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IN BRIEF

Death of a Friend

Dr. Harland Bloland, husband of former Rollins president Rita Bornstein, passed away Sunday, November 7 at the age of 67. Bloland was a professor of higher education at Miami University and strong supporter of Rollins College. *The Sandspur* joins the rest of the campus in offering sincere condolences to Dr. Bornstein and her family.

WPRK Votes Wraps Up

With November 2 behind it, WPRK (91.5 FM) just completed its first year of WPRK Votes, a program that staffs local election poll centers on Election Day with station directors, DJs, listeners and fans. Each volunteer donated their election service pay to WPRK.

Christmas Vespers

The Annual Festival of Lessons & Carols (Christmas Vespers) will be held on December 3, 4 and 5 in the Knowles Memorial Chapel. The services begin at 6 p.m., but doors open at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are free for all faculty, staff and students. They are available now at the chapel office.

Fowler Moves Audience with Book Reading and Q&A Session

■ Rollins College professor Connie May Fowler is this year's Central Florida Reads author.

by Caitlin Geoghan

editor-in-chief

On Thursday, November 11, Connie May Fowler read selections from her second novel, *Before Women Had Wings*. Fowler's novel was selected as the Central Florida Reads book for this year. The Central Florida Reads program promotes community discussion about a specific book. Her reading at Rollins College was just one of the many events scheduled for this year. Other aspects of this program include several readings at local libraries and schools to promote discussions about books and to encourage people of all ages to read.

There was a very impressive turnout for this event. This year is Fowler's second year at Rollins College, and she is currently the Irving Bacheller Chair of Creative Writing. Fowler read and spoke about her loosely autobiographical novel. She has published four novels, a memoir, and a major screenplay. Fowler has also written several articles for the New York Times, illustrating her truly versatile writing abilities. Currently, she serves as the director for the Rollins College English Department's annual event, Winter with the Writers.

The audience was truly moved as Fowler shared parts of this heart-wrenching story. Some people were even moved to tears. The reading was truly amazing, and Fowler proved not only to be an amazing writer, but also a compelling reader.

At the end of the program, Fowler fielded questions from the audience.



photo / CAITLIN GEOGHAN

BEFORE WOMEN HAD WINGS: Connie May Fowler's book has drawn critical claim and been converted to a screenplay.

Most of the questions were about the process of adapting *Before Women Had Wings* into the screenplay. Fowler was contacted by Oprah to bring her story to the silver screen, and she spoke about the difficulties and opportunities that came with devel-

oping the screenplay.

Fowler also talked about her new book, *The Problem With Murmur Lee*, which is supposed to hit shelves January 11, 2005. This work promises to be yet another innovative and thought-provoking novel.

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Rollins Celebrates America Recycles Day

Eco-Rollins sponsors national environmental awareness event

by Selena Moshell

staff reporter



photo / SELENA MOSHELL

PROMOTING THE CAUSE: Morgan Williams, '07, makes a recycling pin at Eco-Rollins' America Recycles table.

On Monday, November 15th, events were held all across the nation in honor of America Recycles Day. Here at Rollins, the Rollins Recycling Program held a Recycling Fair, featuring carnival games, prizes, giveaways, and raffles. The carnival-like atmosphere was created with three festival games. ROC provided a game featuring three small recycling bins covered with poster board to create a bottle-tossing game of skill. Another game followed the traditional carnival model of a pyramid of cans to be brought down with a ball, but the Rollins Recycling Team gave the game a recycling twist. The cans were placed over a recycling bin, and the aim was not only to knock over

cans, but to land them in the recycling bin as well! Finally, a game with an educational angle featured a paper recycling bin and a co-mingling recycling bin. The aim was to sort the bag of assorted items into the bins that they could be recycled in.

As prizes for the games, the Recycling Program gave away the traditional and ever popular canvas "Rollins Recycles, Reduces, and Reuses" bags. Within these bags were pencils, bookmarks, Frisbees, and coasters, all composed of post consumer recycled materials. Sodexo generously provided free water bottles, and each bottle had a label containing facts about recycling. Buttons with slogans such as "Recycling is the new Pink," and "Kiss me I

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This Week in Sandspur History

The front page of the November 18, 1965 issue featured a story about re-routing Fairbanks. Rollins College "contributed the bulk of the property for the road change, and many of the buildings on the north campus were moved specifically for the new road", resulting in the united campus of today.

America Recycles Day

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recycle," were also given away. This year, custom buttons were offered, with two Recycling delegates creating buttons right before your eyes. The buttons are always popular, with "I Love Guys Who Recycle" and "I Love Ladies Who Recycle" being the most popular buttons of the day.

The large prizes included a Ford SUV Hybrid sweepstakes, which is held statewide by the EPA of Florida. Many were interested in this prize, and lined up to get their entry slip. The local prizes were a \$25 and \$50 gift certificate to Rainforest Café, which were won by Laurie Gardner and Morgan Williams, respectively.

All of these games and giveaways were for a good cause, to educate about the Recycling Program and recycling on campus. There were display boards informing us what items are recyclable and what are not, as well as what the recycled bottles and cans turn into in

the end. There were also donations taken for the Tyre Café, led by a man who creates beautiful handbags, among other items, to raise money for a charity in Africa. Cell phones and clothes were also collected to be recycled, and of course, bottles and cans were recycled through the Rainforest Café raffle. The contestant wrote their name and box number on a bottle and recycled it, to be drawn later. Every event and booth

had some creative recycling twist, which made the event not only very entertaining, but educational as well. America Recycles Day was a huge success not only nationwide, but also at Rollins. Look out for this day to be 'recycled' and come back next November 15th. There's no doubt that the Rollins Recycling Program will have more giveaways, more games, and more fun, charming, and informative events again next year.



photo / SELENA MOSHELL
AMERICA RECYCLES: Ariel Palmer, '07, holds a banner announcing America Recycle's Day here at Rollins.

"Laternenfest"

■ The German department celebrated St. Martin's Day with a Lantern Festival.

by Erika Batey

asst. news editor

Following tradition, the German department on campus celebrated the annual St. Martin's Day "Laternenfest" (Lantern Festival) on Saturday, November 13. Children of ages 3 to 12 from the German school, a morning school held weekly on Saturdays on campus, attended the celebration. They carried self-made lanterns, proceeding from Knowles Chapel to the front of Hauck. As they made their way and sang traditional songs, they stopped off at various stations where they were greeted by the German students who told them different aspects of the history behind St. Martin's Day.

According to history

and legend, St. Martin was a Roman mercenary who encountered a beggar one freezing night. He had nothing to offer him, so he cut his cloak in half to share with the beggar. His tale of compassion spread throughout the country, and later Martin was nominated Bishop of Tours.

The celebration commemorates St. Martin and marks the beginning of the winter season. The lanterns that the children carry through the street are meant to protect them from the darkness of winter. Following the procession, money was donated by participants to Habitat for Humanity. They were then treated to a German food banquet, complete with Bratwurst, dumplings, cabbage, salad, and dessert.

The annual festival—organized by Professor Nancy Decker of the German department, members of the German school, and students—was once again a success.

Determining Who Is More Free

■ Rollins faculty members and students met to discuss issues of oppression.

by Karina McCabe

features editor

Throughout the 1990s, a series of protests arose in the Republic of Ireland regarding how education administrators required that females wear skirts to school at all times, even when it is raining and cold. This constraint reveals that even a highly secular, democratic, western society can be just as oppressive towards females as an Islamic nation where women are required to wear hijabs (headscarves often worn with veils).

On Thursday evening, a small, informal group of faculty and students met in the French House to discuss this controversial topic. Two Rollins organizations, the Society for Enlightened Academics (SEA) and Voices for Rollins, sponsored the event.

Many students may have noticed a flyer advertising the event during the week that depicted a woman in a bikini, portraying western civilization's regard for apparel, and a woman in hijab, that portrays how many women in Middle Eastern nations dress. Accompanying the pictures was a cryp-

tic message: "Things are never as simple as they appear to be," which truly characterizes the discussion.

The well-organized discussion opened with a remark on how people tend to perceive the "veil" as a sign of oppression; however, Chowdury Tehreen, '08, countered this notion by explaining that the hijab "is a means to allow one to become a human rather than a symbol of any sex." She revealed how it allows females to conceal their beauty and protect themselves from the competition of aesthetic beauty that plagues much of western culture. Women, Tehreen explained, "should not be competing with another human who also God has created," and the veil allows women to "cover the beauty of your body." These ideas all come from an interpretation of what Allah has outlined as a code for living in the Koran, the holy book of Muslims.

This perspective of protecting females from society's standards of physical beauty is very different from how westerners typically perceive the veil as a symbol of oppression and seclusion from society. By wearing a veil, Tehreen believes, women are less likely to develop eating disorders, as they will not be so focused on their physical beauty; in-

stead, women will focus on developing better personalities.

Anne Schlotterlein, '05, disagreed with this remark, as she stated, "Just because you are covered up, this doesn't free you from the judgment of others... human beings are judgmental, they will find something to judge."

Even so, Tehreen does bring up an interesting point regarding how liberating a veil might actually be, as it would free up a significant amount of time in a typical day for most women. By wearing the full hijab, women would not have to be so concerned with makeup, hair, and clothes, or even with dress codes.

Not all Islamic women wear the hijab. Most believe that Allah will not be angry if one leaves the face, hands, and feet uncovered; however, all agree that one must not wear really bright or immodest clothing. Those who fail to follow these rules will be punished on Judgment Day.

Women in multi-ethnic societies, such as India and Albania, adopt a more moderate interpretation of the Koran and many women do not wear the hijab by choice. The Turkish government, on the other hand, decreed that it is illegal to wear the veil in public places. In Iran,

women must wear the veil in public, but other than that, they have every right that a man does. However, the Taliban in Afghanistan, chose the harshest interpretation and enforced the wearing of the Burkah with the "morality police."

According to the participants, the Taliban did not have any right to impose these sanctions with religious justification; instead, they were using the clothing as a means of enhancing their power in a patriarchal dominated society, rather than imposing sanctions to have a stronger sense of morals for the nation.

However, since there is no universal consensus on common moral values, the group determined that governments must not be allowed to create legislation that would take away choices from women. This would

mean that it was illegal for the Taliban to force women to wear the hijab, which would also mean that it is illegal for the American government to assume rights over women's bodies by taking away their choice to have an abortion.

In the end, the discussion concluded that there are restrictions on females worldwide that arise from patriarchal systems in both religion and government. These are not specific to any nation or dress code, but the group rationalized that, rather than focusing on how to liberate females from their dress codes, we must first address human rights abuses specific to this sex.

Both SEA and Voices for Women have weekly meetings discussing topics such as this. Contact Mika Ahuvia and Allison Schill respectively for more information.

Corrections

Last week's SGA Corner incorrectly attributed the Major/Minor Fair to Career Services. The fair was sponsored by TJ's Student Resource Center.

Last week's "Rollins Organizations Compete With Delicious Mocktails" article incorrectly attributed the lemon drink served by bartenders in tuxedos to Rollins Players. That drink was served by the Fellowship of Rollins Karaoke Singers (F.O.R.K.S.).

We apologize for the inaccuracies.

The Jury Speaks: Scott Peterson Convicted of Murder

■ A jury convicted Scott Peterson on two counts of murder for the death of his wife and her unborn son.

by **Brittany Lee**

news editor

On Friday, November 12, a jury convicted Scott Peterson of murdering his pregnant wife, Laci. The trial, which became a media sensation, lasted five months. Now that the verdict has been reached, it must still be decided whether Peterson will pay for murder with the death penalty. Peterson, 32, was found guilty of one count of first-degree murder for killing his wife and second-degree murder for the death of the son she was carrying. Prosecutors in the trial set forth to prove the murders were part of a plot to escape marriage and fatherhood, substantiated by Peterson's infidelity.

As the long awaited verdict was delivered, witnesses

caught the stone cold stare of Scott Peterson, eyeing the jury members as they were polled on their decisions. Amidst the crowd cheers broke out supporting Laci's family, while boos resonated towards Scott and his relations. The verdict came after seven days of deliberation, in which two jurors were removed for untold reasons, and twice the jury was ordered to start deliberations over.

