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Rock The Vote With Rollins

■ ACE sponsors Rock the Vote, stressing the youth vote to Rollins students.

by **Brittany Lee**

news editor

Mills Lawn teemed with students and activity this past Friday, October 22, with the All Campus Events (ACE) sponsored program Rock the Vote. Rock the Vote took place from 4-7 p.m. and consisted of a multitude of events aimed at encouraging students to vote. The idea came about with the seriousness of the upcoming election. ACE members felt students needed to recognize the importance of their vote in determining how our country will be run for the next four years. With the



photo / ADAM BURTON

ROCKING OUT: One of the many bands that ACE booked to encourage Rollins students to participate in the election performs on Mills Lawn.

help of financial contributions from the SGA and a

major effort put forth by all ACA members, the organi-

zation was able to put together this one of a kind

event for our Rollins community.

ACE urged all organizations on campus to get involved with this event, and many responded by putting out tables on the lawn that dealt with voting issues. ACE, the SGA, both the Rollins Republicans and the Rollins Democrats, Pinehurst, Eco-Rollins, the GLBTA, and our very own Sandspur set up tables at the event. Throughout the evening, students migrated to the different tables and received information or learned facts.

Rock the Vote, however, was not only an event for educating. It provided much entertainment as well. On one side of the lawn sat a huge jousting ring, and during students spent their time

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Democracy Forum

■ Several speakers visit the campus to discuss international democratic efforts.

by **Erika Batey**

asst. news editor

On Thursday, October 21, a panel of distinguished experts came to Rollins to discuss the role of democracy in the world today and to assess the degrees to which it has been successful.

The first speaker of the night was former Ambassador to Senegal Harriet Elam-Thomas. She was extremely positive and stated that Senegal had become a model for stability in western Africa. She also mentioned that she personally had worked with the government to thwart attacks on United States interests within Senegal's



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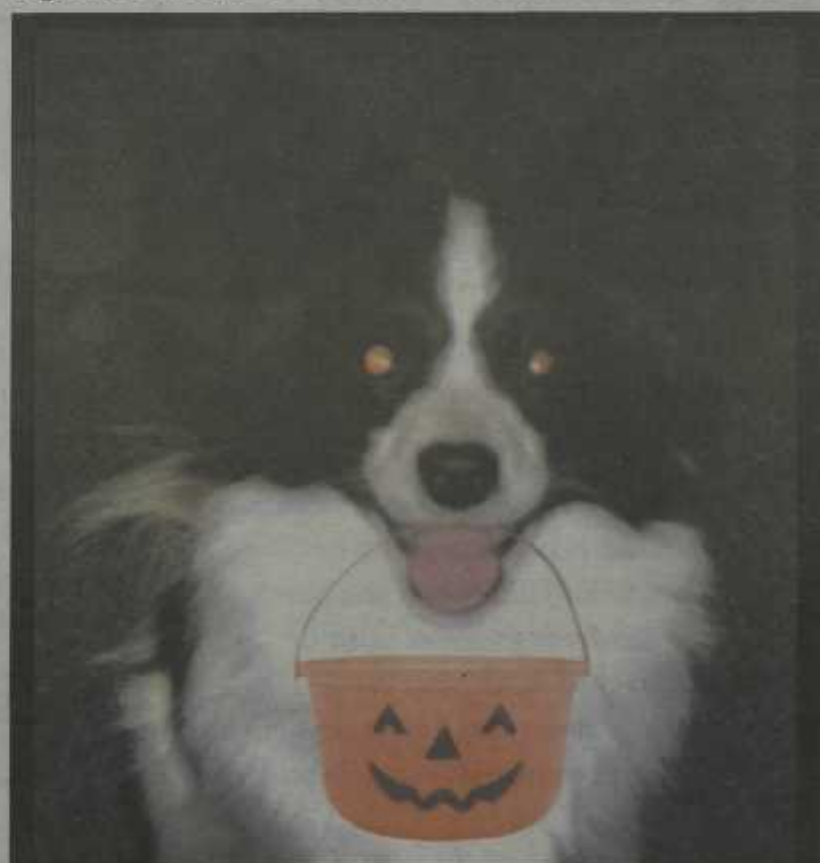
PANEL OF EXPERTS: Distinguished speakers visited Rollins to discuss the meaning of modern-day democracy.

borders. In order to have a democracy, Elam-Thomas stated, a country must have "a free press, an independent judiciary, and a viable economy." According to her, Senegal has achieved these aspects for the most part, has "a media that speaks its mind," and is an example of a country where democracy has truly taken hold. However, Elam-Thomas

noted that the country is currently failing to accelerate economic change. Unemployment is rising and she believes that this could be one of the principal threats to stability.

The second panelist was retired Lt. General Jay Garner who worked as an administrator in postwar Iraq. In the opening of his

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Rock the Vote

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 challenging one another while many looked on and cheered. There was also a dunk tank, which attracted a crowd. Food and refreshments were in abundance, with Sodexo providing soda, cotton candy, and popcorn. To complete the evening, two bands and one comedian all performed on a large stage set near the Mills Building. Local bands Milhouse and Eden Row from Boston both took the outdoor stage amongst much cheering. Comedian

Vic Henley added variety to the performances.

All in all, Rock the Vote was an exciting event for all that attended. Jeff Shea, Street Team Director of Ace, said, "The objective of the event was to bring people together and remind them of how important it is that they cast their vote for the next president." Given the crowds that attended and the variety of programs offered to encourage awareness of the importance voting holds, Rock the Vote accomplished its mission.



photo / ADAM BURTON

National Security Roundtable

■ Rollins hosts panel of distinguished visitors to discuss matters of national security.

by Pascale Proctor

staff reporter

The Galloway Room in the Mills Memorial Center hosted the National Security Round Table on Friday, October 22. The Roundtable featured former two-term senator Bob Kerrey, current United States Senator Bill Nelson, and three other panelists who talked about how the war in Iraq affected them.

Senator Bob Kerrey, who is in no way related to Presidential candidate John Kerry, believes that "unity is key," and this unity cannot be obtained while current President George Bush is in office. Kerrey discussed how and why he believes John Kerry will better our nation in regards to national security including the notion that Kerry "knows what it is like

to be a separated nation."

As a member of the 9/11 Commission, Senator Bob Kerrey deemed it necessary to discuss the effects that the event currently have on this year's election. Both Tom Johnson, an Iraqi war veteran, and two other panelists, declared that Bush's reasoning for going to war did not have anything to do with the events of September 11. Tom Johnson's son was killed in the South Tower of the Twin Towers and believes that the war is not honestly being fought to avenge the death of his son and many others on that day.

The Iraq War veteran professes to be "frustrated with the lack of post-war planning" and believes that the "lack of security and infrastructure have now turned the [Iraqi] people against us." In other words, he believes that Bush's lack of help to the Iraqis, as well as the military, caused them to "jump on the bandwagon."

Another panelist at the Roundtable was a military mom and wife. She believes

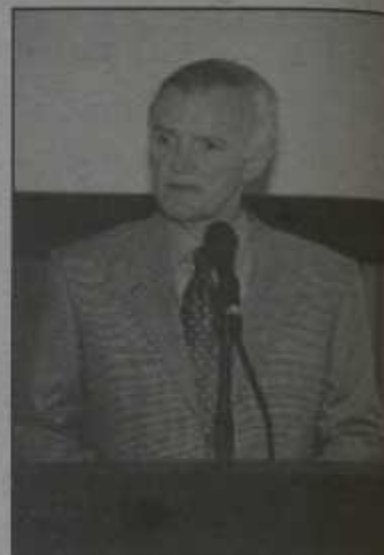


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SHARING HIS THOUGHTS: During the discussion, former U.S. Senator Bob Kerrey, expressed his views on the need for unity in national security endeavors.

that there is a need for a new power in the White House to save the military, and therefore sons and husbands. She does not want to be led to believe that troops are safe if they are not, which she believes is the case in Bush's administration. According to Tom Johnson, "it's not just about your party but your beliefs and the truths."

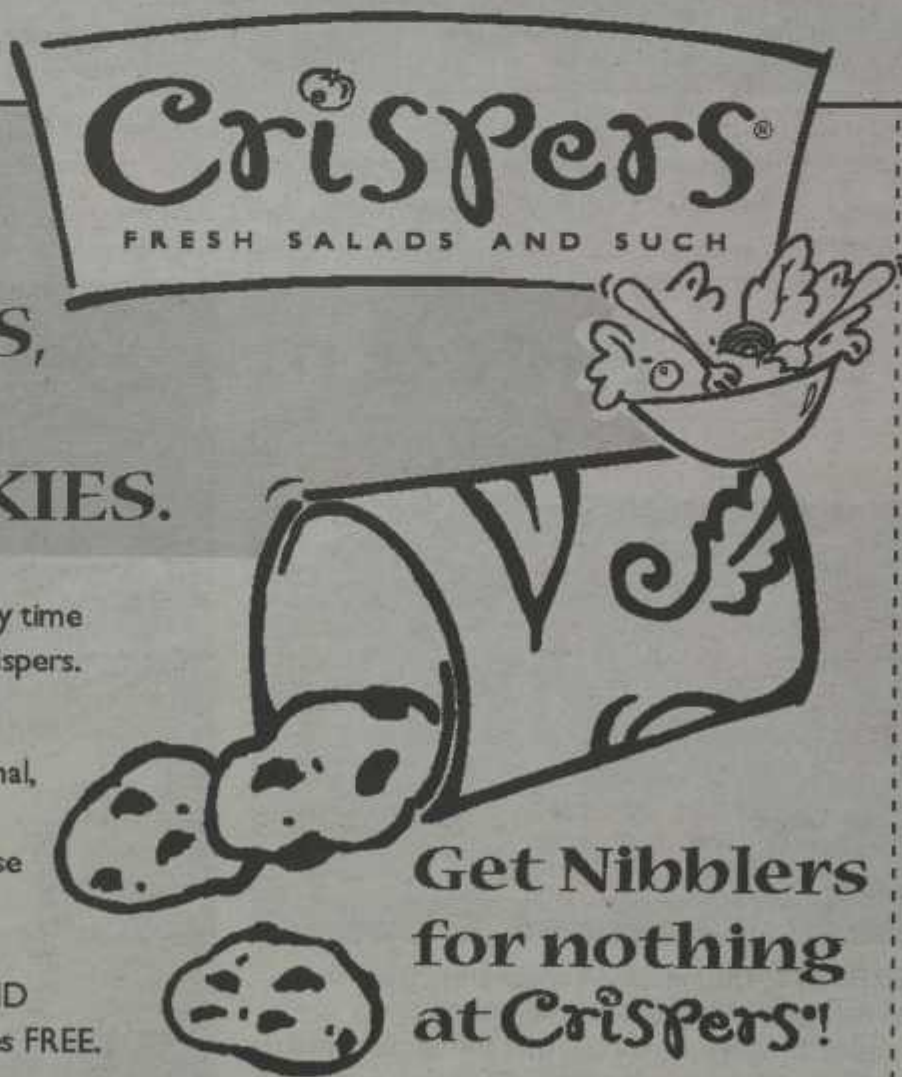
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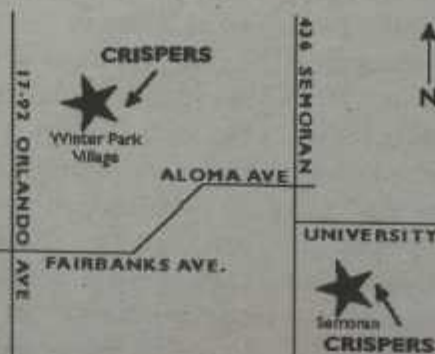
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Justice Served in Abu Ghraib Scandal

■ Sergeant Frederick to serve eight years for his role in the Abu Ghraib prison abuse scandal.

by Ike Saunders

staff reporter

On October 20, "U.S. Army Reservist Staff Sergeant Ivan 'Chip' Frederick pleaded guilty to conspiracy, dereliction of duty, maltreatment of detainees, assault, and committing an indecent act under a plea agreement," reports CNN Online. He is to serve eight years for his actions in Iraq. Frederick is one of seven Maryland-based 372nd Military Police Company members charged in the horrendous abuse incident that occurred in April earlier this year at a Baghdad-area prison. Photos depicting what appeared to be abuse on the inmates at Abu Ghraib leaked to the media, sparking the controversy. The prisoners were forced into demonstrations of public nudity and degradation while others were "forced to be wired and hooded while standing on

platforms" states CNN.

The Associated Press reports that Frederick told the court on Wednesday that "military intelligence purposes" were the motives behind his treating the prisoners as he did. In his defense, Frederick asserts that he was not made aware of regulations regarding treatment of prisoners until after the abuse scandal. Associated Press also quotes Frederick as claiming, "They told me to do what (military intelligence) told me to do," after questioning his commanders on the issue. "I was wrong about what I did and I shouldn't have done it," Frederick confessed to judge Army Colonel James Pohl. "I knew it was wrong at the time because I knew it was a form of abuse." Frederick further insists that he was told military intelligence wanted the prisoners "stressed out, wanted them to talk more."

One witness during the trial was Chief Warrant Officer Kevin Kramer. He referred to an e-mail sent to him "from the U.S. command in Baghdad telling him to order his interrogators to be tough on prisoners," cites CNN Online.

"The gloves are coming off, gentlemen, regarding these detainees," the e-mail, which was read into evidence, said. It added that the command "wants the detainees broken."

Two other soldiers have been thus far sentenced after pleading guilty. In May, Specialist Jeremy Sivits was sentenced to a year in prison. Sivits told a court marshal he saw Frederick "punching an inmate so hard that everyone present feared the man was having a heart attack," reports CNN Online. "A medic was called to attend the man after the incident, which occurred November 8, 2003," Sivits said. Military intelligence Specialist Armin Cruz was sentenced to eight months confinement, reduction in rank to private, and a bad conduct discharge back in September as a result of his participation in the scandal. Frederick's sentence also resulted in a forfeiture of pay, a dishonorable discharge and a reduction in rank to private. The Associated Press further notes that Frederick's sentence is the longest yet in association with the scandal.

Overseas Ballots

■ Access to overseas ballots becomes an issue in the upcoming election.

by Erika Batey

news editor

This year an estimated six million Americans abroad are eligible to cast absentee ballots. Included in this estimate are half a million troops overseas.

The issue is particularly important in this election, and the challenge of making sure all these eligible citizens have access to ballots is daunting. Absentee ballots have the potential to sway an election. "Nearly seventy percent of the service members cast ballots during the last election, compared with fifty-one percent of the general public and thirty-seven percent of U.S. civilians abroad," according to Charles Abell, principal deputy to the undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness. In 2000, President Bush's victory was certified only after overseas ballots were counted.

