close to get to Rivera. By the way, Rivera is showing a great spirit for the game by coming back and participating in this series after two of his family members died

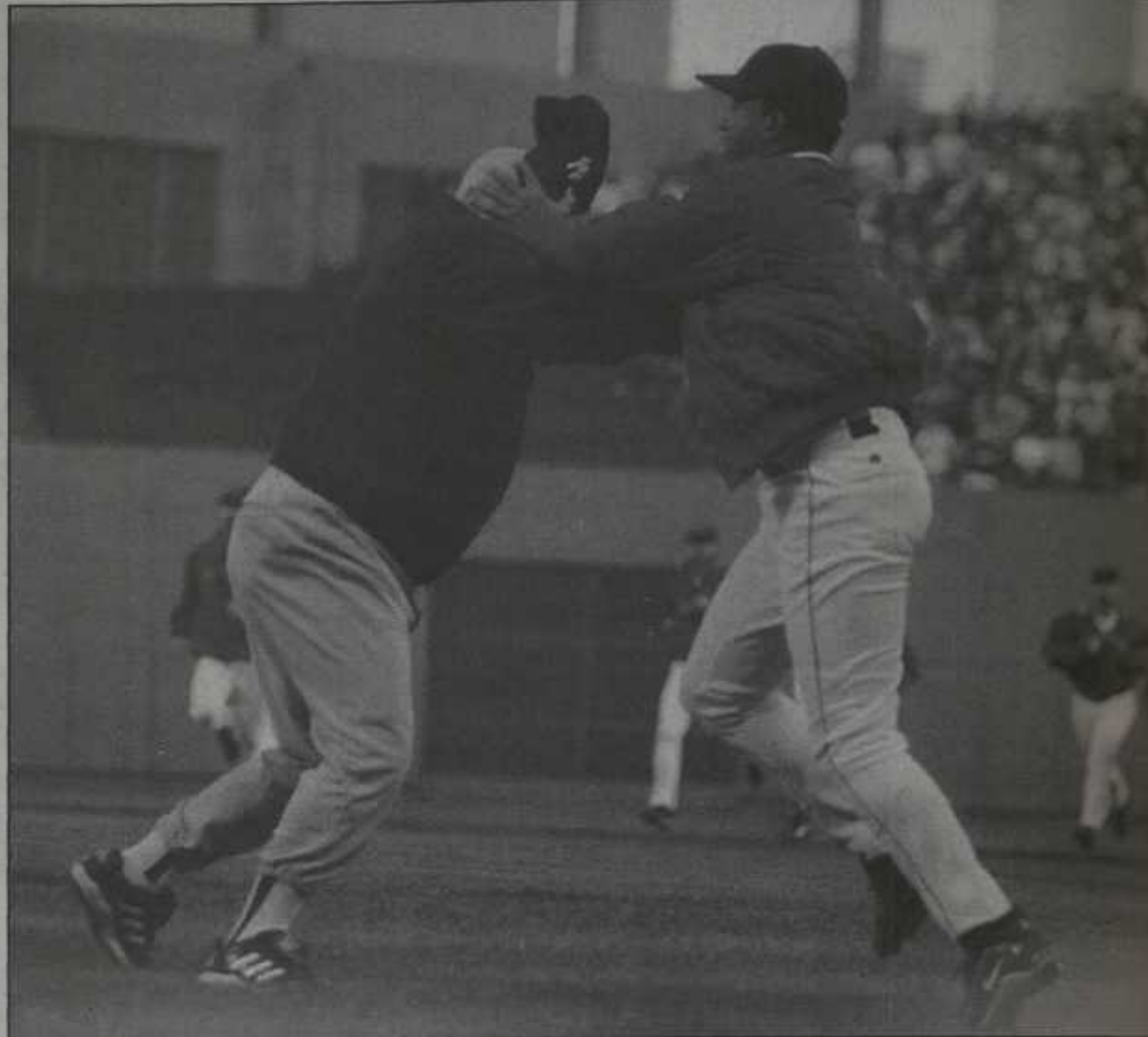


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WHO CAN FORGET THIS?: Last year there were fireworks when the Red Sox and Yankees played, who will win the fight this time?

this week. Our condolences to Rivera and his family.