The case is not over yet, as the jury of six men and six women must now return on November 22 to hear testimony on whether Peterson should receive the death penalty by lethal injection or endure life in prison with no chance of parole. Prosecutors, defense attorneys, and family members involved in the trial are under a gag order until a punishment is determined, preventing them from commenting on any aspect of the trial.

The saga of Laci Peterson began close to two years ago, when the eight months pregnant substitute school-

teacher vanished without a trace around Christmas Eve. Four months later Laci's decapitated body and the remains of her unborn son were found about 90 miles from the Peterson's home, in an area near where Scott claimed he was fishing alone the day Laci vanished. Later, 400 miles from home with \$15,000 in cash and a new bleached blonde goatee that altered his appearance, Scott was found and arrested.

Prosecutors in the trial presented 174 witnesses and a multitude of evidence. Mixed forms of evidence, from tapes to actual testimonies, depicted Peterson as a cheating husband and a liar. Rick Distaso, prosecutor for the trial, told the jury that Peterson either strangled or smothered his wife and then dumped her body from a boat to cover traces. Distaso expresses what he believes to be the motive, "He wants to live the rich, successful, bachelor life... He didn't want to be tied to Laci for the rest of his life. So he killed her."

Lending more support

for the prosecution's assertions is the fact that Peterson bought a two day ocean fishing license just days before Laci's disappearance, though he claimed the fishing trip that day was a last minute idea.

The Peterson trial was moved from the family's hometown of Modesto, CA, to Redwood City last January after defense attorneys claimed Scott had been so demonized in his city that he could not receive a fair trial there. Throughout the trial, Peterson never took the stand. Defense attorneys argued Scott was set-up and perhaps it was a homeless person or a sex offender who murdered Laci. Upon hearing Scott's alibi of a fishing trip, this person dumped the body there to frame him.

Evidence was presented that the fetus might have died days or even weeks after Laci did, at a time when Scott was already under close surveillance. As to Peterson's inconsistencies with his alibi and seeming confusion concerning his activities surrounding the

day of Laci's disappearance, the defense countered Scott was under extreme stress and was experiencing a breakdown after the tremendous loss.

To add to the controversy, defense lawyers presented a strong case that the murder did not take place in the family's home; no evidence exists there. Furthermore, their home computer shows use the morning of Laci's disappearance, someone searched for scarves and an umbrella stand, argued by the defense to have been Laci.

To cable networks, the Peterson trial provided endless dramatic material with its many soap opera-like turns, from the taped phone calls Scott had with his mistress Amber Frey, to her later testimony of Scott's constant professions of love for Laci. Despite the case's media appeal, most are relieved the case has finally reached a verdict, and the victim's family received some closure in the gruesome deaths of Laci Peterson and her unborn son.

U.S. Troops Battle for Fallujah

■ U.S. Troops in Fallujah attempt to eliminate insurgency and gain control of the city.

by **Erika Batey**

asst. news editor

After a six day operation in Fallujah, U.S. troops reported that they had subdued most of the remaining insurgency in the city. In recent months, Fallujah had become a command-and-control center for about 2,000 to 3,000 insurgents resisting U.S. occupation.

Following a six day

assault led by 10,000 U.S. soldiers and 2,000 soldiers from the newly established Iraqi military, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said that Fallujah was no longer a "safe haven for terrorists." Around 2,000 insurgents and 40 U.S. soldiers had been killed.

Troops started their operation in the northeast of the city and pushed south by the end of the week. Night after night the sky was lit with artillery and tank fire. Soldiers struggled with the unique challenge of urban combat and roadside bombs. They found small insurgency cells in alleyways and

bombed out buildings.

Jane Arraf, a CNN Baghdad bureau chief and journalist embedded with the U.S. military, reported after the first day of fighting the various levels making up the insurgency resistance. At the lowest level there were those, mostly young, who were fighting mainly for money. Others were extreme religious fundamentalists. Some cells consisted of former Baath Party members. Others were foreign fighters contributing to the insurgents' cause.

The operation was the third attempt to control Fallujah. According to Marine Maj. Gen. Richard Natonski, this time U.S. troops were "ahead of schedule."

"We learned from April," he said. "We can't do it piecemeal. When we go in, we go all the way through. We had the green light this time and we went all the way."

The city, with a population of 250,000 to 300,000 is now a ghost town. A few days into the fighting, Iraqi troops found "slaughter-



photo: PAUL ASSAKER/KRT

THE BATTLE RAGES: It is reported that the Fallujah mission is nearly completed, yet the violence continues.

houses" where people were held captive and beheaded. CDs were found labeled "beheading of..."

For much of the week, U.S. forces refused humanitarian aid from entering the city. There is a concern that many civilians are trapped without food, water, and medicine. The BBC News website spoke to Fadhil Badrani, an Iraqi journalist who reports for Reuters and the BBC World Service in Arabic. He reported that families have come to him asking where they can find food. He told one family that the Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat had died. They were shocked and told

him that they thought it was a conspiracy. "They have killed him so that his death overshadows our plight in the news," they said.

Stories such as these have raised questions as to whether the media is doing its job. Badrani was asked by many of Fallujah's citizens if everything he was reporting was actually being broadcast. The operation in Fallujah is now considered "almost finished," according to Iraq's National Security Adviser Kasim Dawood. Other reports say Fallujah is "occupied, but not subdued." However, escalation of violence in other Iraqi cities still continues.



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FIGHTING TO CONTROL FALLUJAH: Soldiers face bombs and urban combat while trying to gain control in Fallujah.

The Next Attorney General?

■ President Bush nominated Alberto Gonzales last Wednesday to take the place of resigning Attorney General, John Ashcroft.

by **Brittany Lee**

news editor

On Wednesday, November 10, President Bush nominated Alberto Gonzales, his White House legal counsel, to replace John Ashcroft as the next attorney general. Ashcroft turned in his letter of resignation a week before Gonzales' nomination. He served as attorney general for nearly four years, but his treatment and recovery from gallstone pancreatitis kept him out of office for close to a month last year. Ashcroft wrote in his resignation to Bush that he found the job of attorney general "both rewarding and depleting." The president praised Ashcroft for his role in altering and reorganizing the Department of Justice to deal with the new threat of terrorism. A former senator and governor of Missouri, Ashcroft's decisions as attorney general often garnered criticism, or at least contro-

versy, particularly his strong support for the Patriot Act, which many feel infringes on civil liberties. Many, however, will be sad to see him go because, as Bush stated, he was "another superb public servant."

The announcement of Gonzales' nomination took place in the Roosevelt Room of the White House. Bush praised Gonzales, 49 and from Texas, for "his sharp intellect and sound judgment," also noting that "he has an unwavering principle of respect for the law." Bush briefly touched on Gonzales' difficult past—growing up in a poor family of eight children all living in a two bedroom home in Texas.

Gonzales, on the day his nomination was announced, said he "would work hard to build upon [Ashcroft's] record." Gonzales was formally a Texas Supreme Court Justice, appointed by Bush when he was Governor of Texas, and also Texas' secretary of state. In January of 2001, he was named White House counsel. Gonzales' career has been linked in some way to Bush's for over a decade now. If Gonzales is confirmed as attorney general, he will be the first Hispanic-American to hold the position.

Bush's nomination of

Gonzales has been met with both support and dissent. Sen. Charles Schumer, D-New York, expressed a positive view on the announcement in a news release Wednesday. "It's encouraging that the President has chosen someone less polarizing. We will have to review his record carefully, but I can tell you already he's a better candidate than John Ashcroft." Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vermont, also showed support; "I like and respect Judge Gonzales and look forward to our committee's consideration of his nomination."

Many conservative Republicans, however, do not support Gonzales due to his moderate votes on the Texas Supreme Court. One majority vote they found particularly troubling allowed some teenage girls to get an abortion without parental permission. Addressing the decision, Gonzales wrote "While the ramifications of such a law may be personally troubling to me as a parent, it is my job to impartially apply the laws of the state without imposing my moral view on the decisions of the legislation."

Another concern revolves around Gonzales' public defense on the Bush administration's policy of



photo / CHUCK KENNEDY/KRT

WILL HE TAKE ASHCROFT'S PLACE?: Gonzales' nomination has been met with mixed reactions and it remains to be seen whether the Senate will approve Bush's nomination.

detaining certain terrorism suspects without access to lawyers for an extended period of time. This policy was repudiated by the Supreme Court and has now gone to lower courts to be fought out. Additionally, in a controversial 2002 memo written by Gonzales, Bush claimed the right to waive international treaties providing protections to prison-

ers of war and preventing their torture. This memo drew criticism from human rights groups around the world because they feel the position it expresses helps lead to abuses, such as those recently uncovered in the Abu Ghraib prison scandal in Iraq. It is expected the Senate will closely examine these issues in reaching a decision.

Week Of Difference: "Breaking Down Barriers"

■ This year's Week of Difference teaches us to end prejudice and discrimination.

by **Brittany Lee**

news editor

This year, Week of Difference sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs took place from November 15 to the 19, with the theme of "Breaking Down Barriers." Each day featured a different event or activity to spread awareness concerning diversity and the need to eliminate hate. Additionally, a Blanket and Toiletry Drive for Ripple Effect, an organization seeking to help the homeless, gave students the entire week to donate items in one of the many boxes dispersed around campus.

The week began with

speaker Thomas J. Leyden, TJ, who is a former neo-Nazi supremacist activist and recruiter. TJ Leyden once supported and encouraged others to hate non-whites and to call for the death of the Jewish race. He displayed Nazi symbols on his body and tolerated no diversity, but a dramatic change of heart transformed TJ to a strong advocate for embracing all cultures. He visited Rollins this past Monday to encourage others to turn away from hate as he has.

On Tuesday, The Office of Multicultural Affairs teamed up with the organization Voices for Women for Pledge of Honor. Voices for Women was unable to plan events for Sexual Assault Awareness Week due to the hurricanes this year, so some activities for Week of Difference this year give voice to victims of sexual assault and violence. From 12-2 p.m. in

the Cornell Campus Center, Voices for Women set up a table at which students interested could take a pledge promising never to perpetuate violence or sexual assault and to advocate for victims of these crimes.

The week continued Wednesday with an open mic at 8 p.m. in Dave's Down Under. All who wished to do so could take the stage and express their interpretations of the theme "Breaking Down Barriers." People were encouraged to share experiences, read poetry, perform dances, or show in any creative fashion their take on this year's theme.

On Thursday, the dramatic play "Extremities" by William Mastrosimone was performed in the Annie Russell Theatre at 8 p.m. The provocative play explores sexual assault and the consequences wrought when one victim takes matters into her

own hands. Following the show, at around 10 p.m., Voices for Women led a march through campus, starting at the Annie Russell Lawn, known as Take Back the Night. This ceremony pays tribute to victims of sexual assault. A peaceful candlelight ceremony to commemorate the event took place at the march's completion. Additionally, playing at the Fred Stone Theatre November 18 to the 21 was the play "The Boys Next Door" by Tom Griffin. This production challenges our definition of normal by giving us a glance of the world through the eyes of four mentally challenged men.

During the day on Friday, Arnold Palmer's Hospital for Women and Children, which has a sexual recovery trauma center known as The Healing Tree, partnered with The Clothesline Project to

display a clothesline adorned with t-shirts created by the women and children in the center. The display on Mills Lawn visually commemorated the healing processes of these victims of sexual assault.

Week of Difference ended Friday with a ceremony in the Darden Lounge. All throughout the week, a table in the Campus Center from 12-2 p.m. allowed students and faculty to Build the Wall of Stereotypes. Stereotypes people hold or those expressed by others were written on the wall. During the ceremony Friday a discussion was held examining these stereotypes and the ways in which they perpetuate fear and hate amongst ourselves. Then the wall was broken down to powerfully symbolize the need to eliminate stereotypes and prejudice in our lives.



The CAREER COACH

Marian Cacciatore

SALARY REQUIREMENT RESPONSES

Question:

Last week in this column, you discussed salary negotiation tips. I am looking for a job and am surprised at how often an initial phone screen includes questions about my salary requirements. Any ideas on how to handle this? Carla '05

The question last week focused on salary negotiations once an offer has been extended. When salary comes up early in the process (either during a phone screen or early within the first interview) you may need to address this question a little differently.

It might help to look at this topic from the perspective of the HR recruiter/hiring manager performing the initial screening. They have a position to fill and are wading through a pile of applications or resumes. The purpose of the phone screen is to reduce the applicant pile to a more manageable number.