Steps are being taken to assure overseas citizens have even easier access to ballots. Earlier last month, members of U.S. armed forces with

legal residence in Missouri, North Dakota, or Utah were given the opportunity to use e-mail to vote. However, critics stated their fears of possible vote tampering.

Many states missed the September 19 date for sending out ballots to countries overseas. Acting on pressure posed by political parties, the Pentagon has decided to post a federal write-in ballot on its website for overseas citizens if their regular ballots do not arrive on time. Lt. Col. Joseph Richard, a spokesman for the Pentagon, stated, "This is being done at the request of both political parties to extend every opportunity to those overseas, both civilian and military."

Some states have even decided to accept ballots that arrive late. While each state varies, some have established the cutoff date as late as November 17. Many fear this could possibly cause a delay in the reporting of the results.

The greater opportunities available to vote overseas are important steps in extending the vote to all Americans, regardless of whether or not they are currently residing in the country. This right of overseas citizens to vote was not given until 1975.

Rollins Holds Democracy Forum

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speech, he announced, "You cannot take the U.S. template of democracy and stamp it on another country, especially not in the Middle East," while drawing a few cheers from the audience. He continued to state seven tasks that he feels are necessary if the U.S. wants to succeed in Iraq. The first is to halt Iran's influence in Iraq. The second is to prevent a Shiite takeover in Iraq during the up-coming elections. His answer to this problem is to create three to four federal regions in Iraq, each governed by a different ethnic or religious identity in Iraq and united under a weak central government. He compared this concept to the development of the U.S. from thirteen weakly united individual states into a much stronger national government. Garner stated that it is essential for the Iraqis to be comfortable in

their own government structure. His third proposed task is to ensure the protection of minority rights. Fourth, oil must be shared with the people of Iraq. His fifth proposal is to employ the unemployed youth. Referencing President Roosevelt's Depression era projects, he stated that projects involving youth would keep them off the street and help rebuild the country. His sixth proposal is to stimulate the economy. Finally, the U.S. should develop a strategy to create an independent Kurdistan to prevent civil war from breaking out. Garner's speech emphasized how difficult building a democracy is. "If democracy only means providing free elections and majority rule, then we will fail," he stated.

Garriet Gong, a member of the Center for Strategic and International Studies and named one of

the most prominent specialists on China in the U.S., spoke about advances in Taiwan's democratic system. He said democracy began to take hold in the 1980s and 1990s when martial law ended and opposing political parties were allowed. In 1996, direct Presidential elections with different parties and platforms were held. In 2000, elections were held again with a voter turnout of over eighty percent. In the most recent elections earlier this year there was controversy over the close results. However, the election ended relatively peacefully. Gong emphasized how in just over half a century Taiwan has gone from martial law to direct elections.

Georges Fauriol of the International Republican Institute spoke rather negatively about democratic developments in Haiti. Haiti is a country that experienced revolution and

independence from a colonial power in the late eighteenth century. He believes the country has made progress with some strong leaders, but is still characterized by many weak institutions. Additionally, a series of bad leaders and an unstable environment have brought the country to political failure.

The final speaker of the night was Eugene Huskey of Stetson University and a Professor of Russian politics. He commented that communist transitions to democracy are the most challenging. Whereas countries gaining independence from colonial powers often had democracy at some point in their history, many communist nations usually had no previous democratic history. Going from a state-run economy to a market economy brings many difficulties, including inflation and unemployment. The result,

Huskey stated, is the citizens of the country are associating capitalism and democracy with misery. Currently in Russia there is concern of President Putin centralizing power unchecked. Many feel that he has used the recent school tragedy to centralize the country. Using American terms, Huskey stated that this means "no federalism and no checks and balances." Issues over human rights and greater control over the press have also been concerns that have stood in the way of Russia's full development toward democracy.

The issues brought up by each of the five specialists show the different stages countries around the world are in their development toward democracy. Not only were they informative, they gave an insightful look into the individual challenges and accomplishments of different states.

Turning Passion Into Progress

■ The Career Coach offers advice for integrating a calling into a work setting.

by **Marian Cacciatore**
columnist

Over a month ago, I received a request from Katie '06 to discuss the topic of "work vs. a calling." For the last couple of issues, this column has continued a more in-depth look regarding what a calling is and how to integrate a calling into a work setting.

In the first article, several key points were highlighted, including the significant elements of a calling. These include:

- Each of us has been given unique gifts and talents. I can begin to integrate my calling daily as I consciously choose how "I use and give my gifts away."
- My calling includes activities that bring me renewed energy and enthusiasm. I lose track of time and can easily become immersed in the activity.
- A true "calling" requires that I have the **talent** (I need to be good at it!), **passion** (I must believe its value) and **commitment** (it is something that I need to do...no matter what!).
- Many people find the pathway to their calling a winding and at times, tedious journey.

In the second article, I encouraged readers to begin a "Calling Journal" where they identify and clarify the elements of their calling. It is not enough to look at a calling in terms of simply a career path. For many of us, we must first identify the essence of the activities that we do well and enjoy.

I ended the last article with a promise to become a roving reporter and interview some of our students regarding this topic. I enjoyed speaking to many of you and noted similar themes woven throughout many of our discussions:

- "My calling is what I was made to do. It doesn't feel like work. I would do it for free if I could."
- "Working within your calling means loving your job. You want to go to work each day. The time goes quickly and you want to be there."
- "It means being able to make a difference and

love the work that I do."

I found, however, that I kept returning to my interview notes from one student in particular. Olia '06, is in her first semester at Rollins and responded with enthusiasm when I asked her about how she viewed her calling.

It is so funny to be able to think about what I 'want to do.' I was raised in a communist country where the government dictated your role. When I first came to the United States, I was overwhelmed by all of the choices and the freedom to make the choice. It was very difficult because I never had to think about what I was good at or what I wanted to do.

Now that I am here, I am getting used to the idea and I am very excited about this process. I know in my heart that ultimately I want to have a position where I counsel and help people. However, I have made the decision to finish my Economics degree since I am already so close to reaching this goal. But I know at some point, I want to be in a role where I can counsel people.

On a practical note, I challenged Olia to look at her calling with a broader lens. Since she had made the decision to seek a role in business, I encouraged her to look for a position where she was able to make a personal connection with people. This will hopefully, allow her to integrate her passion to serve and realize fulfillment within the short term. Ultimately, she *may* find that she needs to return to school for an advanced degree in counseling. However, in the meantime, being able to help people within a business setting may initially satisfy the desire to serve.

The discussion with Olia has stayed with me partially because of the way she described the restrictions of her past. She truly was powerless to make a change and because of that, she did not allow herself to have dreams or set goals. It was by her account, a very gray and dismal existence. I wonder how many of us identify with Olia's description of a gray, dismal place. While we may not be forced to endure career restrictions set by the government, many restrictions can come from within. Each of us has the ability to create self-defeating obstacles that will prevent us from exploring and then using our gifts and talents.



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However, we also have the freedom, as Olia does now, to accept the challenge, embrace the fear and explore! It clearly is a choice.

You decide!

Do you have a question for the Holt Career Coach? email Marian at mcacciatore@rollins.edu. She guar-

antees that all questions will be responded to individually or in this column.

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OUR NATIONAL FORESTS AT RISK

It's true that this campaign season has left many of us with little energy and a numbness that grows at the sound of any call for action. Just when you think your pretty little head can bear no more, the issue of the Roadless Area Conservation Rule comes up, and the consequences are serious.

On July 12, 2004 the Bush administration proposed to repeal the Roadless Rule, which protects almost 60 million acres of the last wild forests in 38 states in the US from road-building and logging. Already, more than half of our country's national forests are open to logging, drilling, and mining. The rule aims to preserve the last 30% of undeveloped forest lands as a home for wildlife, a public place for recreation, and a heritage for future generations. Also, the rule helps safeguard clean water from forest headwaters and streams, which are a source of drinking water for 60 million Americans.

National polls show widespread support for the Roadless Rule, and it resulted from the most inclusive public rulemaking to date. Seven federal agencies collaborated on the rule-making, over 180 Native American groups were consulted during the process, and over 600 public meetings were held across the country.

It's not too late to help — Eco Rollins will be collecting comment cards in support of the Roadless Rule on Thursday, November 4th in front of the campus center. Stop by and show your support for our national forests and our heritage.

Hundreds Turn Out to "Meet the Prez"

■ HHSGA's *Meet the President* event heralded by attendees as a major success.

by **Sue Easton**

contributing writer

On October 20, President Duncan addressed the students, administration and faculty of the Holt school to answer questions and share his vision for Rollins. Approximately 200 people were in the audience to hear his comments.

This event was sponsored by the Hamilton Holt Student Government Association (HHSGA) to continue its focus on helping Holt students to actively get involved and be a part of the community of Rollins College. As HHSGA President, Bandar Reda, stated, "We believe the Hamilton Holt students, fac-

ulty and staff are outstanding and it is our goal this year to increase the sense of community that we feel here at Rollins. This 'Meet the President' is one of the ways we are working towards that goal and you are an important part of this process."

This event was also supported by Communique, the



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Public Relations organization for Hamilton Holt students who helped to market and advertise the "Meet the President" night. HHSGA

officers were also introduced: Matt Drury, Vice President, Richard Mino, Treasurer, and Mary Allen Singer, Secretary.

Matt Drury introduced President Duncan and Mary Allen helped to facilitate questions from the floor. Refreshments were served after the session and many students stayed to continue conversations and meet the President in person.

The next event of the HHSGA is to participate in the Rollins Homecoming. In addition to the activities advertised on the Rollins website, Holt community members - which include undergraduates, graduates and faculty - are invited to a Hot Dog Roast and Pep Rally on October 30. This event will be held outside in the courtyard at Cornell Social Sciences Center and is free, but reservations are requested to help with planning. We also still need volunteers to help. Please RSVP to



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GATHERING OF LEADERS: HHSGA officers join Dr. Duncan on-stage following their successful "Meet the President" event (pictured left to right - President Lewis Duncan, Bandar Reda, Matt Drury, Richard Mino, and Mary-Allen Singer).

rmino@rollins.edu if you know how many hot dogs to will be joining us so that we grill!

HHSGA CORNER

by **Tiffany Valo**

As a recent transfer to the Holt Program for my senior year at Rollins, I am now assistant secretary for the Hamilton Holt Student Government Association, as well as an Organizational Communication Senator.

This year HHSGA is trying its best to get more involved and to create more of a presence on campus. The members of HHSGA have been busy planning events for this school year, unfortunately, with all of the hurricanes kicking off the semester, things have been somewhat challenging.

Still, the HHSGA is committed to our goal and is working hard. In mid-September, we held a PR week in order to promote the Holt SGA by distributing highlighters, bookmarks and event calendars. There were sign ups for clubs, Community Engagement information and voters' registration.

October 20, we held *Meet the President*, where roughly 200 students, administration and faculty showed up to get to know President Duncan and ask questions about his new transition. Overall, it was a huge success and we all learned that President Duncan is actually very personable and down to earth. He relates well to the Holt community and even told us that his wife's disserta-

tion was about women returning to the workforce so he really relates to non-traditional students.

The next big event coming up will be held at Homecoming on October 30, scheduled in between the men and women's soccer games. We will be holding a hot dog roast as well as promoting school spirit at Holt's very first Pep Rally. This event will mark the kickoff of Holt's whole new image.

Being more involved on campus, not only academically, but also by taking more of an interest in its student body and being involved in campus events will continue to enhance our education. There will be two more HHSGA meetings, which are open to all Holt students, November 1 and December 6 both at 5:30 in CSS room 170.

We look forward to a great year and many events to come in the spring; including another PR week, a Spring Thing, the annual Starry Night Auction and many more events to be announced! Feel free to contact me, Tiffany Valo, if you are interested in helping out or if you have an idea for an event. A big thanks to Sue Easton (our faculty advisor) for all of her help in guiding us in following through with our goals and plans to make HHSGA bigger and better than ever.



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Rollins College Campus Tracking Poll

compiled and reviewed by **John Ferreira**

campus political analyst

In the latest Sandspur Poll held from October 20-23, John Kerry has gained significant ground. The poll queried 240 Rollins students, with a margin of error of plus or minus five percent. The poll asked two questions. The first question: If the election were held today, for whom would you vote? The second question: What issue was most important in deciding your vote? Democratic candidate John Kerry lead with forty four percent, Republican candidate George W. Bush followed with thirty nine percent, and Independent candidate Ralph Nader came in third with two percent. Thirteen percent of those polled answered they were still undecided, and under one percent said they would be voting for another candidate. The War on Terror polled as the most important issue at forty-two percent. The War on Iraq was the second most important issue with forty percent. The environment that came in at eight percent. Other issues failed to get to the five percent mark, but bringing in many answers were the state of the economy and gay marriage.

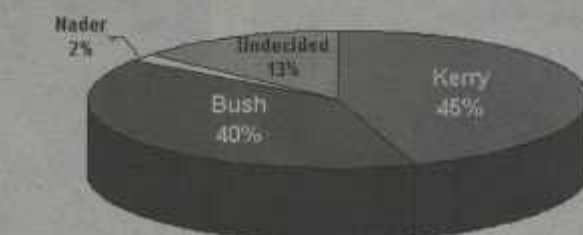
John Kerry gained nine points from a poll that was taken in early October before the Presidential debates began. This shows that many Rollins students were swayed by Kerry's performances during a debate. Even though his lead of five points over his competitor is within the margin of error, the Kerry campaign seems to have picked up considerable traction here at Rollins. The poll in early October showed that twenty nine percent of Democrats remained undecided; it is possible that Kerry was able to convince those undecided Democrats to come aboard. This election has been hard, and it is more likely that people will vote with their party affiliation this year because the campaigns have been so partisan.

Meanwhile, for President Bush, the numbers remain pretty much the same. In the first Sandspur poll he was at forty-one percent, and this time he was at thirty-nine percent, the margin of error. This leads one to believe the President didn't really lose much ground at Rollins, but that John Kerry made considerable progress in swaying voters. It seems that Bush was unable to sway undecided voters, which were polled at twenty-two percent in the first poll, but whose numbers came down to thirteen percent. Most of those votes seem to have gone to Kerry. Nader was polled at two percent in the last poll and still is polled at two.

The issues poll brought in some interesting results. When asked what the most important issue was in deciding your vote, forty-two percent said "The War on Terror" or "Terrorism", and forty percent said "Iraq" or "The War in Iraq". The first interesting thing about these answers is that Rollins students believe that the War on Terror and the War on Iraq are two different things. Most interesting was how the issue decided which candidate the person would vote for. Kerry supporters most answered the "The War on Iraq" as the issue that was important in deciding their vote. The second most important issue was "The War on Terrorism". Kerry also had many voters who chose to vote for him because of the environment. In fact, all the voters who said that the environment and gay marriage are the most important issue for them will be voting for John Kerry. This is almost an exact inversion of Bush supporters, who said the most important issue is the War on Terror, and the second most important issue is the War in Iraq.