Key to the Series: The Red Sox Pitchers

The reason why the Red Sox went to great pains to get Schilling dur-

ing the off season was because they needed a right hand man for Pedro. Schilling has been more than that and has turned into the Red Sox ace. Both he and Pedro will need to be on during this series. If they pitch to their ability, then this series might be an easy one for the Red Sox who are sure to get some offense from their power hitter offense. Things could go sour for Boston if they don't win at least one game at Yankee Stadium because that would mean they would have to beat Kevin Brown in game 3 and hope that Bronson Arroyo can pitch well. I'd rather trust Schilling and Martinez.

NLCS

St. Louis Cardinals vs. Houston Astros
(Cardinals in 5)

Who would've known, two teams from the NL Central making it to the NLCS. A division that was once known as Comedy Central has risen to become the axis of solid baseball, with three teams that could've made the playoffs. Anyway, this series will most likely be a one-team show. The Cardinals are the best team in baseball, even though their pitching has been spotty at times. They managed to dispatch the Dodgers in four games by thrashing them in Games one and

two. The Astros simply don't have enough weapons to play the Cardinals, who have the best lineup in the Majors. Houston will need stellar performances from Roger Clemens, Roy Oswalt, Bagwell, Beltran, and Berkman. Hmm, sound like a lot? It is; it is highly unlikely that all of these guys will play their best baseball on command. The Astros need to play their best to win; the Cardinals just need stay solid.

Key to the Series: Astro leaders

Who will rise up and lead this team to the World Series? In the past Bagwell and Biggio have crumbled in the playoffs, but this year is different. They have finally won a playoff series, but do they have enough to stay hot? If the Astros don't get clutch performances from some players, this series will be a blowout and possibly a sweep, because this Cardinal team is really that good. The Astros need to pounce on the Cardinal's shaky pitching staff and pray to the Baseball Gods that the Big Redbird Machine has a terrible week. That is what this series boils down to, the Cardinals are much better team and if they stay consistent they will win this series. On the flip side the Astros need to be heroic in order to pull off a colossal upset.