Often the initial phone interview is one way for the recruiter to determine:

- Your communication skills.
- Your interest in and knowledge of the position.
- Do you have the basic skills they are looking for?
- Are they interested enough in you to call you in for an interview?
- Is there a salary fit?

As an applicant, preparation and practice can help you to successfully navigate through the first four bullets. However, the initial discussion about salary can become an obstacle if it is not handled correctly.

How should you re-

spond? Remember: *the entire compensation package is more important than simply the salary.* Chances are, if salary is brought up early in the process, you will not have enough information on the compensation package and perks to adequately answer the question. Take a look at the following phone screen dialogue and one possible way to respond:

Recruiter: What are your salary expectations for your next position?

Applicant: *I am flexible in the area of compensation.....at this point, I would like to focus on learning more about the position and your staffing needs.*

Recruiter: That's fine.....however I want to make sure we are on the same page. What are your salary requirements?

Applicant: *As I said, I am flexible; perhaps you can tell me the typical salary range for the position.*

Why answer a question with a question? Their answer will give you additional information on the position without disclosing "your hand". Remember, ideally you do not want to enter into the negotiation process until they have extended you an offer. I am available to practice this and other typical "interviewing land mines" in a personalized mock interview session. With research and practice you will be more confident during the entire interview process.

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

Help Make a Difference

by Russ Stacey
Communiqué PR Chair

That time of year is rapidly approaching and we all have a chance to make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate. Communiqué, the Rollins College student chapter of the Florida Public Relations Association, and the Hamilton Holt Student Government Association invite faculty, staff and students to donate canned food and other non-perishable items for needy families in conjunction with Share Your Christmas. Sponsored by WESH Channel 2, the food drive will benefit the local Salvation Army and Second Harvest Food Bank, and we hope the drive will help fill area food pantries for the entire year.

The festively wrapped collection boxes are located in Orlando Hall, Cornell Hall for the Social Sciences, Bush Science

Center and the Cornell Campus Center. While the main focus is on nonperishable food items, other much needed supplies are also welcome: can openers, paper goods, first aid supplies, cleaning supplies, disposable di-



photo / WESH.com

apers, combs, brushes, shampoo, soap, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes and mouthwash.

The drive will culminate with "The Five Days of Share Your Christmas," from December 13 through December 17. WESH NewsChannel 2 will highlight the grassroots efforts

of community groups, organizations and schools (like Rollins!) from seven local counties. On Friday, Dec. 17 at 10 a.m., Rollins volunteers will drop off our Share Your Christmas donated items at WESH NewsChannel 2 Studios.

Make a real difference in someone's life this holiday season. Bring in canned food and other items to help those in need during what can be the loneliest, most difficult time of year for some. This is a chance for us to show the truly generous Rollins spirit.

Many thanks go out to Communiqué and HHSGA for their efforts.

Learn more about Share Your Christmas at <http://www.rollins.edu/communiqué/christmas.htm> or at <http://www.wesh.com/station/1821884/detail.html>.

Communication Convention Revisited

by Brian Hernandez
production manager

As a follow up to article "Rollins Honored at State Convention" that appeared in the November 5, issue, two Hamilton Holt students received recognition for their scholarship. Kim Johnson, MACCT student, won the award for Outstanding Student Scholar for her research and service to the Florida Communication Association. Cynthia Farina, was honored by receiving the "Undergraduate Student Paper Award" which is a juried competition among students from several colleges and universities within Florida. Her paper, "Tobacco or Anti-tobacco: Who can you Trust?" highlighted truth in advertising and media on this issue.



RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE: MACCT student Kim Johnson beams with excitement as she receives the "outstanding student scholar award" at the Florida Communication Association convention.



SHARING HER VIEWS: Cynthia Farina speaks to convention attendees after being awarded the "Top Undergraduate Student Paper" for her work on "Tobacco or Anti-Tobacco: Who can you trust?"

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HHSGA CORNER

by Tiffany Valo

The HHSGA would like to extend a personal invitation to the entire Holt Student body. As the semester winds down, we know everyone will be busy studying for finals and planning holiday vacations. However, we would like each of you to be aware of the following:

As the semester comes to a close, certain HHSGA senators will be graduating, so if you are interested in filling a certain position please attend the last meeting of the semester on

December 6th at 5:30pm in CSS-170. This will be a concluding meeting for the semester, as well as a send off to our graduating HHSGA President and senators. If you have any questions or concerns please email HOLT@SGA.COM.

While we have had a good turnout at the HHSGA meetings, we have decided to have a special night getting to know fellow Holt students. December 16th at 7 pm we are inviting all Holt students to go to Fiddlers for food, drinks and great company. This is the last day of finals and a great way to end the semester. Attend in order to get your hands on a special Holt T-Shirt! These shirts are only available if events are attended, so be the first to sport this new look!

The last event we would like to start the buzz about is Relay for Life. The event takes place April 8 and is one night only! This year we want Holt students to get involved! All the money raised goes straight to the American Cancer Society for the fight against cancer. If you would like to sign up to be on a team or would like more information please contact me at TVALO@rollins.edu or call the Office of Community Engagement at (407) 691-6406.

Lastly, we want to wish everyone happy holidays and we can't wait to have a kickoff next semester! The first HHSGA meeting will be January 24th at 5:30pm in CSS-170, so mark your calendars and we'll see you then!

Correction

Some readers have indicated to *The Sandspur* that the Holt Spotlight on Warren Jones seemed to suggest he does not use testing as an evaluative measure for student performance. As a follow up, we have discovered he does use tests and exams.

M-O-R-A-L V-A-L-U-E-S...

I'm Sorry, Can you Give Me The Definition For That Phrase Again?

by **Karina Mc Cabe**
features editor

"There is no reconciliation between good and evil. Voters rejected the party of gay activists, radical feminists, the Hollywood elite, pornographers, death-peddlers, anti-Christian bigots and apostate Catholics," professes Mary Ann Kreitzer of Les Femmes, an organization of conservative Roman Catholic women.

This perception typifies the results of the recent presidential election where "moral values" is one of the top issues. According to exit polls, twenty-two percent of Americans put this issue ahead of the economy, terrorism, and Iraq.

After a week of numb shock, the Democrats are striking back with a vengeance. Numerous websites are now cropping up with reports that Jeb Bush, the President's brother and also the Governor of Florida, aided in disenfranchising voters with faulty or rigged digital voting devices by causing thousands of absentee ballots to mysteriously disappear. The GOP chairperson in Pasco County, Bill Bunting, supposedly led a move to make calls to registered Democrats in his precinct to inform them that voting for Democrats is now on Wednesday.

More significantly, though, Democrats are asking what exactly these moral values are. Does this mean that President Bush is moral and Senator Kerry is immoral? Hardly. Instead, the concept of "moral values" is extremely complex and undefined, as both sides pro-

fess their own version of moral values that seem as though they should all be incorporated into one policy. Yet, they are not.

First of all, the overriding "moral values" for the Republican Party are those that are set in deep, faith-based beliefs. Specifically, they are anti-abortion, anti-embryonic-stem-cell research, and anti-same-sex unions.

The Democrats' morals are those based on social policy issues, including a movement to combat poverty with programs like Head Start, improve workplace safety, raise the minimum wage, and make healthcare more accessible to all. Unfortunately for the Democrats, though, they misjudged their voters, related these issues on a moral basis far too late, and thus failed to make an effective campaign in this direction.

Interestingly, though, the Bible, which is the source of the Republicans' faith-based morals, has some very strong statements regarding the Democrats' version of social policy morality. Rev. Robert Edgar, general secretary of the liberal-leaning National Council of Churches, states, "You can't read the Old Testament

without knowing God was concerned about the environment, war, peace, and poverty. God doesn't want 45 million Americans without healthcare."

Many who voted for

der in Chief of the military, they maintain Bush is responsible for torture and homicide in the Middle East on behalf of his troops.

The Democrats also cite that Bush is responsible for

murder in his own country by supporting the death penalty for convicted criminals. Needless to say, reports from Amnesty International prove that many of those on Death Row do not have enough evidence "beyond a reasonable

secular nation with an Evangelical Christian war hawk in charge.

Perhaps it would be more helpful for everyone if President Bush clarifies his "moral values," in particular, by coming out with some very clear, definitive terms on his murder policy. For instance, he could explain to the world what status of human is acceptable to murder. So far, embryos are not acceptable, but convicts and Arabs are.

Regardless of how the rest of the world perceives America, the immediate concern is where does this leave the nation now? With a clear majority of the popular vote, does Bush now have a mandate to impose his faith-based morals on the nation? This conclusion troubles Rollins English professor Dr. O'Sullivan. In a recent discussion on women's rights in Islam and the western world, he states that "Choice is the critical element...what I see is movement away from choice." This means that with a conservative dominated government, the Republicans are now able to remove the choice of personal moral behavior from the individual.

While the curtain closes on a highly divisive election, one wonders where the little voice is that usually asks what has happened to separation of church and state in this battle. Perhaps the first step in unifying the nation, then, is by defining "moral values" and realizing that religious moral values and social policy morals do not have to be so incompatible.



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Bush agree that the social concerns are important; however, they believe that the issues of abortion and stem-cell research are a far more urgent problem. Roberta Combs, president of the Christian Coalition of America, says of those who voted Democrat, "We believe in biblical principles; I'm sure they believe in biblical principles, but I don't understand how they can defend abortion and homosexuality. That's wrong."

In response, Democrats turn to denounce Bush's actions in regards to foreign policy as immoral, saying that he is in violation of the Ten Commandments that he holds so dear, specifically the one that states, "Thou shalt not kill." As Comman-

doubt" to qualify their convictions and, as a result, many innocent people are condemned to death.

This last reason adds to the dilemma that the rest of the world now faces on how to understand Americans. European nations, for one, are now left to look on confusedly as America, with its "godless" constitution and a well-defined separation of politics and religion is now more supportive than ever of professing religion in its political policies, even though other nations are shying away from these issues. To put it in perspective: America now stands as the only industrialized, western nation with capital punishment on its books, and it has a sharply divided,

Listen & Lead

■ Dr. Bommelle emphasizes the importance of listening in his book.

by **Nancy Aguirre**
staff reporter

Rollins College's very own Richard K. Bommelle has recently released his first book, "Listening Leaders: The Ten Golden Rules to Listen, Lead, & Succeed." Bommelle is Associate Professor of Communication here at Rollins. He is also president of the International Listening Leadership In-

stitute. With a master's degree in management, a doctorate in administration, and advanced leadership study at Harvard University, Bommelle specializes in the development of listening and leadership.

"Listening — it seems so simple. Yet, it's estimated that the average person ignores, forgets, or misunderstands at least 75% of what he or she hears. Is it any wonder that mistakes occur, opportunities are missed, or that the 'I'll take care of it!' never happens? Most people are much better at hearing

themselves talk than they are listening to what others say. The value of listening goes far beyond common courtesy. It is fundamental to effective leadership and team success." This is the core belief of the book. Listening Leaders is based on more than fifty years of Bommelle's and co-author Dr. Lyman K. Steil's collective work with successful leaders throughout the world. The book outlines the definition of listening leadership, why listening is the most important skill for leaders, what separates outstanding listening leaders from less accomplished leaders,

and how to become a better listening leader.

In one book review, the book was given five stars and was said to be highly readable, almost like storytelling. "Page after page is filled with teaching, practical advice, and examples of how real leaders use their listening skills to enhance their work. I was struck by the broad variety of leaders cited and with what they had to share through the authors. The wide range of people used as examples in the book serves to reinforce the universality of the principles. The way the teachings of the exemplary leaders are intertwined with the balance of the text enriches

the readability of the book."

Bommelle's credentials are impeccable, and he is widely respected as an expert in the fine skills of effective listening. The book ties together good listening skills and leadership, showing how each skill contributes to and supports the other. The book also provides a list of resources for further research and a helpful index. There are summaries at the end of each chapter that help with overall understanding. This book is highly recommended to current and future leaders who seek to strengthen their listening skills and their leadership effectiveness.