OCT. 20-23 RESULTS

If the election were held today, for whom would you vote?

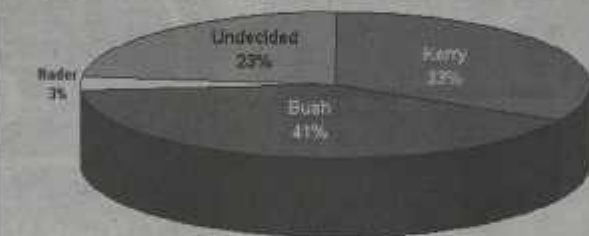


What issue was most important in deciding your vote?



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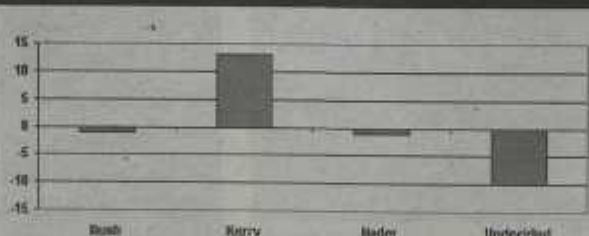
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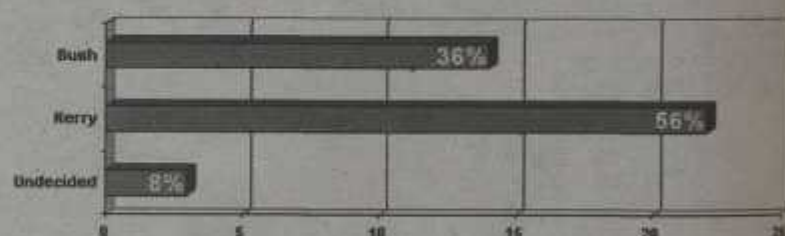
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Based on the latest round of presidential debates, who do you feel is in the lead?



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BEHIND THE VOTE

Voting before Election Day

Results of 30 states can vote before Election Day either by mail or in person without having to provide a reason for the early vote. Experts are mixed on what this could do for elections.

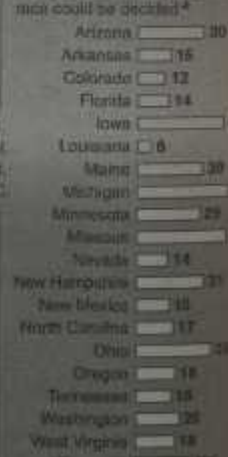
States' stand on early voting

■ No restrictions ■ Minimal requirements (long commute, over age 65, absent from country) ■ Traditional (rigorous, travel, disability, illness)



Expanding Election Day

Days voter can vote early in swing states, where presidential race could be decided.



IN CLOSING We hope that you have found the Decision 2004 special section to be informative and helpful as you made your selections for the 2004 General Election. Our goal has been to present an objective look at the issues, providing a clear look at the candidates and amendments that will appear on the ballot. We accomplish this by stripping away the dramatic and deceptive tactics used by partisan and special interest organizations. If you are now prepared to make informed, conscientious decisions, we have been successful. If you would like to comment on The Sandspur's election coverage, please send an e-mail message to editor@thesandspur.org. Vote on Tuesday, November 2, and we'll have the results next week!

Mark Bartschi
Mark Bartschi, Decision 2004 Editor

The Passion of the Students

■ Tuesday's major/minor fair helped students discover their academic interests.

by **Natalie Wyatt**
staff reporter

Majors and minors are certainly in the spotlight this week. As Rollins College moves toward the second semester of this school year, there are many decisions to be made. What classes do I NEED to take for my chosen, or prospective, major? How do the requirements fit into my real life schedule? And I'm sure there are many, many others.

The most important thing to remember when you're deciding on a major is that most college graduates work outside their chosen major or field of study. So, just make sure that you choose a field of great interest to you, maybe something

that you have a real passion to learn about.

Then there is the minor. Sometimes the minor can be just something of interest to you that didn't completely win your heart like the major. But usually minors go hand in hand with your skill of choice. i.e. International Business Major with Communications Minor, English Major with Writing (only offered as a minor), Studio Art Major with Art History Minor, etc.

If you went to the major/minor fair, then all the info to make your decision was at hand for you. In choosing your next semester classes, one of the best things to do is speak to your advisors, your parents, or your professors openly.

It may seem like a huge decision now, but as long as you choose something you like and stick with it, once you have the college degree in hand, you can do most anything you put your mind to.

Questions from the major/minor fair to help you make your decision:

1. "What introductory classes do you recommend I take if I am considering a major in your department?"

2. Is it possible to study abroad if I am considering a major/minor in your department?"

3. Are there any A MAJOR SUCCESS: Tuesday's major/minor fair attracted huge crowds with candy and info, must finish by the end of my sophomore year to be a major/minor in your department?"

4. What are the required courses for this major/minor?"

5. How does the coursework in the department relate to preparation for graduate work, research opportunities, and/or the job market?"

6. If I am considering graduate work in your field, what types of classes and/or background should I have?"

7. Are there any research opportunities available?"

8. Are there departmental/professional affiliations I should join if I choose this major?"

By Natalie Wyatt



photo / NATALIE WYATT

"Try-Umph" Over Your School-Work

■ There's a new, healthier energy tablet that you can drink...Read on!

by **Nancy Aguirre**
staff reporter

Want to "try-umph" over school work? This affordable coffee-alternative may be just the thing for you.

The new UMPH is an effervescent energy tablet that dissolves in any cold beverage, creating an instant energy drink in the flavor of your choice.

UMPH contains 100 mg of caffeine, the equivalent of a cup of coffee; Vitamin B6, which helps the body metabolize energy naturally; and Panax Ginseng, which has been used for centuries to fight fatigue and help users cope with stress. When you need to study all night long, the ingredients in UMPH can help you do so.

UMPH is also diet-friendly, containing just five

calories and one gram of carbs. There is no sugar, aspartame, or ephedra in it. When put in orange juice, lemonade, or Gatorade, this can be one of the healthiest caffeinated drinks. UMPH can caffeinate an uncaffeinated beverage, or turbo charge an already caffeinated one.

People who have tried it say that UMPH is virtually flavorless, but gives a strong burst of energy. But this is not a jittery, nervous energy; one user state, "It made me focus better."

It is a milder pump up than other energy drinks, but works well for studying, staying focused in class, and working. "When put into the drink, it went from clear to opaque, and was just a bit carbonated, but once dissolved you'll never know it's there."

UMPH makes drinks a little fizzier than they would normally be, but the overall taste is not changed. The great thing about UMPH is

that you will always know how it will affect you, no matter what beverage you choose.

One ingenious user decided to bite off a piece directly, just to see what would happen—BAD MOVE! He reported that it started fizzing and sizzling on his tongue like he had a nine volt strapped to it—not too pleasant.

UMPH has received very high ratings: a ten in taste, a ten in clarity, and an eight point five in buzz factor.

Aside from being a great supplement, UMPH is very affordable as well. It is sold in twenty and forty-eight count packages, for less than fifty cents per tablet. The little pills come in packets similar in size to Alka Seltzer pills, so you can bring them wherever you want. UMPH is perfect for the on the go college student. It is available online at <http://www.try-umph.com>, as well as in a growing number of locations nationwide.

A College Guide To Halloween

■ Too old to trick or treat? Try these alternatives.

by **Karina Mc Cabe**
features editor

Watch Scary Movies

1. Silence of the lambs
2. Psycho
3. The Ring
4. The Shining
5. The Birds
6. Dracula
7. The Sixth Sense
8. The Skulls
9. The Adams Family
10. Hocus Pocus
11. Ghostbusters
12. Blair Witch Project
13. Dawn of the Dead
14. The Faculty
15. The Exorcist
16. Carrie
17. Practical Magic
18. Contact
19. Frankenstein
20. Beetlejuice
21. Nightmare on Elm Street
22. House on Haunted Hill

Watch Television

The History Channel is having a "History of Halloween" special this weekend:

1. The Haunted History of Halloween - Sunday, October 31 at 7pm.
2. Witch Hunt - Sunday,

October 31 at 8pm.

Go To The Theatre

The Rocky Horror Picture Show is playing at Theatre Downtown (2113 N Orange Ave) and in City Walk.

Play Divination Games

Learn how to predict the future with tarot cards or have your palms read!

Carve a Pumpkin

Go to www.pumpkin-carving.com for some great tips!

Tell Ghost Stories

Go to www.halloweenghoststories.com for some ideas!

How Others Celebrate

Ireland

"Oidhche Shamhna"

1. Huge bonfires are lit in every neighborhood, and many compete to have the largest bonfire. This is in commemoration of the bonfires that Druids lit on the Hill of Tara about 2,000 years ago.
2. Fireworks: These are usually lit when people are gathered around the bonfires.
3. "Trick-or-Treat:" Children dress up in costumes and knock on doors requesting treats.
4. "Snap-Apple:" A party

game that occurs after trick-or-treating and bonfire celebrations are over. Here, children attempt to bite an apple on a string that is suspended from a doorframe.

5. "Knick-Knacks:" Children run around and knock on doors, but they run away before anyone can answer them.
6. Eat Barnbrack: A kind of fruitcake that contains a ring inside of it. Whoever bites into the slice with a ring inside will soon be wed.
7. Carve scary faces into turnips and walk around

requesting a "penny for the pookah" (an Irish mythological boogeyman).

England

"Guy-Fawkes Day"

1. Their holiday is actually November 5, and it is in remembrance of the execution of a Catholic, Guy Fawkes, who attempted to blow up the British Parliament building (1605 AD) in order to try and remove the protestant King James Stuart from power.
2. Bonfires: known as "bone fires" where the bones symbolize those of the Pope.

ROOMMATES FROM HELL!

How (Not) To Lose A Roommate In Ten Days!

by **Mo Coffey**
asst features editor

Whether you're a freshman who was randomly assigned a roommate or a senior who is living with your best friend, chances are there have been times when you are ready to snap. Many late nights, loud songs, and lazy friends later, you realize you have the roommate from hell. You might be (or have been) good friends before living together, but cramped quarters brings out the worst in people.

You want to peacefully coexist with your roommate—who needs more unnecessary stress in his or her life? There are a few things you can do so you and your roommate don't end up in a slugfest.

REALIZE YOUR ROOMMATE IS NOT PERFECT, AND NEITHER ARE YOU.

It's a thousand times easier and quicker to pick out your roommate's faults than to appreciate their positive qualities. Think it's impossible to find positive qualities in your roommate because he or she is just too annoying? Try harder. In case you've ever doubted yourself, you too have annoying traits. What makes a successful roommate is someone who can go with the flow. If there is something about your roommate that you absolutely can't forgive, talk to your roommate about it. Don't be too threatening, and be willing to accept constructive criticism, too.

DON'T BE TOO EXTREME.

Writing an instant message or e-mail in all caps is ANNOYING. So is listening to the TV or radio at maximum volume, making loud noises in your room at all hours of the night, and critiquing someone incessantly. Chill out. No one wants you to change who you are, but when you're around others, realize that you can't just think of yourself. Your roommate will be a lot more willing to heed suggestions if you are willing to adapt. Realize that everything good comes in moderation.

KEEP PRIVATE MATTERS PRIVATE.

Unless you live with your best friend and he or

she has given you express written permission to share every detail of his or her personal life, keep your mouth shut. When you're living with someone, you tend to learn a lot about them. Especially after a hard day, your roommate might come home and share with you a few of his or her problems—you're there and you provide a sounding board. Try to make your roommate feel comfortable about what he or she does when with you, and you'll feel better, too. Make your room like Vegas. What happens in Vegas stays in Vegas. If you trust your roommate, not necessarily as a confidant, but at least enough to know your embarrassing moments won't be broadcast around campus you'll be a lot happier.

DON'T BAD MOUTH YOUR ROOMMATE BEHIND HIS/HER BACK.

Don't let disagreements with your roommate fester. If your roommate says something insensitive or does something to you that isn't cool, don't go around bitching about her and expect her not find out. Instead, think about what's really bothering you and sit him or her down for a chat. Maybe he or she didn't know there was a problem. Best case: he or she will be willing to work on the problem. Worst case: he or she doesn't care but at least knows how you feel.

It is possible, too, that your roommate is chill. Finding your home life a little too uneventful? In case you and roommate get along too well, there are hundreds of websites dedicated to making you the roommate from hell. Among the suggestions from students at Emory University, you can talk while pretending to sleep, play radio static, or send your roommate secret admirer e-mails.

Regardless of how hard you try, it is not always possible to tough it out with your roommate. If you live on campus and need to switch roommates, talk to your RA. The ResLife office will find you another roommate. Vacancies can be located on the Residential Life website at Rollins.edu.

ROLLINS ROOMMATES

I had a roommate from hell my freshman year. We had talked and e-mailed the summer before and we got along great. Everything changed when we came to school. She turned a complete 180 degrees. She would sleep all the time, so I always had to be quiet. Her boyfriend would come over often and they would lock me out of my room. Then, they would complain if I woke them up by coming in the room. In the mornings, I wasn't allowed to turn the light on if I had class before my roommate. I couldn't even speak to my friends or family in another language because my roommate thought I was talking about her. She pretty much had our room divided down the middle and I couldn't step on her side of the room, but it's funny that she could step on mine. She complained to the RA about everything I did and she even misplaced some of my CDs and blamed me for it. Luckily, she moved out after three weeks, but only after telling everyone on our floor that I was a horrible roommate and saying that the reason she moved out was because I was too childish.



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I had a roommate from Hell. First of all, we were complete opposites. I am the outgoing, girly type. She was into the arts, very Christian, and kept to herself. Nobody could understand how we were paired together. So it started off fine; the only problem was that she was constantly on the phone with her friends from home. I don't even want to know what her phone bill looked like. But then, by 2nd semester last year, I noticed our room started to smell. It was because she had terrible hygiene and never did her laundry. I would hint at it all the time, but she didn't get the clue. So when she wasn't in the room, I had to open her closet and spray it with Lysol. I asked my RA for advice and she didn't know what to do. She had this long gross hair and I was constantly picking up hairballs from the floor. I was disgusted and ready to move out; I just never did it because I figured if I went this long, what is a few more months. Plus, I couldn't imagine carrying all my stuff to another room. I couldn't confront her amount her stinky laundry and our smelly room because we didn't really talk ever. We would seriously go months where I would sneeze and she would say bless you and that was the extent of our verbal communication. So that's my roommate from hell story; glad to be out of there...

My freshman year I got my roommate assignment and found out we were both from the same state. We met for coffee with our mothers and she seemed okay but definitely a little bit dumb. My mom had a VERY bad feeling about her, but I thought it would be okay.