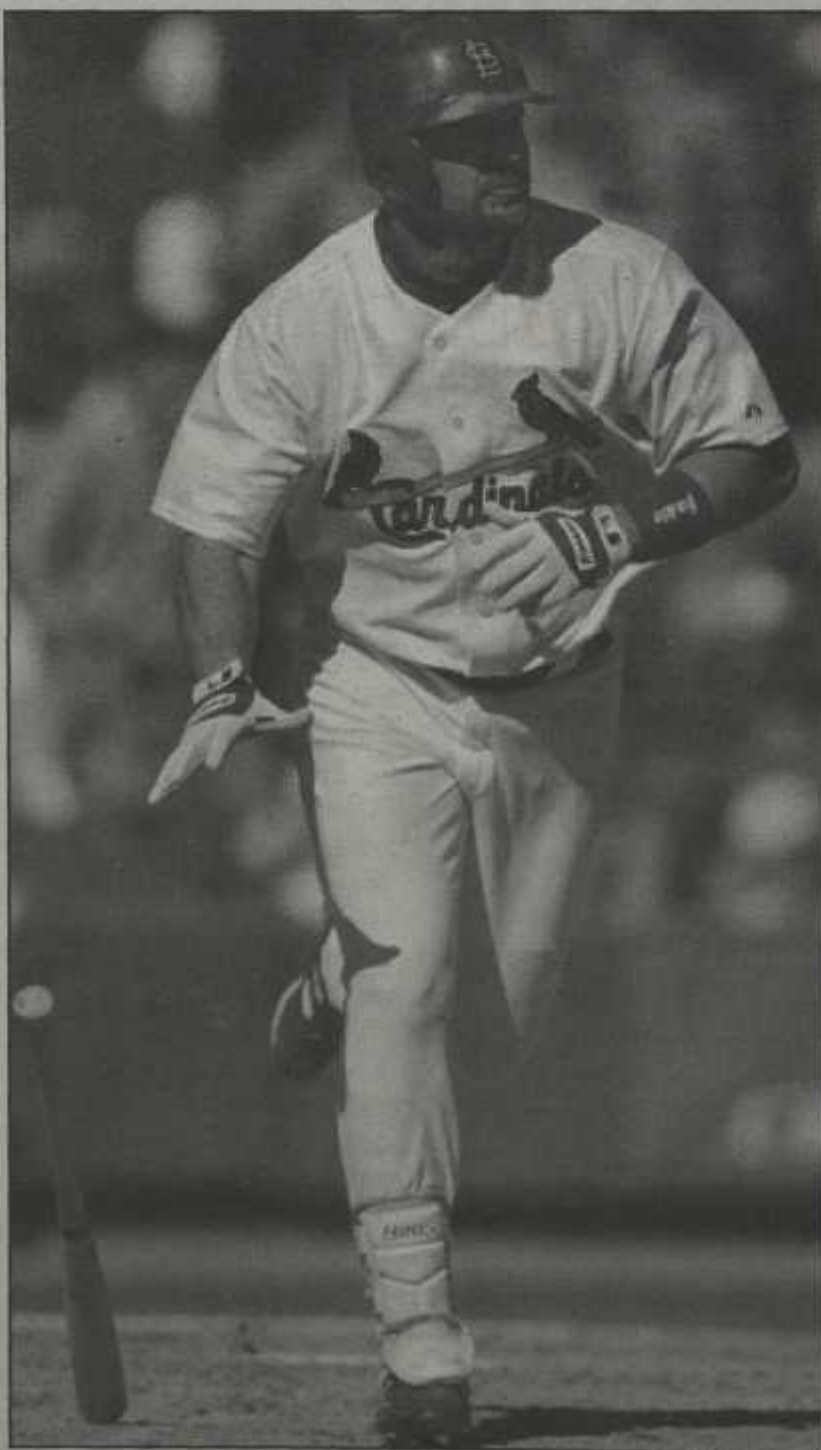


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THE MAN CAN STILL HIT: Larry Walker had a great NLDS hitting two home runs in Game 1, he looks to stay hot.

Doc Remer is in Da House

■ One Doc is off this week but the other is still here to help with his picks.

by **Max Remer**

football expert

This week I'm doing all the predicting as my counterpart has decided that baseball is more important than football (can you imagine?) Or maybe he's just scared that I'm actually much better at picking winners. There are two great games to watch this week. First in the NFC the defending NFC champs face the Eagles, who look to be the strongest team in that

conference this year. Meanwhile the Patriots look to make it twenty in a row as they face the potent Seattle Seahawks who lost a heart-breaker to the Rams last week.

San Francisco at NY Jets

-Jets take this one easy as San Francisco has struggled and the Jets have been on fire

Carolina at Philadelphia

-Should be a great game to watch but Philadelphia will win (they are the best team in the league)

Kansas City at Jacksonville

-What happened to Kansas City? Well whatever it was, it wasn't good. I'll play it safe

and take Jacksonville

San Diego at Atlanta

-I'll take San Diego, Atlanta still only has one weapon who has had more interceptions than TD's this year

Miami at Buffalo

-Sorry Dolphin fans, but your team is horrible. I take Buffalo to crush Miami.

Washington at Chicago

-Taking the upset here and saying Chicago can squeak out Washington if they can stop the running game.

Cincinnati at Cleveland

-Who knows, Cleveland is the most inconsistent team there is. I take Cincinnati to

lay the smack down on them.

Seattle at New England

-Two excellent teams, New England is due for a loss and if anyone can do it its Seattle.

Green Bay at Detroit

-Green Bay takes it, Farve is old but still great.

Houston at Tennessee

-Houston upsets Tennessee who can't seem to get going this season on any front.

Denver at Oakland

-I'll take Denver, Oakland needs to get some players under the age of 40.

Pittsburgh at Dallas

-Pittsburgh punch holes all over Cleveland last week and might have found the gel they need to do it again. Pittsburgh wins but it will be close.

Minnesota at New Orleans

-Randy Moss and Minnesota should tear apart the New Orleans secondary and hopefully Minnesota's defense can hold on for the win.

Tampa Bay at St. Louis

-Tampa Bay has been having an off year to say the least. I am still going to take them however to upset St. Louis, hopefully.

Former N.L. MVP Caminiti Dies

■ The 1996 MVP died of a heart attack at age 41, raising questions about steroid use.

by **Mark Emmons**

syndicated writer

Ken Caminiti, the San Jose baseball star who went on to be named the 1996 National League MVP before his life became mired in substance-abuse problems, died Sunday, just days after he was released from a Houston jail. He was 41.

Caminiti died of a heart attack in the Bronx, according to Rick Licht, his agent and lawyer. Licht said Caminiti was in New York City to help a friend but would not go into detail. Ellen Borakove, a spokeswoman for the city medical examiner's office, said an autopsy will be performed today.