Human Rights Feature: Capital Punishment

■ The number of countries performing executions continues a decreasing trend.

by **Shaun Cricks**

staff reporter

Amnesty International cautioned the Bush administration and their allies this month in the "War on Terror." "The War on Terror must not be used to justify reversing progress on the abolition of the death penalty," Secretary General of Amnesty International, Irene Khan, made this speech to the Second World Congress against the Death Penalty in Montreal. The Congress was organized by the World Coalition against the Death Penalty, and more than 90 countries participated.

"The death penalty is the ultimate, irreversible denial of human rights because it contravenes the essence of human values. It is often applied in a discriminatory manner, follows unfair trials, or is applied for political reasons. It is not a unique deterrent against crime, and is an ir-

reversible error when there is miscarriage of justice," said Irene Khan.

Over half the countries in the world have abolished the death penalty in law or practice. Turkey being the latest, made this policy change to conform to the standards for candidacy in the European Union. The EU forbids the practice. Fortunately for human rights activists, there are not many countries that still execute. The EU, who recently added 100 million names to their roll call, actively petitions for those sentenced to death in countries that still employ capital punishment, including the United States.

According to Amnesty International, "In Europe and Central Asia, only Belarus and Uzbekistan are known to carry out executions while all but five states (China, Democratic Republic of Congo, Iran, Pakistan and USA) have banned the execution of children. However, there have also been setbacks."

Khan addressed the "War on Terror" directly, stating that, "A heightened concern for security and crime control continue to

be drivers for the death penalty in many countries of the world... Public opinion in many parts of the world still feels that the death penalty is needed to deter crime or 'terrorism.' We must build greater public support for abolition. But we must also ask governments to show leadership on this issue."

Although the issue of dealing with the "terrorists" has brought the death penalty into recent headlines, the U.S. has been under pressure for years to remove themselves from the list of states that execute its citizens. There has been particular pressure to desist in the execution of those who were children at the time of the crime. For nations and organizations that abhor this practice, sentencing a child to death is considered a gross crime against humanity.

"These are tough times for human rights and we must be determined in our response to hold up the values in which we believe.

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Human rights are for the best of us and the worst of us. Human rights are for the guilty as much as the innocent. That is why the death penalty must be abolished world-wide," said Irene Khan.

The public relations power of Amnesty International, the Second World Congress against the Death

Penalty, and various other organizations is prominent. The emerging superpower of the European Union is, at the least, an influential global force. Here in the United States, the Bush administration's assertions of autonomy and history of nationalism leave many doubtful that outside influence will steer U.S. policy.



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Young Alumni: Alykhan Dhanani

■ A recent graduate succeeds at the end of the Dot Com era.

by Tom Trasente

copy editor

Alykhan Dhanani attended Rollins in the late nineties as an international business major. While still in school he came upon the idea of virtual tours on CD-ROMs for students looking to attend college. His business started in the Olin Library, and with very hard work and dedication has grown into a business that very few around the world provide the same services.

SANDSPUR: Give us a background about you and your company. What is that you do so people will pay you?

DHANANI: We are a real estate communication company. Builders and developers utilize our services in the pre-sale phase of their project prior to commencing construction. Our products are renderings and virtual animations

which are created from blueprints to help potential buyers truly visualize their home and option selections before it's built.

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SANDSPUR: Did you have a partner, or were you alone with only some financial backers?

DHANANI: The company started with a former Crummer student who left us several years ago. We started the company in the Olin Library toward the end of the dot com boom. The Olin Library provided us with the use of

their computers and other resources which helped us to keep overheads down while developing the business. The initial money invested in the company came from myself and family members.

SANDSPUR: Since the most important thing in the free market is probably having an idea, how did you come up with yours?

DHANANI: The idea started out as CD-ROMs for colleges and universities. We contacted universities, including Rollins, to create interactive CDs which would be given to high school students to give them an idea of the school without having to actually go to the campus. But later we found a niche market in real estate... by offering this same unique "experience" to a potential homebuyer.

Funny how things start out in one direction and evolve, sometimes in a direction in which you never would have initially planned.

SANDSPUR: What

prompted you to actually follow through with your idea? And how were you able to? Tell us how you were able to start from scratch?

DHANANI: If I started in school, even if it didn't work out I was ok. Being in school I didn't have the outside pressures to make money immediately, such as family and other responsibilities. Even if it failed I could still graduate and be ok.

SANDSPUR: How many friends, family, and classmates thought you were crazy?

DHANANI: All of them. My friends were always around asking about it, and always a little interested in how things were going, but didn't think it would work out. There was no real support from family like 'It will work out.' My family was always against it, they saw it as bad and getting worse.

It took about a two grueling years before things started to fall

into place, and at that point their attitude changed. I can't tell you how many times my power was turned off at my apartment, and how many times was eating McDonald's 2 for \$2 as my only meal of the day for months at a time. You know, looking back... Those were the days I will always cherish and keep with me.

Pretty typical, right?

Yes. Pretty typical for an entrepreneur. I was from the school of thought, learn about the job, and then work my way up from the bottom. The scariest part about this venture was that I was risking my grades, losing the investment from my family, not living the "college experience," and wasting of the time that was put into it, especially the time...

The time is the one thing you can never get back. I am fortunate enough to be able to say that the company is a now national leader in its...

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SGA WEEKLY

Thank you Cat McConnell and Tinelle Rose for organizing the Veteran's Reception Thursday, November 11, 2004. Thank you to all the contributing writers who wrote letters to the troops. Most importantly, thank you to all of the Rollins Veterans for their service to our school and country.

Remember all Student Government Senate meetings are open to the entire student body every Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the Galloway Room.

Be on the look out for the new Academic Honor Code information. Students have the power to suggest changes!

Sport your Rollins Gear this Friday for R-Friday and meet your SGA in front of the campus center.

SGA wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!



Ask The Fox!

Dear Fox,

My best friend and I have this pact to tell each other when we hear things about one another. Recently though I think she might be talking about me to other people. How can I find out without risking our friendship?

-Apprehensive Acquaintance

Dear Apprehensive,

Well, if you all are best friends you shouldn't have to be wondering if your friend is talking about you. Granted, we all have our moments when we get annoyed or upset and vent our frustrations. Not everybody is perfect. What would make your friend a true friend is you being able to comfortably ask her if she's said something. You can do it casually. Either she'll admit to saying something or she'll say she hasn't said anything. You should be able to tell if she feels guilty about anything by her reaction when you ask and she responds. But really, if you all are best friends, you need to have the trust to mess up and to talk to each other about everything.

Dear Fox,

My boyfriend and I just started sleeping together. He's been getting more attached to me and I feel like I

can't even go a whole day without seeing him or he gets upset. I really like him but I need my time too. What should I do?

-Losing Liberation

Dear Liberation,

You need to talk with your boyfriend. Tell him that your feelings for him have not changed, and that sleeping with him has only strengthened your relationship. Then explain to him that while you love being with him, you can't lose yourself. He should be able to understand that you need a little time to yourself and to spend with your friends. Be careful so he doesn't feel like you're pushing him away, but make sure he knows that you were your own person before the relationship and that's who he first liked—he doesn't really want to change you, right? If he doesn't understand and just continues to pressure you to being with him all the time, maybe it's time for a break.

Dear Fox,

A few weeks ago at a party, I was drinking and I kissed this guy who's an acquaintance. We've never spoken about it and I'm not sure how much he remembers. We didn't really know each other before, but the



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more I'm around him (he's friends with my friend) I realize I might actually like him. How can I tell if he might be interested?

-Seeking Affection

Dear Seeking,

Since neither of you have talked about your kiss, then I would move on and not let it influence your future actions with this guy. You say that you know him through a friend—ask your friend if he's currently interested in anybody and his type of girls. Most girls (and guys) don't like being "set up"—so spending time with him when he's hanging out with your friends is most likely your best bet. See if your personalities mesh. Approach the situation like you would with any other guy...chances are, he likes being pursued but also likes doing his share of the pursuing. Your friend will be an important resource, but be sure to start a friendship of your own with this guy. Either it will develop into something more, or you may get a new good friend.

The Fox returns to answer this weeks social and relationship questions from Rollins students. If you have any questions that you would like The Fox, to answer, then send an email to features@thesandspur.org

Successful Young Alumni

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...industry in the United States and we currently also have offices in Asia, South America, Central America and Russia.

SANDSPUR: What do these overseas offices do?

DHANINI: We utilize these overseas offices for sales, and project management. Real estate is booming around the world. Our product and service offering is very unique and we are only one of a half dozen companies worldwide would can provide builders and developers these marketing programs which is crucial to their project's success.

SANDSPUR: Why did you sell to another company,

don't you want to be the boss?

DHANINI: Well, I'm still the half boss. I sold part of the company to a large advertising firm headquartered here in central Florida, with offices in LA, New York, and Las Vegas. This move I feel will really give us the ability to expand much quicker and provide us with an immediate infrastructure which will enable us to reach the next level of growth.

SANDSPUR: What were you involved in at Rollins?

DHANINI: I played soccer my first year.

SANDSPUR: Do you have any kind of programs or relationship with Rollins?

DHANINI: I do not at this point but looking forward

to work with business professors for internship programs. I coordinated a large marketing campaign with the students and professors from the University of Florida where they took our business for one semester and created several marketing plans on finding new niche markets in which we could enter into. I look forward to having the opportunity to work in the same capacity with the Rollins Marketing Dept. I am putting together a small scholarship for a particular business student enrolled as an international business major. We hope to have this up by next year. If any student is interested an internship you can contact me at info@renderings.com.

THANKS-
GIVING FEAST

BY LARA AND JESS

To prepare for the holiday season, we surveyed what students thought was the best part of Thanksgiving.

Jelled cranberry sauce in a

Can! I love that stuff.

- Chrissy Cardinell, '06



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Stuffing is the best part of
Thanksgiving!

- Caitlin Geoghan, '07



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Breaking the wishbone. I do it with one of
my brothers.

- Jon Birdsong, '07



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Save a turkey! Don't eat one!

- Kimberly Hartman, '07

Having time to do my homework for a
change.

- Issac Stolzenbach, '05

Thanksgiving is a
uniquely American hol-
iday, that's what I like
about it.

- Tom Trasente, '06



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SCARE YOURSELF DURING
AN EVENING WITH "THE
GRUDGE" FRIGHT SCENES

■ Prepare to be scared with the new Gellar flick based on a Japanese film.

by **Selena Moshell**

staff reporter

I honestly can't review "The Grudge" because I didn't see half of it; most of the time my eyes were squeezed shut or hidden by my sweaty palms. Yeah, it's that scary. Based on a Japanese film, (a la "The Ring") this Sarah Michelle Gellar thriller isn't just going to make you "Scream," it will give you nightmares. Literally. It's been a week since I saw it and I am still skittish. But it is not really the plot that is frightening, since there really isn't much of one to begin with. Karen, (Gellar) a student studying social work in Japan, is asked to cover for a missing nurse at her social services internship and finds herself caring for a catatonic woman in a disheveled home. Picking her way through the clutter, Karen finds her way upstairs into a room with a closet emitting a soft scratching sound and sealed shut with masking tape. (It's at this point when my hands first clapped over my eyes.) A mysterious little boy, a picture of a professor (Bill Pullman) who committed suicide, and a few bodies in the attic are the first clues of the horrors that took place which left a residue of evil that stains the house and eventually kills everyone who enters. Yet when Karen finally does uncover the house's gruesome history, which is the reason for the Grudge, it's not entirely satisfying or even logical, which leaves you wondering what how a movie with little-to-no plot was so enjoyable.

Don't get me wrong, there is a thin veil of a plot-line involving a family,

tragedy, love, and obsession, but there are just too many loose ends. For example, why does a highly trained police detective revert to a simple arsonist in a vain attempt to destroy the house that killed his friends? And why do these ghosts choose to exact their revenge on everyone who simply walks into the house? And why didn't every lowly beat cop that was at the house during the murder investigation also die? The ghost's haunting techniques are unorthodox; haunting the victims no matter where they are and not limiting the shocks to just the house. These issues

Most of the film felt like the old internet chain letters which contained that pretty movie clip and urged you to turn up your speakers and move closer to the screen... and then showed you a white, emaciated, bloody ghost girl and shrieked in your ear. The entire film is a condensed adrenaline shot which blasts pure frigg through every conduit in your body. It's one scare after another, one shrill sound and flash of fright followed quickly by another, and another, until you feel like you are being haunted by the Grudge yourself.