We were pretty close at the beginning because we didn't know anyone else, but she got on my nerves because she would skip class and sleep all day. I could never turn the lights on, and she'd come back from being out all night and stumble around drunk.

One night she got VERY drunk and started screaming at me and telling me that she hated me and wanted me to die. She ended up taking a thumb tack and scratching my eyes out of a lot of the pictures I had hanging on my wall. I was pissed..... Then she stole all of my ADD medicine and some money. I couldn't prove it was her, but that's okay because she ended up becoming a drug addict and failing out of school.

I am a senior at Rollins. My freshman year I had the roommate from hell. She was on a sports team; no offense to all of the amazing girls who play sports, but she was one of those manly girls. Basically, if we got in a fight, she could sit on me and kill me. She was twice my size and all muscle! And even that is an understatement. She would never tell me that my friends called, and she was always leaving her dirty clothes around the room. The worst part was that she had a 32-year-old boyfriend who would come and spend the night in our dorm! EEEWWWWW! He was so creepy!!! Who in the hell dates a 32-year-old when they are a freshman in college and vice versa? Can we have a moment for the age difference?!?!?! So one night I came home and they were naked in her bed!!!! I grabbed my clothes, books, and my pillow and spent the next few days in Ward with one of my good girl friends. After that incident I was livid, and I kicked her out of our room.

Umm let's see... yeah my current roommate, she cleans her brush and throws her huge hairballs on the floor, her boyfriend practically lives in our room, and she turns off my stereo while i'm listening to it and puts on the crappiest tv shows ever. oh yeah, and she complains at me for pretty much everything i do.

First semester freshman year. I shared a triple with two girls, one from NY, one from KY. The one from NY had a fondness for ecstasy, but the one from KY took the cake. One evening, while very drunk, she took a boy back to our room and proceeded to drunkenly seduce him. How, you ask? By telling him in a loud whisper what a very weird roommate I was. This might not have bothered me, except I was lying in the bunk right below her. She then quickly told her friend that he would have to remove his pants. Cue jeans flying to the ground, and my panicked thought of: Oh, no, they are NOT...but yes, they were. Apparently, talking about how bizarre I am turned these two on so much they decided to have sex right there, above my head. Several times. I was so in shock that I didn't know what to do. I decided to move out, and did so the following week. Best decision I made that year. Strangely, neither of those roommates made it to sophomore year.

Ask The Fox!

Do you have questions for The Fox? If so, then e-mail them to fox@thesandspur.org (and don't worry, your identity will be anonymous).

Dear Fox

My girlfriend and I have been together for five months now. Now that I've found someone whom I am connected to on an emotional level, I worry that things may not be what they seem. There were fidelity issues in the beginning on both sides, but I thought we had squared them away. I just can't shake the suspicion that she is still up to her old tricks. How can I tell if she's still cheating on me or doesn't share the same feelings I do? And what should I do?

COMMITMENT CONFOUNDED

Dear Confounded,

Though you feel you are now connected on an emotional level, the first thing to do is evaluate that level. There are many differing degrees of connections, and being in love is different from loving someone, and you can care for her a lot while at the same time this type of relationship may not be the correct one for you two. If you decide that the relationship as boyfriend and girlfriend is not appropriate to your feelings, you need to sit her down and talk to her about that. You shouldn't be together if that's the case. If you do, however, feel that you two are boyfriend and girlfriend as you should be, please proceed to the next paragraph.

Trust is a difficult thing to merely have. When you have it, you'll know it; you won't question anything because you know they'll come to you and tell you things. Something many people may disagree with though I shall still profess as a rule of thumb is, "Once a cheater, always a cheater." I don't mean to be harsh to you or her, but changing those ways takes a significant amount of time, training, and pain. Particularly because you two have cheated on each other in the past, I wouldn't put it past either of you to do it again, and you shouldn't think that she wouldn't do it a second time either.

Another problem to note is this concern for her actions behind your back. If you are already thinking that she is cheating on you, it may either be your subconscious

trying to give you a reason to break up with her. At the same time, if you fear she is cheating or has the capacity to do so, there isn't a comfortable level of trust between the two of you. Do you have a person in mind that she may be cheating with? Or are there reasons that you may think she is cheating on you? Evaluate those concerns first; if you realize you're simply making up fears in your head, just relax and start trusting her.

In the end, you must (and I cannot stress this enough) talk to her about it all. Sit her down (over dinner, one evening at a park, etc.) and talk with her about it. Make sure you two aren't likely to be disturbed by friends or other distracting situations (don't go into the pod in your dorm to talk to her about it) so that you may clearly talk things out. Explain to her your attachment and emotional connection with her, and ask her how she feels. Then express your concern of the potential infidelity (do not approach her in an attacking manner here; rather, explain to her why you think she may be acting disloyal and tell her you just want to make sure you are on the same page). I hate to say that I see a lot of relationship in which each person has a different understanding of the relationship.

If after the talk you still feel she is lying to you or still fear her cheating on you, you two are not meant to be together. Take a break and see how things go while you two can date other people; if things seem better that way, that's because they are.

Dear Fox,

My girlfriend and I have been together for a few years now and since I've moved here to Rollins and she is still in high school she seems to always have trouble trusting me.

Is there anyway I could gain back some trust so that she'll be more at ease since I know we are truly in love and that one day I'll be popping the question to her.

I just want her to trust me and not to worry about me cheating on her when I won't and yes, my past relationships play a big role in

the whole trust issue. What can I do?

TRUST BUSTER

Dear Buster,

First of all, what happened in the past cannot be changed so there is no sense in dwelling on those actions. While it sucks what you did, all you can do about that now is learn from your mistakes and focus on making things better. In light of that, I would first examine why you believe your girlfriend is having such an issue trusting you now. Have you exhibited more behavior that would give her these doubts?

I feel the only way to reassure her that you are not going to cheat on her, that you love her, and that she has no reason not to trust you is to tell her exactly what you told me. Honesty is always the best way to go, and if you keep reiterating to her your commitment it will make her much more reassured. Also, make sure you tell her all of this without her having to ask for it or bring up her doubts—having you do it on your own will mean so much more to her and she will know that you are consciously thinking of it and trying.



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Lastly, see if both of you can devise some sort of plan for maybe calling each other at a certain time or checking in at times she feels most insecure. If you give her the opportunity to set up some of the guidelines for things she will feel more in control of the situation, which will make her happier and more secure. Good luck with it and be happy you found someone you love so much!

Advice From The Faculty

"Snoring," a topic that popped up in your October 22 column, can signal a sleep or breathing disorder.

Anyone with serious snoring or breathing problems during sleep probably should check in with a physician.

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THE HOT SPOT PICCADILLY'S CAFETERIA

All you can eat seafood buffets, acres of starchy fried goodness, and an eclectic assortment of regular smiling patrons make Orlando's Piccadilly Cafeteria a hot spot



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for any famished member of Rollins' academia. Located at 1840 E. Colonial Drive (just blocks from Fashion Square Mall), Piccadilly is part of a chain of family friendly dining establishments offering low-priced meals and a wide variety of dishes in a high school cafeteria style format.

Upon entering the facility, you descend through a long hallway of poster sized images of mouthwatering butterfly shrimp, engorged portions of homestyle meatloaf, and decadent slices of fresh, savory pies, until you reach the brilliantly colored light at the end of the tunnel known as "The Food Line!"

Whether you are suffering from post mid-term stress anxiety, or soaring after that latest Tar sports victory, once you arrive at the



photo / BRIAN HERNANDEZ

Piccadilly food line and see the myriad of colorful dishes waiting impatiently to melt in your mouth, all of your thoughts will pan towards the eventuality that lay mere inches from your grasp; "What do I eat first."

From a dozen varieties of salads and vegetables, to delicious entrées that run the gamut from roast beef to turkey and dressing, the assortment of options will leave



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any finicky eater pondering the challenge of choosing just one. But don't forget the madness that is the dessert section: chocolate chip pecan pie, strawberry cheese cake and, apple

dumplings merely get the list started. Matching your diabetic desires with their large selection of sugary delights should be a challenge in and of itself.

Best of all, however, are the friendly faces of the attentive staff that cater to all of your food inhaling needs; you're really made to feel welcome in this brilliantly illuminated feeding trough downtown. With meal specials starting at \$5.99, how can you go wrong at the P-illy? But don't take my word for it, head on down and start your own downward spiral towards food ecstasy - Oh, and tell them your pal Brian sent you!

BY BRIAN HERNANDEZ



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You Never Forget The First

■ It's the dawning of a new tradition, as we prepare for the first annual Homecoming.

by **Pascale Proctor**

staff reporter

This 2004-2005 academic school year marks the birth of Rollins' new tradition: Homecoming. The events of this new tradition have been arranged by the Rollins College Council of Leaders and its president, Yadhira Galdon. The Office of Student Involvement and Leadership, the Alumni Association, and the Athletics Department have also played a large part in planning the events.

The festivities for the week's events were designed to invite all Tars, faculty, students and alumni alike, to show their school spirit. October 25, 2004 marked the commencement of Homecoming week with Pajama attire and a "Kick-Off" Reception at the Alumni House. On Tuesday, October 26, Rollins students

sported their Super Hero gear and the polls opened for the Homecoming Court. Tuesday evening featured the "Banner Creation Contest" on Mills Lawn. These banners were created by different clubs and groups and will be on display tomorrow for "Halloween Howl". Wednesday featured the Senate's judging of Park Avenue Storefront Decorations, and the talent show where students competed for the honor of opening for Gavin DeGraw's concert on November 9. Thursday was the day of Rollins' Wet n' Wild Water Sports Showcase at Lake Virginia which featured a variety of contests and competitions on the water as well as Decade day.

Today is Rollins' spirit day, so be sure to get out your blue and gold to support the Tars. The Rollins cheerleaders are also hosting Class Competitions today which will feature the Egg Race, Dizzy Bat Obstacle Course, Giant Twister, and, of course, Dodge Ball. Tomorrow is Halloween

Howl and the Rollins campus will be visited by children from the community. The residence halls, fraternities, sororities, and special living communities will be hosting Scary and Not-So-Scary Haunted Houses, with being held from 12-3 p.m.

This weekend there will be a host of sports events, so be sure to show your school spirit. Tonight the Volleyball team plays Barry at 7:00 p.m. Tomorrow catch the Men's Soccer Team match up against Saint Leo at 2:00 p.m., the Volleyball team against Lynn 4:00 p.m. and the Women's Soccer Team at 7:00 p.m. against Saint Leo.

Look forward to The All Campus BBQ at the Alumni House on Halloween, Sunday, October 31, as well as the Class Spirit Competition. Rollins Homecoming 2004 has been a success so far, but the event requires support from the entire Rollins community. If you haven't participated yet, get out there and support the Tars on the field and on the court this weekend.

Weekly Horoscopes

by **Linda C. Black**

knight-ridder tribune

Aries (March 21-April 19)

Today is a 7

Sometimes you learn from a wise teacher, who carefully walks you through all the steps you must take to discover the answer. This time, it's from someone's mistake. Pay attention; don't follow too closely.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Today is a 6

Quick action's required to provide what's needed and to make the extra bonus bucks. It's not luck you're using to get what you want; it's imagination and hard work.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)

Today is an 8

Go ahead and express yourself; set inhibitions aside. When you're with loved ones and completely disguised, nobody will know it's you. But you better do something they like. They could figure it out.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)

Today is a 7

Make a change at home that you've been thinking about for a while. With a loved one's help, you'll be able to take action.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Today is a 7

It's wise not to go around telling everybody everything. There are some who will do that with little or no provocation. You can listen, but don't join in.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Today is a 7

Are you doing the job you love and getting paid what you're worth? If not, it's a great time to put in the correction. Every little bit counts.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Today is an 8

Don't go over budget, but do give yourself and a loved one permission to try something you've always wanted to do. Be bold. There's no time like the present.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Today is a 6

On your shopping spree, take care to find the best deals you can. Use coupons and whatever else you find, and seriously stretch your money. You're great at this!

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Today is a 7

You and your friends like to explore hidden meanings and possible outcomes. This is a good thing because it helps you to become wise so you can advise all the others.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Today is a 7

Continue to offer your wisdom, advice and assistance where it's needed. The recipients often show that they've learned by their actions more than their words.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Today is a 7

Love is in the air and all around you. You don't even need to say a word; you both feel it. Don't even try to overanalyze this situation. It's time to take action.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Today is a 7

You could spot the perfect thing that you've been looking for, on sale. Be sensible about it, but do go to where the bargains are hiding. Get top quality without paying top dollar. Skill is required.

I (Sort of) Heart Huckabees

■ With obscene graphics and few funny moments, you are sure to not heart this one.

by **Selena Moshell**

staff reporter

Existentialism. Does not sound so funny, does it? It sounds more like a book for your philosophy class than the premise of a movie. Yet in the new intellectual comedy "I [heart] Huckabees," existentialism is the main focus. While it is often bogged down in pedantic philosophic jargon, the movie is still somewhat funny on higher intellectual levels of comedy. (Read: There are no puppets blowing things up. Sorry.)

The film is directed by David O. Russell (*Anchorman*) and features an all star cast: Jude Law (*Artificial Intelligence: AI*), Naomi Watts (*The Ring*), Mark Wahlberg (*Boogie Nights*), Dustin Hoffman (*Rain Man*), Lily Tomlin (*Orange County*), and Jason Schwartzman (*Rushmore*). Albert Markovski (Schwartzman), an environmentalist, is the director of the Open Space Coalition, an organization dedicated to preserving the environment's open spaces. The Coalition is protesting the destruction of marshland by Huckabees ('The Everything Store', a la Walmart), and only manages to save a single large rock. This is not surprising considering the Open Spaces protest technique: poetry, specifically, Albert's terrible poetry. (And planting trees in the Huckabees parking lot. "I'm making a statement for open spaces," Albert explained.)

Brad Stand [Law], a swarmy sales representative, sees the restoration of the marsh as a marketing opportunity for Huckabees, and approaches Albert with a proposition to work alongside the corporation. While the coalition sees the corporate sponsorship as a positive alternative to appalling poetry, Albert is disgruntled. Through a series of seemingly connected coincidences, Albert finds the existential detectives, the Jaffeys [Hoffman, Tomlin]. He engages them to work thorough his existential crisis and, more specifically, to solve the series of coincidences and to understand their significance in his life.



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HUCKABEES: This existentialist comedy may overthink its humor a bit too much.

The methods the Jaffeys employ are quirky and invasive, providing many bright spots of pure comedy. They follow his every move, and introduce him to the basics of existentialism, "Everything is the same, even if it's different." Eventually their idiosyncratic spying spreads to every facet of Albert's life, inevitably creating chaos and mayhem everywhere Albert goes.