Over the years Caminiti had been forthright about his battle with addictions to alcohol and painkiller medications he took for numerous playing-related injuries. He also admitted in a 2002 interview with Sports Illustrated that he took anabolic steroids during his major league career.

"This is just a shock to me," said Gene Menges, Caminiti's former coach at San Jose State. "I'm sure sorry to hear this. That's terrible news."

Los Angeles Dodgers outfielder Steve Finley, who played eight seasons with Caminiti, also was stunned by his former teammate's death.

"Man, that's just a tough one," Finley told the Associated Press on Sunday night. "... He was a great player, but he got mixed up in the wrong things...taking drugs. It's a sad reminder of how bad drugs are and what they can do to your body.

"It's a loss all of us will feel."

Caminiti's parents now live out of state and could not be reached for comment.

A star at Leigh High School, San Jose City College and San Jose State, Caminiti would become an extremely popular player with four major league teams, including the Houston Astros and the San Diego Padres. A large, muscular man with an imposing goatee and piercing stare, Caminiti was a three-time All-Star. He was extremely well-liked by teammates and fans, who sensed the big ballplayer also had a big heart.

Last week, Padres General Manager Kevin Towers told the Mercury News that Caminiti was perhaps the most popular player in the organization's history.

"Everybody loved him," Towers said.

During his 15-year career, he batted .272 with 239 home runs and 983 RBIs. His most memorable season came in 1996, when he hit .326 with 40 homers and 130 RBIs and was the unanimous choice as the N.L.'s most valuable player. That was also the season in which Caminiti, renown for his toughness, forever endeared himself with the

San Diego fans.

Perhaps his most memorable moment came at a game in the oppressive heat in Monterrey, Mexico, against the New York Mets. An ill Caminiti unhooked himself from a bag of intravenous fluids, wolfed down a Snickers bar, hit two home runs in a victory, and then returned to his clubhouse IV.

"That man would barely be able to walk, but he'd be out on that field," Jeff Bagwell, a former Houston teammate, said last week.

But Caminiti also had a long-running battle with substance-abuse issues - a problem he never fully beat. His troubles first became public when he entered a detox clinic in 1993 for alcoholism. He would later be admitted to a rehabilitation center, in 2002, for his dependency on vodka and Vicodin.

In November 2001, shortly after his playing career ended, he was arrested in a Houston hotel for cocaine possession. He later spent 4½ months in a Texas jail facility for violating terms of his probation.

Although he worked at the Padres' spring training this year as an instructor and seemed to be making progress in getting his life in order, Caminiti was back in the news last month when he was arrested again for testing positive for cocaine - his fourth time since going on probation.

Last Tuesday he was sentenced in a Houston court to 180 days in jail. But he was immediately released for time served.

Before that court appearance, Terry Yates, Caminiti's attorney, said his client intended to seek more treatment.

"He's a nice guy," Terri Burns, his probation officer, said recently. "But drugs don't discriminate and he's got a drug problem. Unfortunately they've got a hold of him and he's got to figure out how to get rid of them."

Bagwell and Craig Biggio, another former Houston teammate, both of whom played a role in an earlier intervention, recently told the Mercury News that they no longer knew what they could do for their friend. Still, they were hoping for the best.

"You just want to see this problem go away and have him get better," Biggio

said before a recent game against the Giants at SBC Park. "It's a lifelong battle for him. Unfortunately, it's something that he's going to have to fight every day of his life."

Now, friends are mourning his loss.

"It's a shame for his family as much as it is for his friends," former Padres teammate Andy Ashby told the Associated Press. "He's got three daughters who are going to miss having Dad around. It's a shame. It's a terrible thing."

Caminiti, who lived in the Houston area, was divorced. In addition to his three children, he is survived by his former wife, Nancy, his parents, a brother and a sister.

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What's Happening? ROLLINS CALENDAR

Friday 10-15

Men's Soccer vs. FL Tech
Cahall-Sandspur Field
7 p.m.

Saturday 10-16

Sunday 10-17

Monday 10-18

Tuesday 10-19

ACE Meeting
Bieberbach Reed
6 p.m.

Wednesday 10-20

HHSGA Hosts:
"Meet The President"
Bush Auditorium
6 p.m.

Thursday 10-21

Career Services Hosts:
"Getting into Graduate School"
Olin Bib Lab
4:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Mixed Results for Volleyball

■ The Ladies beat Saint Leo in 5 sets but got ripped by Eckerd 3 sets to 0.

by John Ferreira

sports editor

The Rollins Volleyball team ended a three game losing streak by beating Saint Leo 3 sets to 2, yet they dropped another conference to Eckerd by 3-0. The volleyball team now has a record of 9-7 overall and 3-3 in the Sunshine State Conference.