While there isn't much in the way of gore in the movie, there is one scene where the missing nurse reappears and disgusts with her decomposed state. (Not that I would know seeing as I refused to look.) What the movie lacks in blood and guts is made up with in creative scare tactics. The director, Takashi Shimizu, who also directed the original Japanese version, pulled out all the stops and placed scares where the audience would least expect it: in a reflection, in a spot of shadow, in a closet. A few scenes resembled

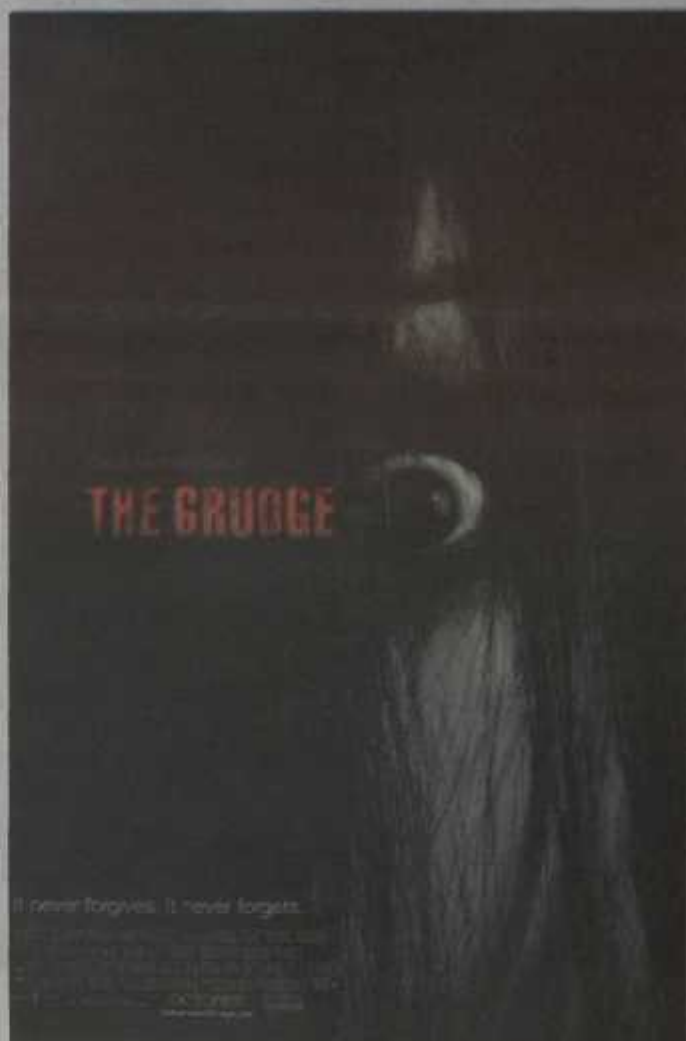


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that seem integral to the movie are glossed over, and amazingly, the audience doesn't seem to notice. Once you see the entire movie, neither will you.

This lack of plot does not imply a bad movie. The gaping holes in the story are truly unnoticeable during the film. The main reason for this is because during the movie, you're fighting the urge to scream bloody murder and run out of the theater with your popcorn flying behind you in a trail of shame. (At least, that's what I was doing.) The unorthodox fright pattern throughout the movie will take up most of your senses, leaving little with which to criticize.

"The Ring" at times, such as a video of the spirit and its threatening approach to the camera, and a jerky, white, and wet girl walking menacingly towards her victim. (Incidentally, the director of "The Ring" actually teamed up with Sam Rami of "Spiderman" to help "The Grudge" find its way to America). But this coincidence takes nothing away from all of the truly original and terrifying moments; flashes of hands grabbing out of dark places, scratches in the shadows, and eyes glowing out of closets. Well, at least that's what I thought they were as I peered through the cracks between my fingers.

It Was So Embarrassing! What to Do?

Check out what happened to fellow classmates while strolling around campus and elsewhere.



Have an embarrassing day

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It was my freshmen year in high school, and one of my friends lived on the beach so we had a big party with most of the freshman class there. As the sun set and people started to relocate to different parts of the beach, I was walking down to the waterfront with an arm around the shoulders of two girls whom at the time I was only friends with but had intentions to see if either was interested in anything else. Anyways, one of my friends thought it would be funny to PANTS me, so... he did. That's not the worst part, though; when he did that, my crappy board shorts ripped at the waist band so I practically had the shorts around my ankles with a wonderfully tropical belt. Anyways, I made the quick reaction and jerked my shorts back up only to find that they fell immediately after I had let go. For the rest of the night, I was forced to use my hands to hold up the back and front of my board shorts.

Sincerely,
-M-Bare-Assed at the Beach

My arm was trapped in a vending machine in Ward. I was reaching in to get my candy bar and the door slammed shut on my arm and locked, therefore pinching my whole forearm in the machine. No one was around and I was screaming

and crying for help. My cell phone was in my bag, which was about 5 feet away from me. I stretched out across the floor trying get my phone when two of my RCC mentees walked into Ward. They were laughing SO hard and I was very embarrassed to be sitting on the floor, crying, with my arm in the vending machine! Anyway, I had to call campus safety and they came over with their jug of professional lubricant. The officers greased up my arm and tried to slide it out for about 30 minutes-it wasn't working. By this time, my arm was turning purple and people were taking pictures of me with their cameras! After another 45 minutes of greasing my arm, they finally slid it out from the vending machine! Applause rang out, and I swore that I would never get candy from a vending machine ever again!

-Carson Fuller

My Freshman year was my first year on the Cheerleading squad. I am now a senior. Nothing since then has been quite so embarrassing. During the basketball games, we shout encouragement at the crowd and the players. I couldn't decide if I wanted to shout, "Go Tars!" or "Rebound!" Therefore, out came, clear as day, "Go Retards!"

Fortunately we won that day.

Most---->
Embarrassing
<-----Moment

-Deena

I was at a beach party one time and saw a good friend of mine in the distance. I slowly crept over to her and she was standing by herself with her back towards me. So very sneakily, I gave her the biggest wedgy I had ever seen, I know it must have hurt. She turned around and it turned out to be a random lady! I was mortified and didn't know what to say, so I just froze. She must have been mortified too, because all she said was, "you have got to be the

worst friend in the world, and the rudest for doing things like that." Then we both king of ran away. It was awful. The worst part was when I looked back, all my friends had seen what I did and were cracking up.

-Worst Wedgy Picker

I walked into the school bathroom one time and heard a guy whimpering for help. Apparently he had been sitting on the toilet for about 15 minutes with no toilet paper. Poor guy didn't come out of the bathroom until the rest of us had finished our business.

-Caught Him!

I was with my boyfriend and his family at their Ocean Club on the beach when I decided to take a dive. Of course, I wanted to show off for my boyfriend and his family. So I tried a swan dive. I didn't realize the force I hit the water with and apparently my top came off. Well, I didn't realize it, so I jumped out of the water all happy and proud - and there were my boobs hanging right out for the entire family to see. My boyfriend ran to cover me. It was horrible, nonetheless, I couldn't hang out with the family for months. I was so embarrassed.

-Hanging loose



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There was this one time at band camp...oh wait, that's not an embarrassing story. Ooh I've got it, at a student activity meeting earlier this year, I had someone question my age. After sharing that I had just turned 20, this individual proceeded to call me a liar and demanded to see proof. After showing her my driver's license and explaining that just because I resemble a balding middle-aged grocery clerk, does not mean that it's the case - she finally acquiesced and I graciously gave her the finger.

-Aging Gracefully

CeLeb Yearbook

by Lara and Jess

Celebrity Yearbook is back with another class full of famous faces. Check your answers below!



Answers: 1. Brad Pitt, 2. Clint Eastwood, 3. Courtney Cox, 4. David Arquette, 5. Jennifer Aniston, 6. Lisa Kudrow, 7. Tiger Woods, 8. Sandra Bullock, 9. Elvis Presley, 10. Kobe Bryant

Greek Week Winners!

Congratulations to the following fraternities and sororities for participating in Greek Week and winning the following events.

Banner Contest:
TKE and Chi Omega

Volleyball Tournament:
ATO and Kappa Delta

Greek Jeopardy:
AOPi and Chi Psi

Balloon Toss:
Tie between TKE and NCM and Chi Omega and Phi Delta

Food Fest:
AOPi and ATO

Tug of War:
TKE and NCM

Relay Race:
Kappa Delta and Chi Psi

Boat Race:
TKE and Chi Omega

Don't Skirt the Issue Pillowcase Drive:
AOPi and X-Club

Overall Greek Week Winners:
1st Place: TKE
2nd Place: AOPi
3rd Place: Chi Omega

Spirit Award:
Kappa Kappa Gamma

Participation Award:
X-Club

Revolutionary Family Band

■ When mocking corporate America and singing to a slide show are the new elements for success.

by **Lara Bueso**

entertainment editor

Can you even imagine the combination of a family band and a slideshow being a success? Well neither could I, until I saw them perform on Saturday night at The Social. The Trachtenburg Family Slideshow Players is their official name, including Dad (Jason), Mom (Tina), and 10-year-old rock star daughter (Rachel). Fans at the popular downtown Orlando club were laughing, drinking, and even delighted small children who danced in front of the stage.

They characterize themselves as an "indie-vaudeville conceptual art-rock pop band." They shop at estate sales, garage sales, rummage sales, and thrift stores searching for their prime target—vintage slides. Then they habitually create jingle-like, social commentary songs to the lives of these anonymous strangers mocking corporate America and anything else mainstream. There is definitely a political undertone in each piece as the Trachtenburgs admit to being very left wing.

While interviewing Tina adorned in navy polka dot

shirt, blue pleated skirt, blue pants, plaid socks, and an orange headband (she layers), she said, "People expect a happy partridge family, but political undertones are definitely a part of what we do." Rachel, only ten, does not fully understand the message being sent out by the family's tunes, but she is constantly asking questions and starting to understand some meanings.

Jason is the guitarist, keyboard player, singer and

songwriter.

Tina plays the slide projections and also helps with the lyrics.

Rachel, seen on Conan O'Brien and under the spotlight, plays the drums and has recently learned bass and guitar.

Originally from Seattle, the family moved to New York to pursue their indie-rock career, forcing Rachel to be home-schooled. They have gone on tour in the U.K. where they sold out every show, and the U.S. where they tour in their '83 Suburban that is continually mocked in their show. Tina claims that the Brits have more to rebel against since it is so conservative. "It is not that they are more intelli-

gent, but they are more literate," she said. The family goes on tour for six weeks at a time with the three Trachtenburgs, Andrew Cats (a Broadway star and their opener), the group manager, and dog Emma.

Revolutionizing the music industry, the Trachtenburg family has taken indie-rock by storm, enticing people of all ages, from 3 to 60 to attend shows. While at the Social, about 8-10 children were dancing in

front of the stage, while their parents sat back and relaxed.

Fans can easily purchase Rachel dolls, messenger bags, CDs, and shirts from the team.

Their hit

song "Eggs" has been featured on MTV2; they have already come out with two CDs and even a DVD for your enjoyment.

Stations, managers, talk show hosts, and more have immediately seen the family as a successful money making idea. They even offered for the family to star in their own reality TV show. "We didn't want to be turned into a freak show," Tina said. "It is really exhausting," she said, "touring for six weeks, getting to bed after 2:30 a.m., and getting a jumpstart on

the road at 9:00 a.m. to start the day all over." Wanting to stay in New York and do shows, Tina complains that the highs and lows are really intense. It is much easier for a single, young kid to embark upon the rock star journey, but a little more difficult for a family of three.

We received an exclusive when Tina informed me that she is planning on writing books about Rachel and she will do the illustrations. It is a series of children's books about Rachel on the road. Titles have been thrown around such as "Rachel rocks America," "Rachel rocks the U.K.," and "Rachel rocks N.Y." The books will not be considered mainstream at all, but still employ the common morals, obstacles, and issues children must overcome and learn while on the road.

Extremely interested in how Rachel takes to being a new child rock star, she innocently said that she feels no pressure as a role model. She loves traveling, Led Zeppelin, Blondie, the Beatles, and the White Stripes. She's awesome and only ten! Get this; she and another young child prodigy will be creating their own band sometime in the near future, possibly called "The Go-Go Girls." She is incredibly responsible, instead of climbing trees and playing with Barbie, Rachel watches the Simpsons, is launching her own band, and is the star of the family show. Everybody loves Rachel!