The movie begins to pick up when The Jaffeys introduce Albert to his 'Other,' Tommy Corn. Wahlberg gives a hilarious performance of a neurotic firefighter who has issues with petroleum and the political repercussions of the oil industry. Albert and Tommy also find the Jaffeys arch nemesis, radical French philosopher Catherine Vauban, who leads them to the 'dark side' of philosophy which subscribes to the ideas of inevitable human suffering. These two bumbling would-be philosophers gain and lose everything, helping each other through their existential journeys to find the ultimate truth:

"Everything is connected and everything matters."

While the movie was satisfying on an intellectual level, it is disappointing on a slapstick level. There was still some humor to be found, especially in scenes with Wahlberg as the hot-headed Tommy, who refuses to ride the truck to fires because it uses gas, and Tomlin as Vivian Jaffey, who employs hilarious snooping techniques to understand her client's lives. One would expect more explicit comedy from the director of *Anchorman*. On the other hand, one would not expect the explicit nature of a few scenes, such as a graphic sex scene between Albert and Catherine, or a disgusting cut to Albert nursing on Brad's hairy chest. To a fault, the preview only highlights the funniest parts and leads one to believe that it is a simple screwball comedy when it is more intellectual. What the movie lacks in physical humor is more than compensated by this an interesting interpretation of existentialism in everyday life, and is a very enjoyable serving of Philosophy 101.

Need a Place to Party?

by **Lara Bueso**

entertainment editor

Interested in going to a free Halloween party on Sunday? If you are a usual visitor to Church Street and decide that the overcrowded streets are not for you, check out Reilly's Outdoor Music Lot at 5681 Vineland Rd.

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Celebrity Yearbook

by Jess and Lara

Match these celebrities with their high school yearbook pictures. Check your answers below!



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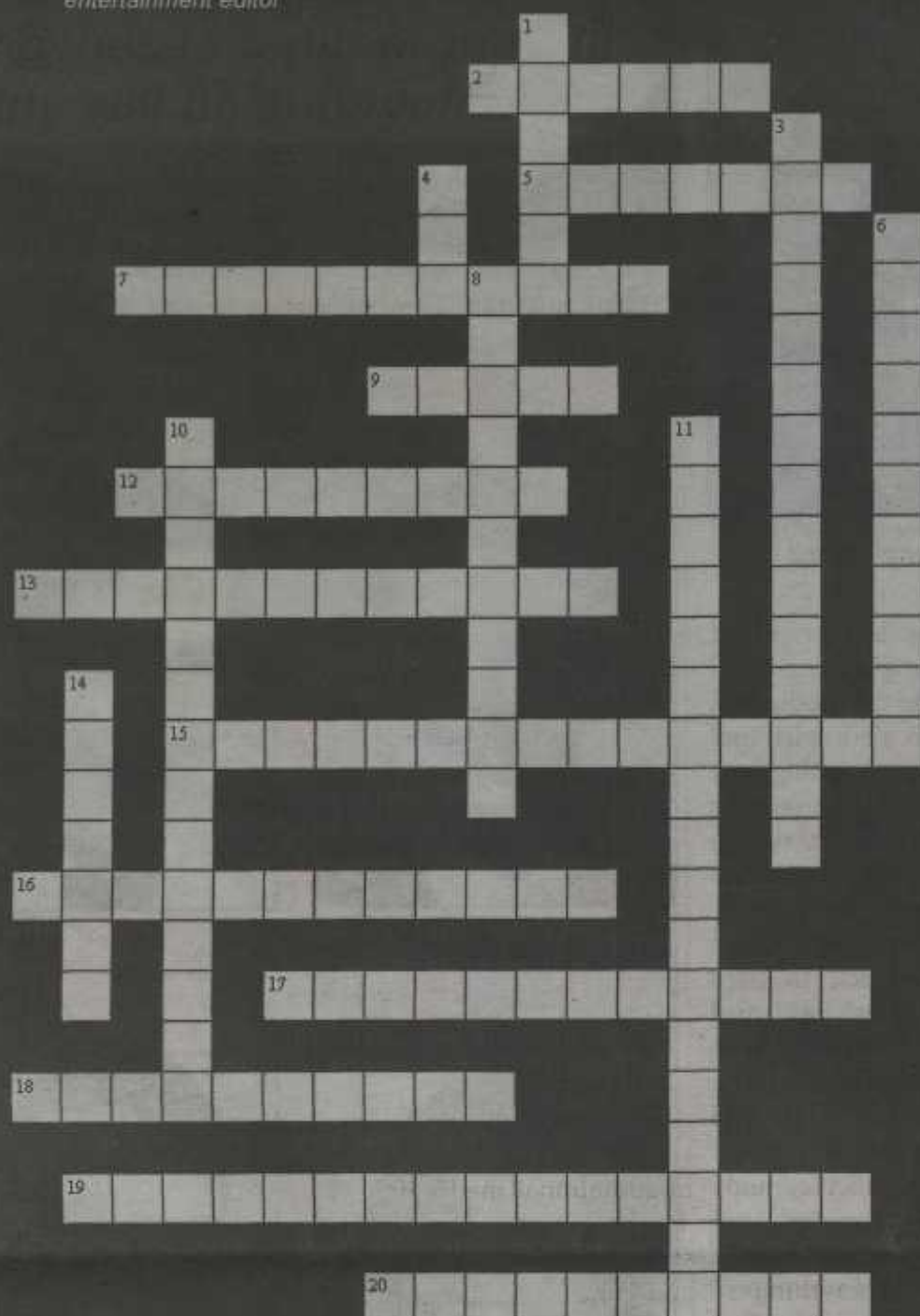


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Famous Couples

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2. Nomar
5. Desdemona
7. Will Smith
9. Juliet
12. Lucille Ball
13. Halle Barry's first marriage
15. Anna Kournikova
16. Annette Bening
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18. Julia Robert's first hubby
19. Billy Joel's first wife
20. Whitney Houston

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1. O.J.
3. Georgia O'Keeffe
4. Ben
6. Demi's children's father
8. Alec Baldwin
10. Britney Spears
11. Matthew Broderick
14. Politics Bill

Answer to Music Prayers

■ **Michael Tolcher:** up and coming Star to open for Gavin DeGraw.

by **Katie Pederson**

asst. sports editor

It is impressive in a world of pop rock blunders and overdone crooning cronies to find a singer-songwriter that not only writes and sings their own music, but actually sounds good doing it, too. If transcendence to another musical level is what we were looking for, then the passionate, lyrical alt-rock of Michael Tolcher has come to answer our prayers.

Tolcher's CD debut *I Am* is comprised of light and airy vibes with rock, gospel, R&B, and blues roots indicative of his southern Georgia upbringing. Many of his songs are reminiscent of early John Mayer and Dave Matthews, complimented with Tolcher's distinctive and sultry voice. Interesting to note is that though Tolcher's music is a little bit

of everything except hip-hop, his early encouragement and drive to become a musician were the result of a relationship with Tupac Shakur's father.

But unlike many of his young rock peers, Tolcher hits on a deeper level of social consciousness, addressing cultural issues of diversity, drugs, and teen pregnancy in such catchy tracks as "Sooner or Later" and "Mission Responsible." But this guy is not all sap, preaching, and love songs. Listeners can also see his funky, fresh, and seductive side on more upbeat numbers such as "No One Above" and "Taxi Ride Kinda Night." Michael Tolcher's passion and reflection shine through in *I Am*, making him one of most inspiring indie rockers to come along in a long while. With the impressive production credits on his debut album, it's no wonder that Tolcher has hit the scene with such an amazing work of musical genius.

Tolcher has also recently made headlines on the national television scene

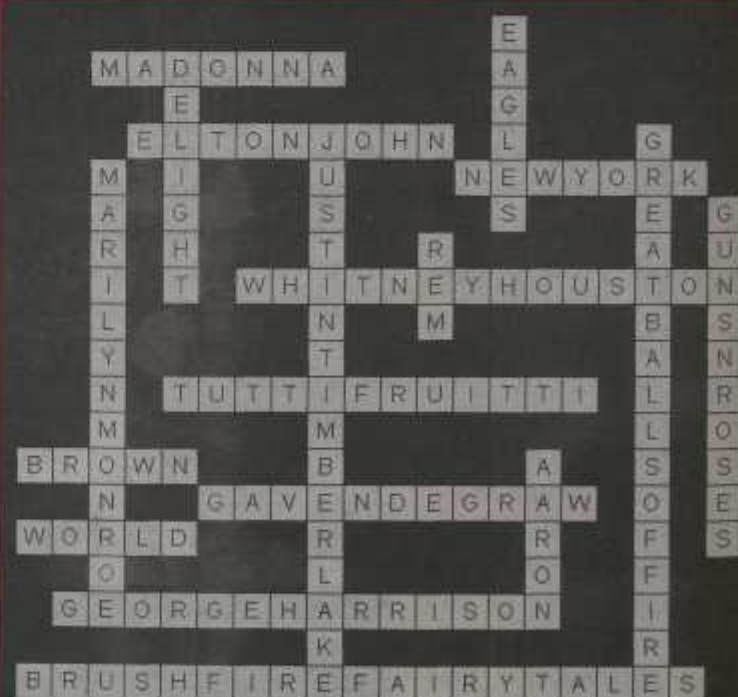


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CATCH A GLIMPSE: Tolcher rocks out to deeper social issues.

when his single "Sooner or Later" was chosen as the theme song for the ABC teen drama *Life as We Know It*, starring Kelly Osbourne among others. Newfound fame hasn't kept the hard-working Tolcher from reaching his fans as the past few months, aside from talk show and series stints on shows like NBC's *American Dreams*, have been mostly comprised of tour dates with

Last Week's Answers



Sister Hazel and Gavin DeGraw.

But get this, Rollins--and here's where you really need to pay attention--inside sources say that Tolcher, as part of a contract deal with Gavin DeGraw, will be opening for the proclaimed star of the November 9 show at our very own Alford Sports Center. So, as Michael Tolcher so aptly puts it in his amazing first track "Mission Responsible," "be a part of the celebration/make the

plan or the cancellation/quick decisions/let's change our minds" -- in other words, make room in your schedules, quickly decide to buy those tickets, and get your alternative-rock-loving-behinds to next week's amazing concert to see what the up-and-coming fame and inspirational power of Michael Tolcher is all about. Plus if you buy tickets beforehand it is only \$10, so get out there!

Rollins Musician Turns Local Celebrity

■ Student Conrad Winslow and his band Dodger, rock out at local concert hot spots.

by **Lara and Jess**

entertainment editors

No need to travel far to encounter stellar talent and some awesome band members. We have a local superstar right here on campus, Conrad Winslow. Conrad along with three UCF students make up the indie rock group Dodger. Conrad on keyboard, Matt Kamm the lead vocalist and guitarist, Phil McCombs the bassist and Miguel Miranda the drummer compose the creative quartet.

The band originally began as The Fortunate Few way back during their middle school days, and later changed their name to Dodger. You can catch the

band performing at local hot spots such as Back Booth and The Social, drawing large crowds of devoted fans they have accumulated. They have become local celebrities and the envy of many start-up groups. Dodger even received the honor of creating the theme song for Dave Plotkin's 110 hour radio marathon on WPRK.

Conrad, a music major with a concentration on composition, piano, and voice is enrolled in the Honors program. He and lead vocalist/guitarist Matt Kamm write the lyrics and compose all original pieces. These aren't your average "let me rub your booty" pop songs, but instead an amalgamation of political, social, and cultural commentaries. "We love pop culture, commercialism, and capitalism," Conrad joked. His personal favorite song is, *The Waltz*, a

new song that uses excerpts from Tchaikovsky.

Check out their hot photos at Dodgerandfriends.com, but calm down ladies, while the rest of the band is taken, Conrad is a bachelor and "on the prowl". You can visit their site to download the majority of their songs also.

They boast fun, whimsical music that encourages listeners to just dance. To achieve this, the band practices two times a week near UCF.

We recently attended their latest performance at Ballard and Corrum, a small local bar and bakery off Park Avenue. Opening for Dodger was Band Marino, another indie rock group that displayed obvious admiration for them, encouraging everyone to stay after for the best performance.

Dodger is currently recording music with the



DON'T DODGE THIS GROUP: Our local superstar Conrad Winslow is on the left wearing the shades.

hopes of releasing an album some time next year. It is important to the band to get out there and tour, but Conrad is focused on finishing school first.

Don't miss their next performance on October 29, at Hullabaloo Records on the corner of University and

Colonial near UCF. Everyone is encouraged to wear costumes. All non-costume wearers are forced to adore a white trash bag labeled "white trash".

Not in the mood to dress up? Catch their next performance at Back Booth on November 13.

Ashlee is Back in the Shadows!

■ Listen...Did you hear that? It was the sound of Ashlee Simpson's career ending.

by **Selena Moshell**

staff reporter

Love her or hate her, no one can deny Ashlee Simpson's cover was blown while she was "performing" on last week's Saturday Night Live, or "Not-So-Live," as it was so aptly put by Katie Couric. An indication of trouble came during the first moments of her first song, "Pieces of Me," when a strange echo could be heard as she sang— an echo not unlike a voice singing over a pre-recorded track.

The reason for the mysterious echo became apparent during her second song when, as the microphone hung uselessly by her side, the first words from "Pieces of Me" rang out. The stunned Ashlee quickly raised the microphone to her lips, but it was too late, the damage was already done. The band gallantly tried to save the situation to no avail. Then, in a most bizarre twist, Ashlee began to awkwardly hop around like a reject from the musical "Oklahoma!" As the band played on, she danced a few more steps of her jig, and slinked off stage, breaking the cardinal rule of show business. ("The Show Must Go On!") To add insult to embarrassment, Ashlee

appeared after the commercial break with host Jude Law and proceeded to blame the band.

Within an hour of air-time, videos began popping up on the internet, bulletin boards began overflowing with posts, and her site was japed with traffic. One site even edited the entire fiasco together into one video montage. The next night, Ashlee sang at the Radio City Music Hall Awards where host Carson Daly joked she was singing "live. Yes, live." She also joked with the audience by stopping before her song, and then turning around with a grin and yelled "Just kidding guys!"

Finally Tuesday morning, she appeared on the Today show with Katie Couric to address "the incident." She shifted the blame from the band to her "severe acid reflux," and claimed that rehearsals were going "very well during the week," but at six o'clock Saturday night her acid reflux was so bad she couldn't talk. She furthered the blame-shift by asserting that her father strongly encouraged her to use the back up track, Ashlee asserted: "I've never had to sing to a backing track, which most artists, by the way, DO. Big artists on big shows," as if it was a justification for her actions. When Katie Couric addressed her blaming her band, she further acknowledged the fault of the drummer: "My drum-

mer, who I love and adore accidentally pushed the wrong button." Also, she pushed the blame away from herself as much as she could: "It was something I honestly couldn't control."