Against Saint Leo the game went back and forth. In the first set Rollins managed to jump out to a 16-10 lead. The Lions came back and scored six unanswered points and the game was tied at 19. The Tars stayed strong, and Allison North connected on a kill to finish the first set 30-28. The second set was another story as Saint Leo led for most of it. Rollins then took the lead at 10-9 but quickly gave it up. In the third set, North served the Tars to a 7-0 lead, but the Lions quickly game back and fought back to make the score 9-2. The Tars then regained their offensive composure having a .162 hitting percentage, compared to Saint Leo's .026. Rollins won the set 30-22. Battling for their lives, the Lions came back strong in the fourth set. They went on an



photo / JOHN FERREIRA

BUMP, SET, SPIKE: Amy Fox, '07, sets up for a Tars spike in their recent game against Eckerd College.

offensive tear having no hitting errors, while the Tars offense sputtered having 11 errors. The Lions won the set easily. In the fifth and final set Rollins finally came back and fought hard to win the game. There were five ties before the eighth point. The Tars then jumped out to a 13-9 lead, and Amy Barlow killed the ball to get Rollins to match point. Barlow then served an ace to win it all for the Tars. North and Barlow had 16 kills each for the Tars, with Barlow adding 22 digs. Lindsey Crosby led the Tars with 52 assists.

The second game of the

weekend was not so good for the Tars. Their conference opponents of Eckerd College swept them. Rollins came in trying to stay above .500, and thought they could do it facing Eckerd. Eckerd had a slow start to their season with a 2-4-conference record. Julia Caner was the standout for the Tars with 12 kills and 13 digs. The Tars could not keep up with the Tritons in the first set, a sign to come of the entire night. After an even game lead to a 6-6 tie Eckerd pulled ahead and won the first set by seven points. The women came off strong in the second set,

leaping out of the gates to a 7-1 lead. They could not hold it though as the Tritons stormed back and tied the game at 8. The Tars then lost the lead and did not regain it, finding a hard time dealing with the powerful Eckerd offense that hit .286. The third set was a blowout as Eckerd jumped out to an early six-point lead. The Tars would not challenge, and the Tritons would take the victory by seven points. Amy Barlow led the Rollins defense with 13 digs, while Lindsey Crosby added 30 assists.

Sunshine State Conference Standings

■ Rollins Women stay in the lead for soccer while Volleyball fights to maintain .500.

by John Ferreira

sports editor

Another week is in the books for Sunshine State Conference action and the Rollins Tars are staying strong. The Mens' soccer team is still undefeated and moving up the standings with six points. They have two games less Barry who leads with 12 points. The volleyball girls meanwhile are fighting hard to stay at .500.

The big story remains the Womens' Soccer team which is at the top of the SSC and undefeated with three games played. The Tars will be hard pressed to keep the lead of the Conference with Lynn just two points back.

Mens Soccer

1. Barry (4-0-0) 12 points
2. Lynn (3-1-0) 9 points
3. Rollins (2-0-0) 6 points
4. Eckerd (2-2-0) 6 points
5. Tampa (2-2-0) 6 points
6. Nova SE (1-1-1) 4 points
7. Saint Leo (1-2-1) 4 points
8. Florida Tech (0-3-0) 0 points
9. Florida Southern (0-4-0) 0 points

Women Soccer

1. Rollins (3-0-0) 9 points
2. Lynn (2-1-1) 7 points
3. Barry (2-0-0) 6 points
4. Saint Leo (2-2-0) 6 points
5. Florida Southern (1-1-1) 4 points
6. Tampa (1-1-0) 3 points
7. Nova SE (1-2-0) 3 points
8. Eckerd (1-3-0) 3 points
9. Florida Tech (0-3-0) 0 points

Volleyball

1. Barry (6-0) 1.000 PCT
2. Tampa (6-1) .857 PCT
3. Saint Leo (4-3) .571 PCT
4. Rollins (3-3) .500 PCT
5. Florida Southern (2-2) .500 PCT
6. Eckerd (2-4) .333 PCT
7. Florida Tech (2-4) .333 PCT
8. Lynn (2-5) .286 PCT
9. Nova SE (0-5) .000 PCT