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What is Hip?

The WB presents a nostalgic version of hip 80s music

by **Katie Pederson**

asst. sports editor

As a child of the '80s, I was fully indoctrinated in the music of the greats by my rhythmically inclined father. Constantly replayed hits by The Doobie Brothers, America, Tower of Power, and Ambrosia have filled my house for the last twenty years, and I learned to groove right along with these now eclectic tunes.

So when Warner Brothers recently released a compilation of such wonderful tracks entitled *What is Hip?* (a spin-off of the Tower of Power single of the same name), I was ready and rearing for some nostalgic good times. But what I found instead of the pure sultry classics of my childhood were remixed versions of the

already perfect masterpieces.

So for the present, I'll try not to get too worked up about the treachery and break down the album's musical positives. First and foremost, anyone who was a fan of the originals or just enjoyed shaking their rump to Rod Stewart's "Da Ya Think I'm Sexy?" will appreciate that the tracks on *What is Hip?* are very recognizable when compared to the originals and even add a bit more bass for those booty shaking, toe-tapping moments. Second, it is nice to see that the greats are still alive and kicking, possibly finding a new home with the techno rockers of the current generation—though I somehow find it hard to believe that any amount of verve or backbeat will make George Benson's "This Masquerade"

the latest walk-down-the-street-humming-it chart topper.

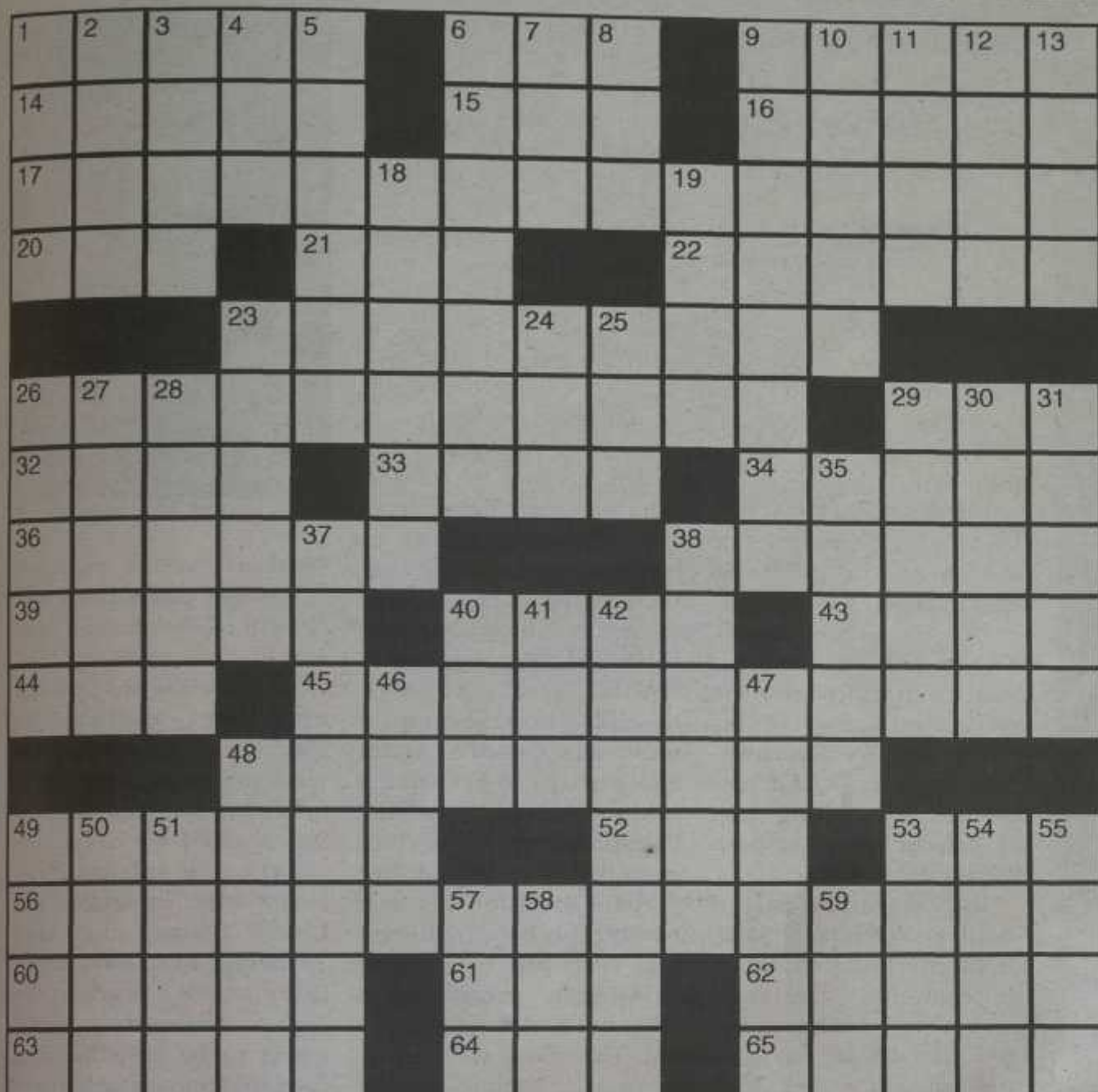
Now perhaps I'm just a bit biased from my years of exposure to the originals, but after hearing *What is Hip?*, I'm fully reinstating the "if it ain't broke, don't fix it" motto. The tracks on this compilation CD are nothing but a purely seductive rupture of timeless pop culture aimed at making Warner Brothers a few extra bucks in the process. Sadly enough, the WB feels it needs to further extend their music mixing travesty into merchandising—you can find the latest *What is Hip?* (isn't that an oxymoron—latest and '80s hip) gear from t-shirts to ring tones at whatiship.com.

Re-package and re-sell may be the music business's current catch phrase, and perhaps they may make a

slight profit from the doo-wop, hard Doobie, Devo, or Seal & Crofts fans, but it scares me to think that this *What is Hip?* album is marketed as only volume one of what Warner Brothers deems as their "remix project." God help us if the future of music is so bleak that we have to resurrect and remix what was already good and pure with the music world.

I personally hope I never have to see the day when I can find my parents in the same night club that I frequent, grooving on the dance floor to a remixed version of Gary Wright's "Dream Weaver." Leave the past to the past Warner Brothers, or if you have to bring it back, leave it as the masterfully beautiful original it was intended to be. Trust me, both the artists and the listeners will thank you.

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- 1 Go with the flow
- 6 Ebullience
- 9 Spanish bulls
- 14 Israeli desert
- 15 Director Lupino
- 16 Insecticide target
- 17 Start of a quip
- 20 Equivalent wd.
- 21 "Le coq _"
- 22 Caveat _
- 23 Specific scholarly essay
- 26 Part 2 of quip
- 29 At the ready
- 32 Wing-shaped
- 33 Take care of
- 34 Heap of Dickens
- 36 Washington and Shore
- 38 Not close-minded about
- 39 Nine: pref.
- 40 Filled with reverence
- 43 "Spahn and _ then pray for rain"
- 44 987-65-4321 grp.
- 45 Part 3 of quip
- 48 Seventy-six horns
- 49 Imitation gold coat
- 52 O.T. book
- 53 Colonel's chain's letters
- 56 End of quip
- 60 Muslim magistrates
- 61 Actor Carney
- 62 Chick of jazz
- 63 Idyllic gardens
- 64 Director Craven
- 65 Lugged

DOWN

- 4 Foot: suff.
- 5 Soap-opera hunk, say
- 6 Wine choice
- 7 Wedding vow
- 8 Sole cleaner
- 9 Concocts fraudulently
- 10 Spirited vigor
- 11 Absorbed
- 12 Eight: pref.
- 13 Restaurateur Toots
- 18 Dunkable treats
- 19 Actress Harlow
- 23 Singer Carmen
- 24 Cotton separator
- 25 Hood's pistol
- 26 Aqua and motor end-ings
- 27 Ken and Lena
- 28 Wife of Balder
- 29 Biblical peak
- 30 Like some kitchens
- 31 Narrow strip
- 35 Takes five
- 37 Bald
- 38 Danish seaport
- 40 Guided-projectile defense: abbr.
- 41 Spider's lair
- 42 Vain folk
- 46 Gloomy
- 47 American Revolution precursor
- 48 Poisonous substance
- 49 _ upon a time...
- 50 Turnpike, e.g.
- 51 Ancient Persian
- 53 Miniature race car
- 54 Skedaddle
- 55 Attired
- 57 Crow's cry
- 58 Rage
- 59 Also

By Victor Fleming
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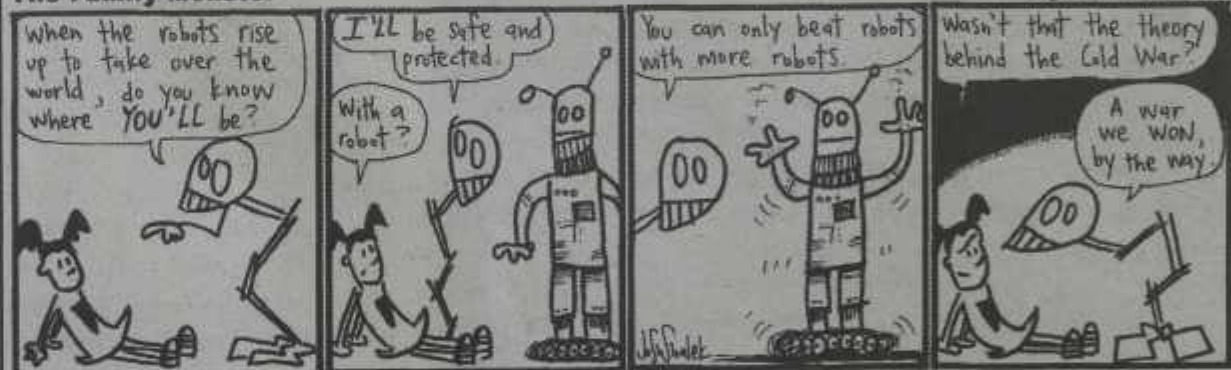
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OH, RETIREMENT IS GREAT!
MORE TIME WITH THE
GRANDKIDS — STUFF
LIKE THAT....



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VIEW FROM MARS



by Alan Nordstrom

faculty columnist

ETERNAL LIFE?

I have been hearing and reading President Duncan's predictions of human immortality, and I find this notion that we won't have to die deeply disturbing.

Death, after all, is a venerable tradition; in fact, one could truly say that our very lives are based on it. What would we do without it?

We are designed by nature to die; it would be unnatural not to die. So much of the meaning of our lives derives from our foreknowledge of our deaths, and the unpredictability but certainty of death's coming, soon or late, though within 100 years at best.

As soon as we pass beyond childhood, we begin coming to terms with termination, for we recognize that everything organic around us passes away in due time: plants, pets, grandparents, parents.

We enter adolescence understanding that we have a life sentence to serve on Earth, long or short, but terminal, and that we might make the best or the worst of it, but it's more or less ours to shape and take responsibility for.

Some view it as a sacred duty to discover and employ their special gifts and play their hand the best they can throughout their time. Others take little command of their lives and just wear them out till doom descends, though knowing all the while that doom will come.

After so many eons of mortality, can we adapt to immortality in a generation or two, or will the prospect of continuous life prove as tedious and debilitating as sleeplessness?

Where's the fun in a game that never ends, where no one wins or loses? What if a symphony or a novel never finished? Things must be finite to finish, and most things we know are finite; they have beginnings, middles, and ends that give them shape, meaning, and preciousness.

Will not the new immortality foreseen by science seem worse than an endless life sentence and worse even than the notion of eternal harping in heaven?

Are we not made and have we not evolved to say goodbye at last to all this, to play out our run on the stage and then exit right or left, but finally?

The shape and meaning of human life as we know it demands the finale of death. Not too soon, we hope, but eventually, in good time.

Arafat is No More

■ What does his death mean for the Middle East Peace Process?

by Bernard Chery

staff reporter

At the age of 75, Yasser Arafat, the central figure in the Palestinian politics for four decades died on Thursday November 11, 2004 at 3:30 a.m. of an unknown illness at a France Military Hospital in Paris. Some believe that he was born in 1929 in Jerusalem of Egyptian parents, while others believe that he was born on August 29, 1929 in Cairo; thus no one really knows of his true origin. As controversial as he was, Arafat represented everything that the Palestinians have been fighting for decades.