Excuses of heartburn and blame-shifting onto her band isn't doing wonders for her image, but how much worse can her image get when she's the little sister of a national icon and airhead who can't decide whether "Chicken of the Sea" is tuna or chicken. Also, her immature decision to leave the stage showcased her unprofessional character. There were many ways and opportunities for her to save the situation, of which she did not take advantage. Her youth and lack of experience

were to blame in the debacle, which wouldn't have been a huge national media item if she had merely stayed on stage, made a joke about it, and gone on with the show.

Some have attempted to defend Ashlee by asserting that everyone lip syncs, but that argument only brought more ridicule to the would-be pop-rock princess when a quote from an interview with Ashlee in Lucky Magazine surfaced. "Lucky Magazine: What are your takes on lip-synching? Ashlee Simpson: I'm totally against it and offended by it. I'm going out to let my real talent show, not to just stand there and dance around. Personally, I'd never lip-synch. It's just not me." Not only did she "stand there

and dance around," she managed to insult herself, her band, and her fans, not to mention our collective intelligence by exemplifying such a hypocritical position. In a world of Britney's and Avril's, Ashlee was doomed from the beginning, and her shining bellyflop into the national spotlight might just speed up her inevitable obsolescence. In a music industry that promotes people who regularly overproduce, pitch shift and lip sync as legitimate musicians, the only real question is why this incident was a surprise to anyone at all.

Answers to Celebrity Yearbook:

1. Jack Nicholson, 2. Oprah Winfrey, 3. Michael Douglas, 4. David Letterman, 5. Martin Sheen, 6. Harrison Ford, 7. Madonna, 8. Billy Bob Thornton



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Third Parties Are Here to Stay

■ America is been dominated by a two party system, but is that for the best?

by **Jennyfer Rahill**
staff reporter

Something is wrong when Americans know every syllable President George Bush and Senator John Kerry say or miss-say, but we do not even know the names of third-party representatives in this election.

On November 2, you might be surprised to see eight presidential candidates on the Florida Ballot. They are campaigning around the country promoting their platforms and reaching out beyond the voters registered to their party. However, it is strange the news media has chosen to cover little or none of these candidates and their parties.

The networks might not want to cover third parties because they could "take away" from Democratic or Republican votes, thus seeming bias. However it is bias to only show Americans the large, rich and powerful parties involved in this elec-

tion. One might also argue that Americans are not interested in third parties, thus suggesting that every American can neatly fit into two political categories. After all, those are our only options if we wish to cast a vote that "counts," and the media consistently reinforces the tradition of voters being pigeonholed into one of two categories.

I cannot tell you how many times I've heard someone say, "I don't like either one of them!" The media and the two campaigns call these "swing voters." Let's be honest! They are not swinging from one large party to the other; they simply do not like or do not fit into either party's agenda. A somewhat optimistic ideology would suggest that parties represent people on a myriad of issues and politicians are elected based on substance. However, in a two party system voters must align with a party based on what they consider to be the most important issue. We are suffocated with "hot topics" in which we are encouraged to take sides. If third parties were allowed a voice, more Americans would know that the Democrats are not the

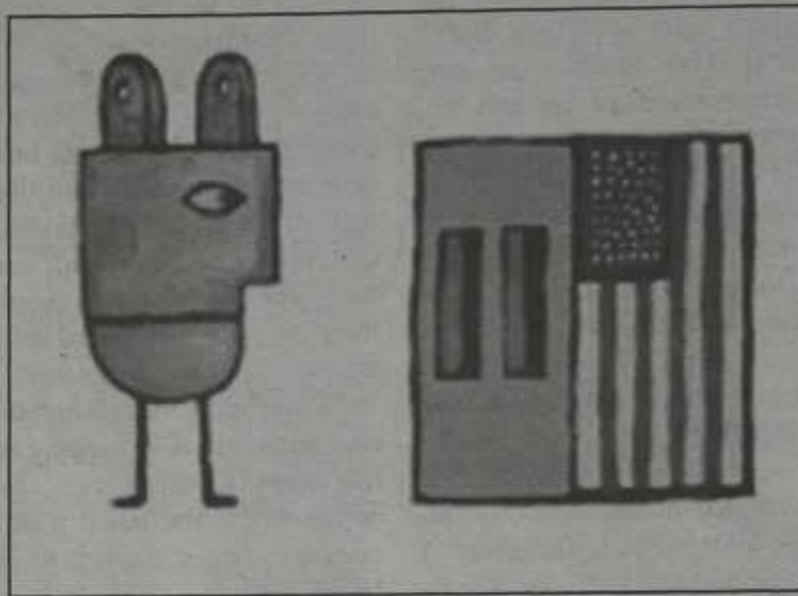


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Only Room for Two?

only party opposing the war in Iraq. They would also know that the Republicans are not the only party promoting conservative economic policies. A two party system narrowly defines Americans and some voters are forced to pick the presidential candidate that they hate less.

A presidential debate is essentially candidates in the same place, under the same conditions to represent themselves. Some even call it an interview and in the past it has been known to change the course of the election. Television reaches the largest number of voters but unless you have as much

money as Ross Perot, you cannot afford this media coverage. He spent \$64 million of his own money and was the first and only third party candidate invited to a televised Presidential debate.

Third Party leaders are hardly sitting by and watching the debate. Two presidential candidates, Michael Badnarik of the Libertarian Party, and David Cobb of the Green Party, were arrested and taken to jail in St. Louis while protesting the Commission of Presidential Debates (CPD) denial of their admission to the debate. Badnarik claims, "The CPD, as a non-profit

organization, has received special treatment from government on the requirement that they be non-partisan in their activities." The Libertarian Party commenced legal action against the commission on the basis that "bi-partisan is not the same as non-partisan," which can be found on their website, libertarianparty.org. Ralph Nader and the Reform Party proposed a petition to allow him to participate in the debate arguing that he is on the ballot in enough states to win the election; therefore, he is a valid contestant — as stated on his website, reformparty.org. Badnarik is on forty eight ballots, the Constitution Party's Michael Peroutka is on the ballot in thirty eight states, Independent Ralph Nader is on thirty five, and Green Party candidate David Cobb in twenty eight.

Third party representatives not being in the debates prove that the two party system does not represent the American people. Allowing the rich and powerful parties with the news media to decide what most Americans think is not democratic in my estimation.

Focus for the Next Election

■ As this presidential election draws to a close, what should we look at next time?

by **Axelle Rayrolles**
staff reporter

The United States of America's diplomatic position has shifted during the last few years. This shift occurred due to a number of different reasons I will not discuss in this article, however I will concentrate on what should be the primary focus in the next presidential campaign. We, Americans, are about to elect or reelect a leader as our President over the next four years; therefore let's make it clear that the United States' diplomacy is primordial in the current world order.

The United States has been focusing neither on diplomacy, nor on special relations with other countries as of late. On the contrary, our leaders are more interested in fighting with the countries not supporting their efforts; especially

regarding the issues in the Middle East. Something not to forget is that the current issue of terrorism in our part of the world occurs there today as well, but can occur somewhere else tomorrow. When considering a "super-power" like the United States one cannot ignore its privileged relationships with many, if not almost all, the most influential countries of Europe and Asia.

To combat "evil" in Iraq and focus all of its energy there, the Bush administration set aside what solved and will solve many issues between economies of the world: *diplomacy*. Now, the United States looks like the "Evil power that does whatever it wants because it feels it can." Even being militarily, economically and politically powerful does not erase the fact that every country has some vulnerability and needs support from its allies in times of crisis.

Today, United States allies are scarce, and therefore it becomes weaker and weaker. In case of another instance of distress like what happened in September of

2001, even the strongest of the nations needs to be surrounded by, and feel the support of, other nations that can help with moral decisions, and with more resources if necessary. We have to realize that our nation made friends easily with strong entities in the past, but also lost them just as fast (if not faster) due to stubborn behavior and a feeling of "over empowerment."

Many nations have felt their words ignored or unheard by the U.S.A. over the last few years, and especially over the latest world issue: the war in Iraq.

Our next political campaign should definitely focus on reestablishing lost or stagnant relationships with countries of Europe which represent an undeniable force to count on our side. Those countries are the

powers of Western Europe like Germany, France, Spain, Italy, all those entities that have a significant influence on the world order. It is definitely in the U.S.A.'s best interests to rebuild strong affinities and alliances with a large number of those nations that altogether can have a larger political and economical influence than the United States alone.

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The Angry Liberal



by Robert Walker

political columnist

VOTE FOR KERRY

Why should you vote for John Kerry? Why the heck not! Seriously, it's time for a change and John Kerry offers a clear path to a better future for this country.

The last four years have seen record job loss across the country. John Kerry's plan will help bolster America's economy. Kerry will close the tax loophole that gives a tax credit to companies that ship jobs overseas. He will replace that with a tax initiative for companies that keep jobs in America. Additionally John Kerry, like Bill Clinton before him, is focused on returning the nation to fiscal responsibility. Some people shrug and say that a deficit doesn't matter. Try writing a check for a thousand dollars with a hundred dollars in the bank and then tell the bank deficit spending is okay. The truth is the money for deficit spending has to come from somewhere. If we don't start paying down the deficit future generations will be left with an enormous burden. That isn't fair, we have to fix this problem and John Kerry has a plan to fix it.

Every year more and more people are losing their healthcare. Those that still have it are forced to deal with insane and continually increasing premiums. This has to be stopped! John Kerry vows to offer the average American healthcare equal to that of a senator. If we could lower the price of medications we could lower the cost of healthcare, obviously. One of the easiest ways to do this is to allow the importation of drugs from Canada. This is something Senator Kerry has fought strongly for and will make a reality as president.

Additionally, Senator Kerry supports stem cell research. Many scientists believe stem cell research could lead to breakthroughs in curing AIDS, Cancers, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, and paralysis. We, as a nation, cannot afford to deny the possibilities of this science—too many people are dying.

For those worried about terrorism, Senator Kerry will follow the advice of the 911 Commission. He will secure our ports, which are currently an open target he has vowed to pursue Osama Bin Laden until he is dead or behind bars.

Senator Kerry realizes that Iraq was a mistake. We should not have invaded Iraq. To paraphrase what George H. W. Bush wrote, we didn't invade Iraq because we could not find a viable exit plan. John Kerry's stance is one that agrees with H.W. Bush; he knows we shouldn't have gone into Iraq. He also knows that, in light of what we've started there, we cannot just walk away. Senator Kerry intends to lower American involvement in Iraq by bringing in global support for the peace keeping and re-building effort. This will lessen the burden on American taxpayers and the number of American lives being lost to rebuild a nation.

Taxes loom large in this election. As John Kerry has repeatedly stated, he will not raise taxes on average Americans. The only increase Kerry proposes is a repeal of the tax cut for the wealthiest Americans. Kerry will put the tax burden on the backs of those who can carry it and help those who are suffering in a weak economy.

The choice is clear: John Kerry for a stronger America.

The "Right" Answer



by Jami Furo



political columnist

VOTE FOR BUSH

Lately, all I have heard is why not to vote for candidates. The barrage of campaign ads has tried to convince me that both of the presidential candidates are evil incarnate.

I don't buy it. George W. Bush is the candidate to vote for—and it doesn't take an anti-Kerry ad to convince me of that.

Bush shows strength. He shows conviction. He shows leadership. Leadership—a fine quality in a leader, if you ask me. President Bush makes a decision and stands by it. He does not make decisions based on popular opinions or how his numbers are in the polls. He makes decisions based on what he thinks is right for America.

For example, on September 11, 2001, the president was faced with a tragic and difficult situation. That part is obvious. The decisions made in those first few hours were crucial.

He stayed calm. He did not want to create further panic, so he stayed calm, showing strength and courage.

He acted quickly. He called all of the planes to the ground. The last thing that we wanted was for more planes to crash and more lives to be lost. Analysts suspect that the terrorists planned to hijack and crash around 20 planes. They hijacked a mere four. The deaths of the people in those crashes are terrible, no doubt, and I would certainly not try to diminish that tragedy or their memory. However, the numbers could have been far larger. As it stands, nearly 3000 people died that day—a shocking and horrible amount. But it could have been so much worse. It wasn't worse because President Bush took the correct actions.

After grounding all of the planes in the country, President Bush quickly moved troops into Afghanistan. We had to let them know that we meant

business. You don't mess with the U.S. The word was that the terrorists were planning attacks at later dates, and those plans were thwarted by American force. Thanks to the president—and, of course, to our courageous troops, whose service we appreciate immensely—those attacks did not occur. That is why strength is so important in a leader.

George W. Bush also demonstrates strong moral character. His stances on abortion, stem cell research, gay marriage, religion, and others could quite possibly lose him votes. That does not mean that he will stop believing them or even stop admitting that he believes them. He is who he is, and he believes what he believes. That does not change with poll numbers. It does not change with protesters. It does not change with campaign ads, media stories, or political rhetoric. It doesn't change with anything. I want a leader with that kind of conviction—one with strong moral values who doesn't change them to win my vote. A candidate that changes his values will lose my vote every time—even if he or she tells me sweet-sounding lies.

Leadership is about strength. You will never agree with everything that a leader does or says. A leader cannot please everyone. However, what that leader can do is make decisions that he or she feels are best for everyone. It takes guts to make those decisions based on what he or she thinks is right rather than what will get them the most votes.

George W. Bush exemplifies this type of strength. He knows where he stands, and so do you. I guess it comes down to one thing—do you want to elect a leader or a politician?

A Note to The Undecided

by Robert Walker

political columnist

Last night I was watching CNN when what to my eyes should appear but a pair of undecided voters. Where, you may ask, did CNN find such a rare breed of creature, well in Florida, go figure. As if we didn't already look like the kids on the national short bus, we have to have undecided voters on CNN.

Now maybe it's just me, but a week prior to the election is a little late in the game to making up your mind. Honestly people, unless you've been living in cave for the last couple months, there is no excuse for being undecided at this stage of the game. The issues of this election could not be clearer. The candidates could not be more drastically different. We've

had three debates and endless media coverage, if you're still wondering where these guys stand on the issues please talk a long walk off a short pier. Okay, that isn't nice, but people should really pay attention to what's going on in their country.

I hate to be mean, okay I don't, but seriously people, it is a sad state of affairs when Americans are

so withdrawn and unconcerned. We're supposed to spreading democracy, yet we don't value our own. I'm thrilled that we have millions of new voters this year, but voting isn't enough. If you're going into the voting uniformed and blindly choosing someone, you aren't helping the process. Please vote, but please vote as an informed citizen.

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In The End We All Lose

■ If elected...Can one of you eager Candidates please fix this situation?

by **Issac Stolzenbach**
opinions editor

After the nurse removed my IV, the hospital's finance representative greeted me and the true price of my motorcycle accident was revealed.