In 1958 with the help of Khalil al Wazir and Salah Khalaf, he founded Fatah, the national liberation movement. Arafat managed himself to navigate from being a Nobel Prize Winner to a well-documented terrorist, and from a diplomat to a world statesman. Remember, one's freedom fighter is others' terrorist. It is certain that the Palestinian people have seen in Arafat, someone who can guide them to their goal, which is the foundation of a Palestinian State with Jerusalem as its Capital, and of course, help them regain control over territories lost to Israel during the 1973 war.

In his latest book, *My Life*, President Bill Clinton quoted Abba Eban who once said, "The Palestinians never miss[ed] an opportunity to miss an opportunity" (Clinton 924). So did Arafat? Despite the fact that the Palestinians portrayed him as a messiah and the world accepted him as a world statesman, he missed out on one of the most fundamental principals of politics: compromises; in other words, it is a not zero-sum game. Arafat was not successful

in bringing closure to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, if not ending it, because he always wanted to be one hundred percent satisfied. This is not the reality of life. The reality is, one must be flexible in dealing with political issues.

Obviously, Arafat's successor will have to deal with the biggest challenge ever in this conflict. He would have to try not to fall into an Arafat ambush, which is being too closed-minded or being too nationalistic. To be able to bring a solution to the conflict, he needs to be concerned not just about the safety of his people but also the Israelis. He must be willing to make compromises, as opposed to Arafat and perhaps to Palestinian sentiment. But are the Palestinians ready for compromise? Arafat did not prepare them for this true reality. This is going to be a big risk for the future Palestinian president to take, but a risk worth taking. This move will not be popular among the Palestinians, but it is necessary for a peaceful solution in this conflict.

Arafat had the chance to do so but failed because he wanted to stay popular. As a result, he remained unmoved before the reality of life. The Clinton administration did everything possible to bring peace to the Middle East with no avail. I believe that Mr. Clinton will not forgive Arafat for costing him the chance of solving this long-lasting turmoil. As a matter of fact, Professor John Bersia thinks that would be the greatest legacy of Mr. Clinton's eight years presidency. This war has ravaged the region for well over a half century, and the death of Arafat is far from bringing it to an end. I know I have been very critical of the Bush administration (and I still am), but President Bush was right in cutting diplomatic relations with Arafat. He may do it for many different reasons, but for me, based on all opportunities that Arafat missed under the Clinton administration, I consider dealing with Arafat as wasting times. Moreover, he knew that President Clinton was his last chance because on December 29, 2000, through Dennis Ross and Abu Ala, President Clinton warned Arafat of the con-



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sequences of the rejection of his last peace proposal: "I would be gone. Ross would be gone. Barak would lose the election the upcoming election to Sharon. Bush wouldn't want to jump in after I had invested so much and failed". (938).

Yes, the international community, especially the United States, must take advantage of Arafat's death to try to bring peace to the region. However, it is not going to be easy because the problem was not only a hardheaded and cynical Arafat, it is the peoples of both Israel and Palestine as well as their leaders. As one can see with the resettlement proposition of Prime Minister Sharon, a leader might have the right intention to put an end to a conflict but the people may not, because they do not want to make any compromise. But at the end they (Palestinians and Israeli) are both losers. How many thousands of lives, if not millions, have been lost in this conflict over lands for the past five decades?

Sometimes, the people make it harder for their leaders to end a conflict just because they ask for too much and are unwilling to accept compromises. Sharon's political future is on a roller-coaster ride for trying to give the Palestinians what was theirs. This situation clearly shows that the problem is not just the Palestinians. Although I am optimistic that the passing of the Palestinian leader, Yasser Arafat, is in the interest of the Mid-East region and those who believe in peace, I am skeptical about the chance of an Arafat successor to thrive if he tries to change the mentality of the Palestinians from being selfish to altruistic. Israelis should not be self-absorbed as well.

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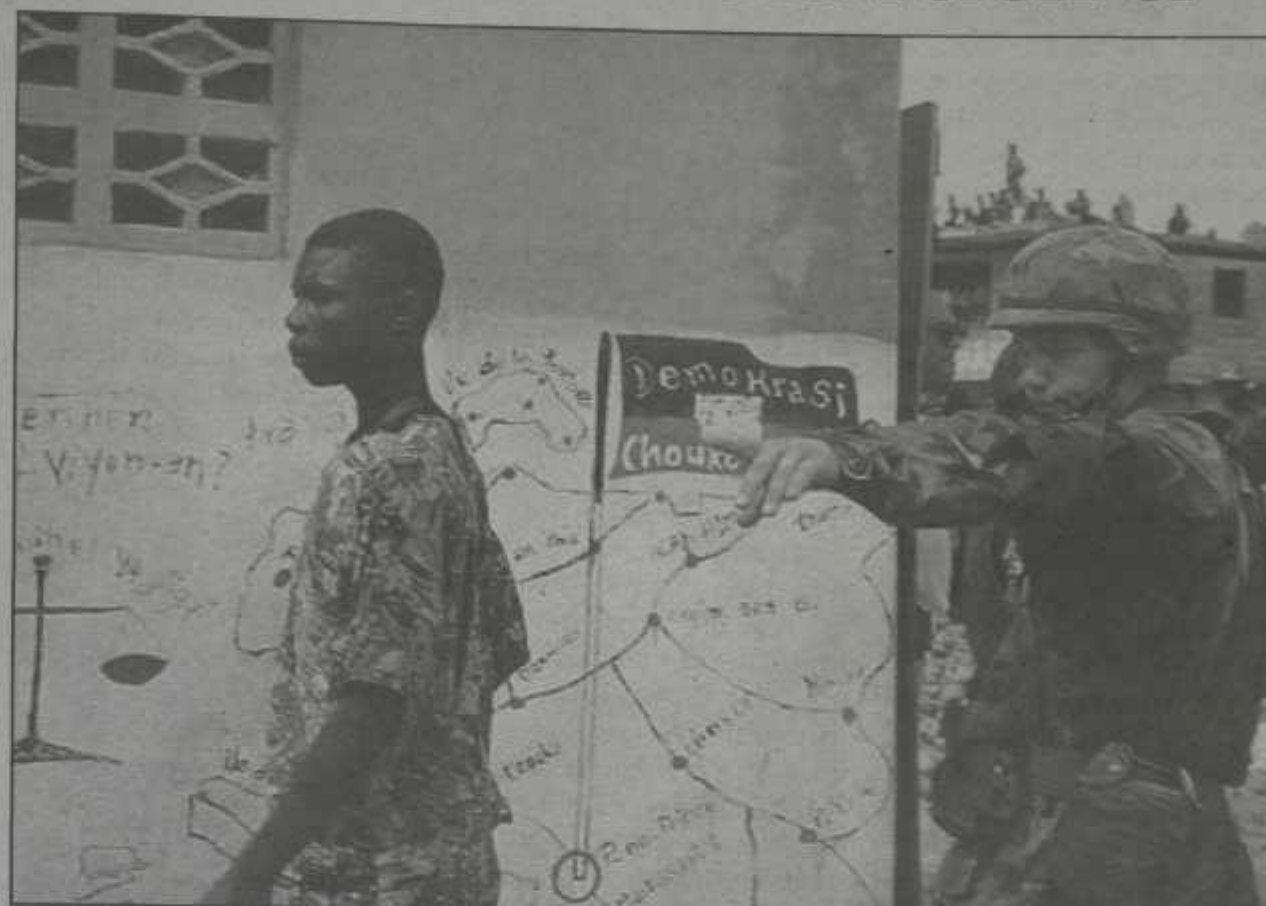
Bush's Double Standard

Words are juxtaposed to actions in the Bush Administration's ideal of democracy.

by **Bernard Chery**

staff reporter

Christopher Columbus discovered the island of Hispanola in 1492, and in 1697 the Spanish gave up the western part of the island to France after the Spanish settlers were constantly victim of French piracy. Thereafter, Africans were brought to the island as slaves to work its fertile land. In 1791, a slave revolt led by Toussaint L'Ouverture, Jean



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dictatorship and a number of provisional governments, dating from 1957 to 1990, the country was heading toward democracy with its first free and democratic election on December 16, 1990. Despite violence leading up to the election, the population got out and exercised their civic duty by electing President Jean Bertrand Aristide with 67.5 % of the popular vote. The United States applauded the Haitian people for their fight for democracy, but behind the scene President George Bush Sr. was looking for a way to depose the democratically elected president. Aristide took office on February 7, 1991, and seven months later General Raoul Cedras ousted him with the support of the Bush Sr. Administration. In 1993, the American people were generous enough to deny Bush a second term, which opened the door for the reestablishment of democracy in Haiti.

President Clinton, true to his words, brought Aristide back to Haiti. That was a victory for democracy. Unfortunately, in 2001 Al Gore failed to win the election, which gave George W. Bush a chance to finish his Dad's unfinished business. President George W. Bush started by cutting aids allocated to the Haitian government, thinking that his policy would destroy the

Haitian economy, and thus the population would revolt against Aristide. One thing is, the majority of the Haitian people may be illiterate and poor, but they are not stupid. They know what they want. They want democracy. When his efforts failed, he orchestrated a coup d'etat against the Haitian people and democracy in general and Aristide in particular.

It is true that I cried when I watched Kerry's conceding speech. I cried not because I felt sorry for him, but because I felt sorry for my country. I knew for a fact that Haiti would be in a long haul for the next four years. How would you feel if you were to wake up one day, turn on your TV set, and see the National Guard takes over all the police stations in Winter Park? Think about it for a second and see how I feel when this is actually happening in my country because of Bush's supports for rebels. If you are not playing a double standard game, why did you decline to come to aid a democratically elected president, and ready to take him aboard a flight to exile, and let members of the disbanded notorious army take over the country? Why did you threaten to use your veto power in the United Nation to stop any effort to help the democratically elected president? Why

the networks are always talking about beheadings in Iraq and never pay a fraction of attention to the ones that are happening in Haiti now?

But one thing I know, it is not Americans' sentiment, rather it is a GOP's. When are you going to stop being a bunch of hypocrites? Do not get me wrong; I like America and its people, and I am grateful for the opportunities its offers me while I am here. But you have to understand, that I love my country as you love yours. As a result of the GOP's hypocrisy, I become to believe that they do not care about democracy in Haiti because it will open the population's minds. They know if the population becomes educated citizens, it would be hard for them to find knuckleheads, like Guy Philipe, who cannot see further than their nose to accept money from GOP leaders to destroy their own country. You may see why I feel angry. I would love to take my friend to Haiti, but lawlessness created by the Bush administration keeps me away. Democracy should not be selective. If the United States wants to be a true defender of democracy, its leaders must stop funding rebel groups to get rid of democratic leaders, like Aristide, who do not want to be an American puppet.

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The Myth of Social Progress

■ Others have promised to be forward-thinking; with terrible results.

by **John Ferreira**
sports editor

Throughout history there have been many groups that claim that they are on the side of "progress." They love to say that those who oppose them want to turn back the clock, and they should stop living in the past. In Germany during the 1930s and 1940s, there was a party lead by man named Hitler who said that racial "progress" was killing off Jews. Hitler claimed to be on the side of progress and many joined in and believed his promise of a golden age of Germany. The Nazi Party ostracized any who attempted to stop these horrendous crimes by claiming that they were enemies of Germany.

During the same time in Russia, a man named Joseph Stalin and the Bolshevik Party claimed to be following the "Progress of History" as they moved to nation to a tyrannical and oppressive state. Anyone who opposed them was called a "counter-revolutionary" and was told to stop living in the past. Stalin murdered 20 million of his own people in the name of "progress" because they stood in the way of his communist utopia.

"Progress" is a very subjective word. Today in America there are many who are claiming to be on the side of progress, bringing about a sexual revolution and claim to be liberating all the sexually oppressed. Much like others in history, anyone who stands against these social progressivisms are called "close-minded" and too "set in their ways". What people sometimes fail to notice is that there is a signifi-

cant difference between "common" and "normal." Something can become very common in society, but it will never be normal. Moral relativists want to advocate a society in which everything is ok, and no one is judged. We often hear today the question "what is normal?" this is a veiled attempt to strip society of judgment and moral strength.