She asked me various questions about how I was going to pay for my emergency room visit in the middle of the night; I had no medical insurance, so this was obviously a large concern for a financial representative whose hospital had probably just spent twenty to thirty grand on their newest patient.

I explained that I had no medical insurance because I was a student, and I was on a motorcycle because I could not afford auto insurance and auto payments. I asked if I was eligible for Medicaid because I did not have medical insurance and I made very little money last year from a debilitating back-

children — I am not eligible for Medicaid. This is preposterous! When it comes to getting state assistance, it seems that if you are just another single person out there, then you do not exist.

Another example of how our current social system does not acknowledge the "singles population" is that you cannot get food stamps if you are single and have a car worth more than three thousand dollars. I found this out after being laid-off for not being able to do my job, from the back injury I had suffered in a car accident.

Because Florida is a "Right to Work" state, my employer had the right to fire me from a medical condition — no union to protect me — and without a job, no medical insurance to get better.

After slumming-it for about a year I finally collapsed and decided that I needed food bad enough to try and get assistance from the state. They told me that my car was worth too much; if I wanted assistance I had to sell my car. Would have loved to sell the car, problem



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HEALTH CARE HINDRANCES: Who are these supposed benefit programs really benefitting?

injury the year prior. The representative replied, "Do you have children?"

This is a salient example of why we all need to reexamine our current social system; someone who is single and was responsible with birth control in their younger years should be eligible for State medical assistance just like someone with a family is, but because I'm not married and do not have

is, the car is worth less than the pay-off (as one will usually find); thus, if I sold my car I would owe the bank \$7000. Holy antinomy!

The moral of the story goes like this, rule #1: do not get hurt. Rule #2: if you are single, either get married soon or stay living with your parents. Rule #3: the state will not recognize you if you need their help — that is, until next tax season.

The World's Interest in America's Election

■ Presidential elections in the U.S. aren't just for Americans anymore.

by **Olivia Mae Malloy**
contributing writer

On November 2, Americans throughout the United States will show up at polling stations to cast their vote for president of the United States in one of the most important elections the country has ever seen. The controversy surrounding both candidates is heated, leaving Americans confused and unsure as to whom would best suit their concerns and the country as a whole.

However, this leaves the rest of the world. Who is the best candidate to handle a foreign policy that will not leave America's name in the gutter, and who would citizens of other countries vote for? The American people have a vested interest in not responding to what is going on in their own society, are they actually willing to see how they fit into the world? Before heading out to vote perhaps U.S. citizens need to look at the election through a foreigner's eyes and realize that the American vote is not just a vote for the United States, it is a vote for the world.

The 2000 Presidential election proved to be a massive turning point in American politics, with hanging chads, re-votes, the involvement of the Supreme Court, and the subsequent election of George W. Bush as the forty third President. After September 11, when Bush rallied Americans together in an attempt to heal the country, even Democrats could stomach him. However, shortly after declaring his "war on terror" it was clear that Bush's aspirations for the country were on a somewhat different agenda. Whatever international pro-American sentiment foreign countries harbored for the U.S. following 9/11 has been squandered. Europeans believe that Bush lied to his own people and to the international community, and he

did it because he has become a "tyrant."

Newspaper articles sporting headlines like, "Poll reveals world anger at Bush," or "The world backs Kerry" flood the streets. One of London's most noteworthy papers, *The Guardian*, reported on a series of articles gathered from eleven countries worldwide in which anti-Bush sentiment became the focal point. These eleven countries — France, Britain, Australia, Russia, Germany, Israel, Japan, Mexico, Spain, Canada, and Korea — submitted to polls and reported their findings to *The Guardian*, from which only two — Israel and Russia — support Bush in the coming election. The remaining nine

larism are the very things Europeans are most proud of — when one thinks about it, you can see why Bush is continually ignoring the international community."

Throughout the articles runs a consistent theme: anti-Bush, not anti-American. The international community realizes the economic power of the United States and that a number of them are reliant upon that power. Throughout Europe, Americans are treated no differently than any other foreigner, although they may be asked more questions about their politics than others. Europeans are very savvy to American politics. They may not understand how Congress functions or why the Electoral College exists, but they know how to discern a good leader from a bad one and the policies surrounding them.

At a point in American politics, when the country has become so heavily involved in global intervention and war that requires involvement from foreign countries, it's unbelievable how little Americans know about international sentiment towards their president.

Nine countries out of eleven would vote for Kerry if given the chance — Americans should know that, and it should make them reflect upon their vote! In England alone, Kerry would win almost 3 to 1, and this from the country giving the most support to the U.S. in Bush's war on terror. "It is not that people here love Kerry, it's just that we can't stand Bush."

Before Americans vote they need to understand the implications that that vote holds for the world. Of course national concerns are important, but foreign and domestic policy are intertwined — when one suffers, so will the other. Countries around the world are tired of having to deal with a man who cares so little about what they think. Bush has squandered presidential power and a consensus of distrust is rising. In London, many are saying that if Bush is re-elected and he stays on his current course, no subsequent president will ever be as globally powerful.



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My Prediction: One Curse Will Die...

■ I've been right so far: The Red Sox will win it as long as the ghosts take the week off.

by **John Ferreira**

sports editor

Once again I have thwarted all and I have correctly guessed who would be playing in the World Series. I'm sure all the Red Sox fans out there hope that I can remain undefeated this postseason and pick the next World Champion. First off, I was surprised at how hard both of these teams had to fight for their League Championship. I was especially surprised by the toughness of the Astros. Houston might have made the Series if Andy Petite and Wade Miller had not gotten hurt earlier. In the American League, this one was one for the ages. Those alive will never forget the first time a team ever came back from a three zero deficit to win a best of seven series. I can think of only one word that describes the comeback: impossible. So now the baseball series comes to a close heroes will be made and champs will be crowned.

The Fall Classic Boston Red Sox vs. St. Louis Cardinals

(Boston in 6)

For all that we can sit and nitpick, these two baseball teams come down to one simple match up: pitching

against hitting. Good pitchers beat good hitters most of the time, so there is no way that anyone can bet against the Red Sox who have Pedro Martinez and Curt Schilling. If these two guys are on then no one can touch them. Schilling has healed up nicely and you Pedro will bring his regular fire to the big series. As for the Cardinals, sure they have a great lineup, but they don't have the pitching to contend with all the contact hitters on the Red Sox team. They don't have pitchers that will be able to stop David Ortiz and Manny Ramirez. Now, with that said, I believe this series will be a roller coaster ride, and I believe we will have at least one game that will go down to the final at bat. What I love about the Red Sox is that they have heart. It takes a lot of heart to beat the Yankees in four straight games. They have great players who hustle and give one hundred percent. People who play baseball will tell you that hustling wins you games. This Boston team hustles and they don't get down on themselves.

Key to Series:

The Curse: The reason why I picked Boston in six games is that I believe that somehow they will find a way to lose game seven if there is one. Let's not forget that in nineteen eighty six, when the Red Sox were last in the Series, they were only one out away from winning it all when Bill Buckner let a

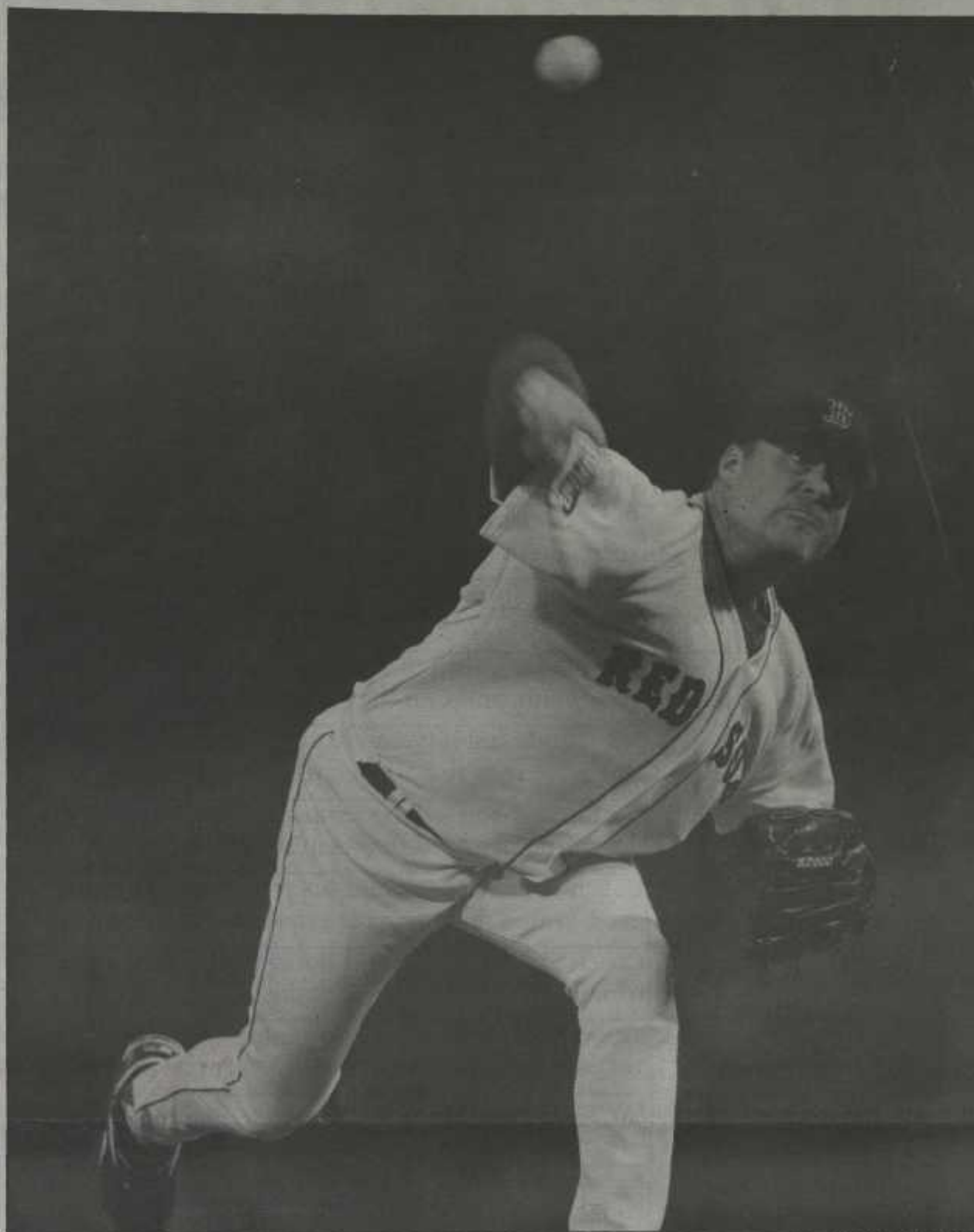


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PITCHER OR EXORCIST?: The heroic of play of Curt Schilling (above) has inspired many to say that he has expelled the ghost of Babe Ruth, and the Curse of the Great Bambino.

ball dribble under his legs. Both of these teams are very good and chances are we

will go the whole seven games, and then it will be up to the baseball Gods. The

biggest question still is: will the curse make an appearance? Only time will tell.

...and a New Curse Will be Born

■ Spirits tell me in an exclusive that the Yankees now have "The A-Rod Curse".

by **John Ferreira**

sports editor

The events that took place at Fenway and at Yankee Stadium has to make you wonder if it was just a great feat of human kind or if there was something greater controlling it all. After all we've seen the Red Sox find new and improved ways of losing every year, but wasn't it Eerie seeing it happen to the New York Yankees. After all, aren't the Yankees supposed to be this unstoppable force that is fed by the millions of dollars Donald Trump wannabe George Steinbrenner throws around? Year after

year the Yankees have beaten the Red Sox, not this year. The only explanation is of course the birth of a brand new curse. Yes I have sources in the spirit world that spoke exclusively to The Sandspur and they told me that they will now start cursing the Yankees. "About time!" was my first thought, the Yankees have been the evil empire for decades, what pushed the Baseball Gods over the top? This new curse is called "The A-Rod Curse" which has come about time and time again. The curse goes that whichever team has Alex Rodriguez on it cannot win, let's look at the facts. That amazing Mariner team with Edgar Martinez, John Olreud (in his prime) Ken Griffey Jr (in his prime) didn't make it to the World Series, they got to the ALCS but lost. Then A-Rod moved to the Rangers a

team that had another slew of future Hall of Famers like Rafael Palmeiro, Juan Gonzalez, and Ivan Rodriguez, they never amounted to much, despite having such a potent lineup. The latest team A-Rod has moved to, the New York Yankees. A team that is once again filled with great players like Derek Jeter, Gary Sheffield, Bernie Williams and the list goes on and on. This year they made it to the ALCS, they won three games, and then managed to blow it. Coincidence? I think not!

"Well why is A-Rod cursed?" I asked the spirits. Their simple answer was that no one should make a mockery of the game of baseball like Alex Rodriguez has. His money grubbing ways have tainted the game not only to fans but to players as well. Do you recall

when A-Rod got his insane deal that pays him 25 million dollars a year? It was big news, and it was a shameful day for the game. A-Rod gets paid over one hundred thousand dollars for every game he plays, that is far more than most people make in a year. Just for reference to those non-baseball fans, there are one hundred sixty two games in a baseball season. The spirits were not too happy about this whole ordeal because according to them no one player should think that he is bigger than the game. Another great player they told me is also cursed, he goes by the name of Barry Bonds. Here's another guy who thinks that the game is all about him, when in reality the game is about the game. Ask any baseball fan if they would rather see their team win the World Series or if they pre-

ferred that a player on their team broke a record. Every real baseball fan would say that he would rather his team win the World Series. Players like Bonds and Rodriguez do not lead teams to championships which is really what fans want to see and care about.

The Red Sox have big hearts, the Yankees have big wallets. The Spirits tell me that they will not take this case of hubris lightly they will not allow any team that has A-Rod on it. The great thing about baseball is that it is the fairest of all games. If this were basketball the Yankees would just give the ball to A-Rod everytime downcourt, but in baseball other players need to come to bat. Baseball isn't about just one player but about the unit. A-Rod needs a change a heart or he has to practice his jump shot to be successful.

NBA Power Rankings

Gators Fire Head Coach Ron Zook

■ Zook to lead final four games of the season, while Spurrier remains slippery on issue.

by **Dick Weiss**
syndicated writer

Ron Zook became Gator bait Monday.

The University of Florida made a drastic move, firing its head football coach and his entire staff with four games left in the season.

The announcement came five days before the Gators play archrival Georgia in Jacksonville. Zook and his staff will be allowed to coach the rest of the season in a lame-duck capacity while the school searches for a replacement.

"It just didn't appear to be working," AD Jeremy Foley said. "It certainly wasn't working the way I thought it would when I hired Ron Zook three years ago. I take full responsibility for that."

Even though the Gators are a disappointing 4-3 and coming off a shocking 38-31 loss to struggling Mississippi State that Zook termed "embarrassing," the timing still seemed strange.

"We knew where this was going to end up Nov. 21," Foley said. "I didn't want to sit there and not be honest with people. That's not fair to anyone. That's not fair to Ron."

Having said that, Foley defended the idea of allowing Zook to finish the season. "He deserves to," Foley said. "He's done everything we've asked. I can't sit there and say, 'Zooker, you can't finish the season.' That wouldn't be right. It wouldn't be in the best interest of the team."

Foley claimed the decision had nothing to do with the fact former Florida coach Steve Spurrier, who was fired last year by the Washington Redskins, is available. Foley said if Spurrier was interested, he would be glad to talk with him.

Spurrier is definitely the boosters' choice, but he side-stepped reporters' inquiries. "I guess everything will play itself out in the next couple weeks," he said. There is also some thought Spurrier may

want another shot in the NFL, especially if the Miami Dolphins' job opens as expected.

Foley said Florida would pursue other candidates once the season ends. Speculation already has centered around Urban Meyer, the hot coach of unbeaten Utah, which rose to sixth in the BCS rankings this week. Florida president Bernie Machen hired Meyer to coach the Utes when he was at that school.

Zook, who succeeded Spurrier in 2001, claimed in a statement he read to reporters that he was leaving the program "in good shape with a lot of good young players." He declined to take questions.































Zook was not Foley's first choice after Spurrier bolted for NFL riches in 2001. He flew to Norman, Okla., to speak with Sooners coach Bob Stoops. He also contacted Mike Shanahan of the Denver Broncos. Both turned him down. Foley then turned to Zook, who had been a defensive coordinator under Spurrier and held the same position with the New Orleans Saints.

Zook, who had never been a head coach before, suffered by comparison with Spurrier - both on and off the field. Whereas Spurrier elevated Florida into dominant program status in the SEC and won a national title in 1996, Zook is 20-13 - just 14 fewer losses than Spurrier had in 12 seasons.

He lost support within the university in recent weeks because of an incident involving a fight between some of his players and members of a fraternity. Foley dispatched Zook to the fraternity as a peacemaker. Instead, Zook lost his temper and became combative with the students. Foley labeled Zook's behavior as "unacceptable" at the time but Monday said "that night was an aberration."

"He's represented this program with class for the last three years," Foley said.

Word of Zook's dismissal triggered elation among fans, many of whom had taken out their growing frustrations with critical E-mails to the fireronzook.com Web site.

TEAM	REC.	MY TWO CENTS BY ROBERT WALKER
 Detroit	54-28	The best team in the NBA spent the summer getting better. Look for them to win it all, again.
 San Antonio	57-25	Duncan, Parker, and Ginobili with the addition of sharp shooter Brent Berry could upset the Pistons.
 Minnesota	58-24	KG is the most complete player ever! If Cassell's hip stays together this team could be a threat.
 Denver	43-39	This is a big move up for the Nuggets, but you have to love K-Mart and Melo. The future of the West.
 Indiana	61-21	This team will be a playoff team, but is a true center away from making real noise.
 Miami	42-40	Shaq is focused, Wade is skilled, but a lack of depth keeps them from upsetting the Pistons.
 Dallas	52-30	Big D finally gets some D with Dampier, but losing Nash hurts. They'll regroup after the all-star break.
 Sacramento	55-27	The old vanguard of the West is rapidly aging and Paje wants out. Can they hold it together?
 Phoenix	29-53	Nash adds stability and Amare will be shine again this year, they're a true center away from glory.
 Houston	45-37	T-Mac and Yao will be amazing, but until they get a decent point guard they don't make the finals.
 Memphis	50-32	Coach Hubie is back and his roster is as deep as ever. Watch for the Griz to make a playoff run.
 Utah	42-40	Coach Sloan, AK-47, and Boozer will make a nice trio, like Memphis they'll make a run and fall short.
 Portland	41-41	They have depth and a bad reputation. If they can get past the attitude they could surprise people.
 Cleveland	35-47	Losing Boozer hurts, but adding Eric Snow will help. Look for King James to take it up a notch.
 Los Angeles	56-26	Kobe is no Jordan, Rudy T is no Phil and no Shaq equals no ring!
 Orlando	21-61	Francis, Hill, Mobley, and Howard sounds like a great team let's see how it works out.
 Boston	36-46	Pierce and Payton could make some noise, but Coach Rivers won't help, they won't get too far.
 New Jersey	47-35	Losing K-Mart kills any real playoff hopes. Kidd might push them into postseason, but not far.
 Milwaukee	41-41	The Bucks surprised people last year; they won't this year. Look for them to struggle.
 New Orleans	41-41	They moved to the West and lost Mashburn for the season, and Baron wants out. No playoffs!
 Golden State	37-45	Okay these guys overpaid Foyle, but they did add Fisher, still they finish towards the bottom.
 Philadelphia	33-49	Iverson at the point means less shots for everyone else. They may make the playoffs, but I doubt it.
 New York	39-43	A glut of overpaid players and undersized power-forwards equals another rough year.
 Atlanta	28-54	Walker will help them score and Childress was a nice draft pick, but no hope of a post-season.
 Los Angeles	28-54	These are the Clippers, need I say more? Elton Brand is great, but they can't win!
 Toronto	33-49	Vince wants out and the Bosh isn't ready to carry the load, they'll be towards the bottom of the East.
 Washington	25-57	Jamison will score and if everyone stays healthy they could rocket up, but I doubt they'll do much.
 Seattle	37-45	They lack the power players to get it done in the West. Look for them way out of the play-off hunt.
 Chicago	23-59	The Jordan era is over and the baby Bulls will again leave fans wanting.
 Charlotte	N/A	It'll be a rough year for Emeka and other new kids on the court. Look for a last place finish.

Rollins Teams Look to Build Off Successful '04 Season

Golf looks to Repeat

■ Charlotte Campbell and Ulrika Ljungman lead the Tars into one more season.

by **Katie Pederson**
asst. sports editor

Back and better than ever seems to be the motto for this year's women's golf team. With four of the top five players from the 2003 NCAA Division II Golf Championship team returning this year, Rollins

women's golf team is stacked and ready for another winning season. The Tars are led by head coach Julie Garner who is currently in her third stint as the head women's golf coach at Rollins, having coached between 1984-87 and 1996-97 before returning to the Tars four years ago. Coach Garner helped lead the Tars to their first NCAA Division II National Championship two years ago and earned a national Coach of the Year honor for again leading the Tars to a national championship last

season. Returning players include last season's Sunshine State Conference Champion and two time NCAA Individual Champion Charlotte Campbell, along with senior and this year's 5th Annual Baytree Women's Intercollegiate top scorer Ulrika Ljungman from Sweden. The team has also brought in six extremely talented freshmen, who Coach Garner sees great potential in for the following four years, of which Venessa Vela was top scorer in early October's Nittany Lion Invitational in Pennsylvania. The Tars have competed well against such collegiate notables as Georgetown, Yale and the University of Richmond and have defeated worthy opponents like Northern Kentucky. And though it may seem like only a few, rather than a team, one of the members of the women's golf team was quoted proudly boasting that the lineup "is composed of highly athletic and talented women, who all have the capability of taking a national championship individually. Even though we have two national championship rings it doesn't stop us from taking each shot seriously."



photo / RC SID

IS A REPEAT IN THE CARDS?: Campbell (above) and Ljungman (left) will look to defend the national title.



photo / RC SID

Basketball Teams Are Preseason Favorites

■ Both Men and Women are picked to take the SSC Title.

by **Natalie Wyatt**
staff reporter

If the preseason polls are any indication, the upcoming basketball season is going to be an exciting one here at Rollins. Both our men's and women's teams are officially on top, according to the preseason poll released by the Sunshine State Conference.

Our men's team has won the regular season title the last two years and is predicted to again win the title with Lynn University chosen second. The men's team is ranked second nationally by the DII Bulletin and is

ranked third in the preseason by Street & Smith Magazine.

Our guys are coming off of the best season in school history: a record twenty-seven wins with just six losses. They reached the NCAA Division II Elite Eight for the first time in school history. With all this under their belt and great players like Eric Faber, Placide Muhizi, and Isaac Codrey, our men's Tars have great potential to have another very strong season.

Not to be outdone, the women's team is also picked to claim the conference title and is ranked 15th in Division II by the DII Bulletin.

The Tars are most definitely holding their own place in the conference, also as defending Sunshine State Conference champions. A

twenty-nine and four record last season helped to advance them into the NCAA Division II Sweet Sixteen before losing the regional final.

But, with their conference record being a perfect 14-0 they led the way to our program's ninth SSC season championship. With Nicole Warder and Joslyn Giles coming back as the teams returning starters, our Tars will have some hard work to do but have a great chance of again leading the pack.

So, this upcoming season, we need to make sure to watch for our own rising stars. With the great stats we have from last year there is a good chance that our teams will make us very proud so come out to the Alford to watch some great college hoops.

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What's Happening? ROLLINS CALENDAR

Friday 10-29

Arts & Sciences Drop
Without Penalty Deadline
Volleyball vs. Barry
Alford Sports Center 7 p.m.
Movie: Rocky Horror
Picture Show
Daves Downunder - 11:50 p.m.

Saturday 10-30

Halloween Howl - Mills 12-3 p.m.
Cahall-Sandspur Field
Dedication - 1:15 p.m.
Men's Soccer vs. Saint Leo
Cahall-Sandspur Field - 2 p.m.
Volleyball vs. Lynn
Alford Sports Center 4 p.m.
Women's Soccer vs. Saint Leo
Alford Sports Center 7 p.m.

Sunday 10-31

HAPPY HALLOWEEN
Men's Golf Invitational
Forest Lake Golf Club
9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Homecoming Barbecue
Behind Alumni House - Noon
Volleyball vs. Nova Southeastern
Alford Sports Center 2 p.m.

Monday 11-1

Men's Golf Invitational
Forest Lake Golf Club
9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

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

Tuesday 11-2

Men's Golf Invitational
Forest Lake Golf Club
9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Election Viewing Parties:
Democrats - Dave's 5p - 12 a.m.
Republicans - Galloway 7p - 12 a.m.
SSC Soccer Tournament
Cahall Sandspur Field
4:30 p.m. & 7 p.m.

Wednesday 11-3

Live Musician: Gavin McGraw
Cornell Campus Center
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Rollins Singers & Concert Choir
First Congregational
Church, Winter Park
Noon - 1 p.m.

Thursday 11-4

Live Musician: Gavin McGraw
Cornell Campus Center
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Music at Midday
Knowles Chapel - 12:30 p.m.
TPJ Guest Speaker:
Kathryn Norsworthy
Bush Auditorium - 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Volleyball Heavy Hitter Allison North

■ Volleyball stand out has been the go-to player on a team that has overachieved.

by Erica Tibbets

staff reporter

This week's outstanding athlete, Allison North, is a middle hitter for the Tars volleyball team. She's in charge of stuffing the ball down the throats of the opposing team, both by blocking their hits and by hitting it herself. It seems she's pretty good at it. She struck fear into the hearts of her opponents last week with a career high 27 kills in the Tars 5 game match against Catawba. Throughout the week, she helped lead the Tars to victory in 3 out of 5 games, and achieved an average of 3.65 kills per game with a hitting percentage of .381. But this girl does more than hit. North also registered 23 digs, 17 blocks, and 11 aces.

She's an all around player who takes time before each game to focus her mind on what she needs to do to help her team and be successful.

Allison has been playing for Rollins for 2 and a half years now and can honestly say that her greatest moment came this season, when the Tars beat Florida Southern for the first time in 10 years. On the flip side, she admits that one of the worst parts of playing for the team is the long road trips that result in the team returning to campus at 2 o'clock in the morning.

Allison, who is majoring in Psychology, grew up in Mobile, Alabama before she was recruited to play volleyball here at Rollins. She has been playing volleyball for 10 years, and helped guide her high school team to 3 state championships.

The Tars have one conference game left this season on October 30, during Homecoming. They then head to the SSC Tournament



photo: ERICA TIBBETS

LEADING THE WAY: Allison North has played great this season and has some hoping for an SSC title.

on November 2. Not since the 1995 season has a Tar volleyball team reached the NCAA championships. This season, North has led the way on a team that could finally end the wait for a title.

Tars Manage to Beat Out Win at Eckerd

■ Not even the fake grass at Eckerd could keep the ladies from winning.

by Erica Tibbets

staff reporter

No one likes losing, and the Rollins College Women's soccer team is no exception. They'd lost two straight on the road in the past week, so they were looking for a resounding win against Eckerd.

The only possible problem confronting the Tars was the Tritons' field, which is artificial grass and changes the bounce of the ball, the speed of play, and even the feel of running on it.

But, as it turned out, nothing could stop the Tars. They dominated the whole game, out shooting the Tritons 15-3. It took the Tritons 5 minutes to get into the Tars half of the field, and when they did manage to penetrate the Rollins mid-field they weren't too effective. Keeper Fran Nicoloso only had one save to make in the first half. It wasn't an easy one; she had to parry it upwards and then stop it again as it spun towards her right post, but she made it comfortably. Other than that, one chance the Eckerd

attackers didn't pose much of a threat.

Despite the constant attacking action of the Rollins Women, who had corner kicks, free kicks, breakaways, and one on ones the first half ended in a stalemate with no score.

The second half was a different matter. The Tars' Laura Guild scored within 3 minutes of the start. It wasn't the strongest of shots, but the Tritons' keeper couldn't hold on to it, and it trickled past her into the net. Not too much later Jeri Ostuw put the Tars 2-0 up with an amazing goal that almost defied the laws of physics. Ostuw was pressed against the right end line and some how managed to flick the ball into the right top corner of the goal.

It didn't all go the Tars' way though. With 16:33 on the clock the Tritons capitalized on a muffled clearance after a corner kick and made the score 2-1. Less than a minute later, the Tritons scored again to tie it up, and it looked as if the Tars had lost their hold on the game. The Tars weren't ready to give up though, and within thirty seconds, a corner by Jeri Ostuw was pounded into the back of the net by midfielder Jacquelyn Parsons to give the Tars the lead again. They wouldn't



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GOOD WHEN IT COUNTED: Goalie Fran Nicoloso, '07, had only one save in the first half, but it was a beauty.

give it up again, and the game ended 3-2.

The Rollins Women only have one game left, this Saturday night, on their home field. Women's Soccer will be one of the main sports showcased during the first Rollins Homecoming Week. So come give them the support they deserve and cheer them on to a final conference win! Rollins now has a record of five and two. Barry University leads the Sunshine State Conference with a undefeated five wins and no losses.