Social Liberals are getting ready to oppose any appointment by President Bush to the Supreme Court for fear that they would oppose social "progress." The truth is that no one knows all the truth, and no one knows what progress really is. Liberals are going start a firestorm saying that the conservatives are trying to turn back on the clock on liberties. They claim that abortion should be free for all, that homosexuals should have the right to marry, and most arrogant of all they be-

lieve that all of these issues are inevitable. Just the same as Hitler believed that the Aryan race would inevitably conquer over "minor races", just the same as Stalin and the communists in Russia believed that eventually all the workers of the Earth would rise up and destroy the capitalist system. We must be wary as a people be-

fore simply following anyone that advocates "progress." Today's liberals believe that one day they will live in a society will simply change their views on gay marriage and abortion. Their arrogance has been seen before in history, and much in the same way their arrogance will meet the same fate.

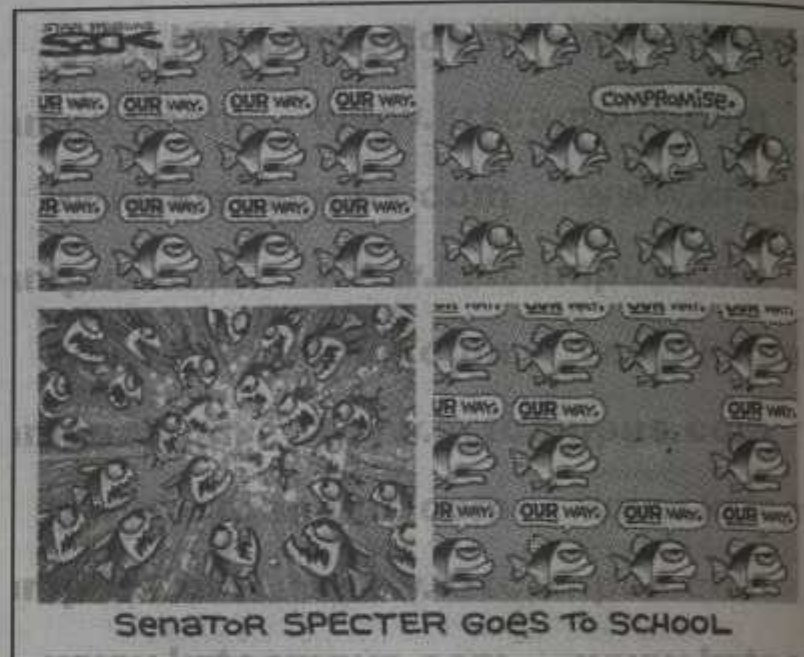


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Ashcroft and the Patriot Act

■ All the best in your retirement Ashcroft; thanks for the Patriot Act.

by **Jami Furo**
copy editor

On Tuesday, November 9, the White House announced that John Ashcroft would resign from his position as attorney general. He has suffered from health problems, including gallstone pancreatitis in March. Ashcroft told the president that the job has been "both rewarding and depleting." I wish John Ashcroft the best, and I hope that his retirement will help to improve his health.

Ashcroft has been a controversial figure in his four years as the attorney general. He is conservative; he is religious; and he supported the Patriot Act.

Yes, the Patriot Act. The Patriot Act has definitely been a source of conflict recently. It basically takes increased measures for the government to be able to identify terrorists. The act increases opportunities for gathering information and, in some cases, offers protection or immunity to those who give information about

terrorist activity.

The critics say that the Patriot Act infringes upon civil liberties. So here is what I say to them.

Infringes on civil liberties? Three years ago, a group of terrorists flew two planes into the World Trade Center and one into the Pentagon. Yet another plane was brought down by heroes like Todd Beamer in a field in Pennsylvania where the passengers on the plane were the only ones harmed. Doesn't that infringe on your civil liberties?

I know that I would personally rather endure the extra airport security if it means that the plane that I am about to board is not going to crash into a building and result in the deaths of thousands of people. One of my civil liberties is the freedom to live safely.

Some challenge the effectiveness of the legislation. Well, how many terrorist attacks have we had on U.S. soil since the implementation of this act?

We don't hear about it every time the Patriot Act catches someone who tries to commit a terrorist act. Better yet, we don't hear about it every time a terrorist is deterred from even trying be-

cause he knows that he will get caught. It is difficult to monitor the success of this legislation in terms of what it has done right. However, you would know if it failed. There would be a bomb in your classroom. There would be anthrax in your mailbox. There would be a plane through your window.

Freedom is a wonderful thing. It is important, and it is valuable. It is the pride and joy of our fair nation. It is the reason that we do not understand terrorism. It is the reason that we do not want to understand it—only to beat it.

However, we must remember what our freedoms truly are. We have freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom to be who we are, freedom to be safe. In defense of these freedoms, we must sometimes control other privacies and liberties. To protect the freedoms on which this country was founded, it might take a little more airport security. I will take that trade any day.

So good luck, Mr. Ashcroft. You have done a good job. You have provided us with legislation that has helped to make us safe. We appreciate it, and we wish you the best.

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Redskins Will Upset the Eagles

■ Even a really smart guys like me can have a bad week. But hey, I'm only human.

by **Jake Kohlman**

staff reporter

Never challenge the gods my friends. Last week, after bragging about how well I was doing picking games the gods sent me a reminder that I am still mortal and I finished with a record barely above .500. Pathetic, I know. But give me some credit. My upset special, Arizona over the Giants was right. I basically predicted the entire Ravens/Jets game. I told you about Peyton Manning putting up huge numbers and he did (I know way to go, out on a limb you say). So I'm not completely incompetent. Anyway lets take a look at the games. There are a lot of games worth watching this week, as you'll see.

Change the channel

Arizona at Carolina:

Arizona has been playing well of late but this is still a game between two pretty bad teams. I'm going with the Cardinals here. Honestly I have no real justification; I just flipped a coin (this is why we have disclaimers).

Miami at Seattle:

At this point Dolphin fans should only concern themselves with watching college football, just so they can scout out who their team will be selecting with the number one pick in the NFL draft as the worst team in the league. Seahawks win this game handily.

San Francisco at Tampa Bay:

It's a race between the 49ers

and the Dolphins as to who is going to be the worst team in football this year. The Niners further their cause in this game, getting blown out by the Bucs.

St. Louis at Buffalo:

This was a borderline "care about" game between two mediocre teams but then I actually thought about it and really who does care about this game? Not me, probably not you. I'm going with Buffalo because of the cold. Its really cold in Buffalo in November and I don't think a dome team like St. Louis can handle it.

Only if Laguna Beach runs are not on

N.Y. Jets at Cleveland:

This is probably going to be a very boring game. The Browns aren't very good and had to pull Jeff Garcia last week. Quincy Carter is in at QB for the injured Chad Pennington with the Jets. Yawn. Jets are the better team so lets go with them. Everybody all together now: J-E-T-S! JETS! JETS! JETS!

Tennessee at Jacksonville:

Another boring game, hence watch it only if Laguna Beach is not on (sidenote: I don't really get Laguna Beach. It's the kind of show where I feel like I'm missing something but I really don't think I am. Its just that boring right?). Jacksonville wins.

Worth watching

Atlanta at N.Y. Giants:

The Giants are coming off a disappointing loss to Arizona (I called it) while Michael Vick is slowly maturing into a more complete quarterback, as anyone who saw his laser touchdown pass to Alge Crumpler can tell you. Vick's maturation process continues against the Giants as the Falcons beat

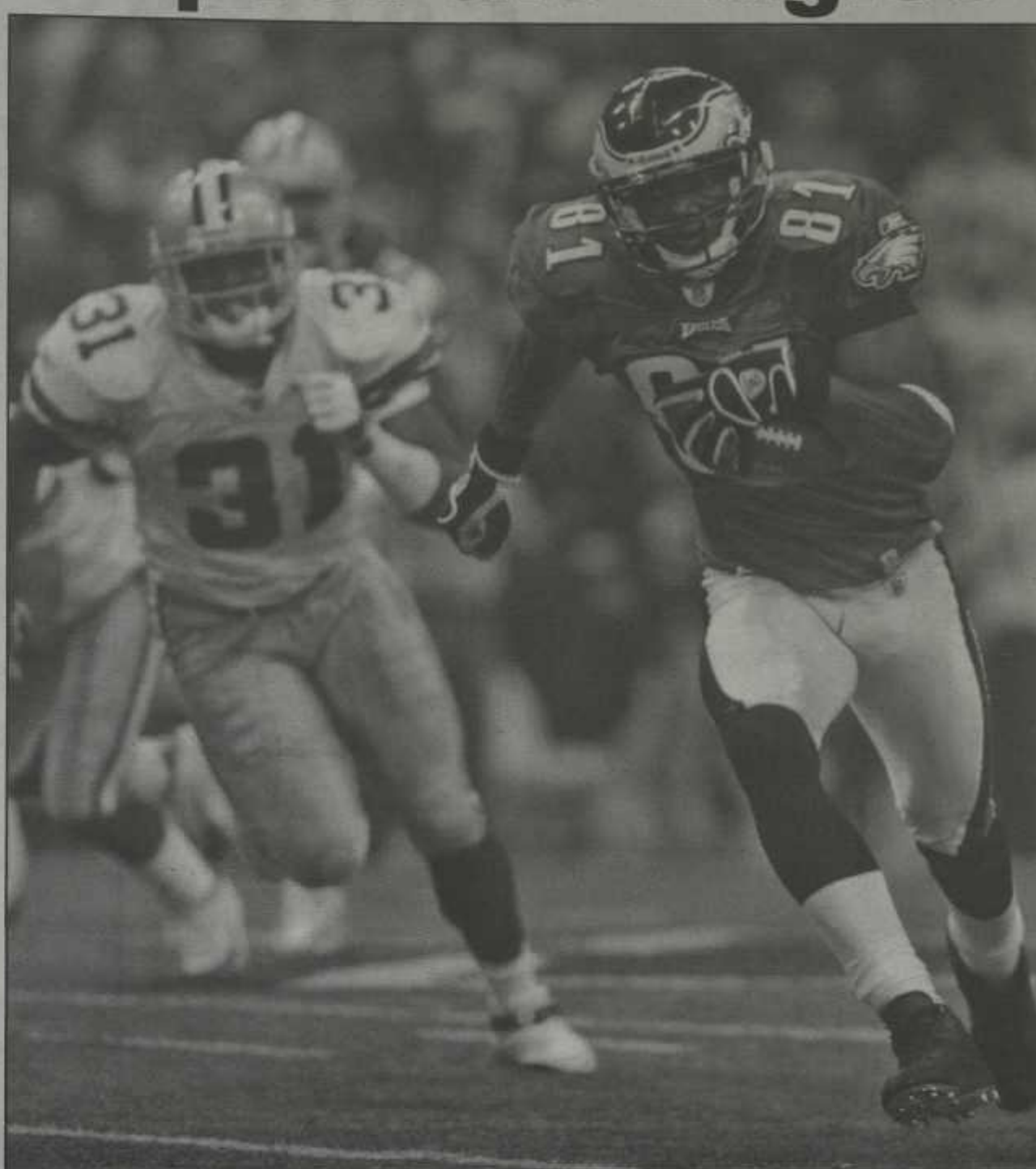


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NOT SO FAST!: Sure Terrell Owens ran away with the game against the Cowboys but he won't be so lucky against Washington in the game of the week.

up the G-men. Kurt Warner could fumble 4 times in this one.

Indianapolis at Chicago:

The only suspense here is how many touchdowns Peyton Manning throws. I'm going with 4, though a few more wouldn't surprise me. Colts win big.

San Diego at Oakland:

Will Drew Brees' dream season continue? If he faced a defense as awful as Oakland's every week it would. The dream continues for Brees as San Diego beats up on an Oakland team that's given up on the year.

Green Bay at Houston:

Brett Favre is on a role and we never pick against that. Packers win here. David Carr will show why he's the future but Favre will show why he's the present.

Dallas at Baltimore:

This game could get ugly. The Cowboys offense is terrible, the Ravens defense is nasty. I bet the Cowboys get inside the Ravens 20 yard line once all game. Ravens win big in what might turn into a shutout.

Denver at New Orleans:

The Saints are the hardest team to figure out in the league, world-beaters one week, awful the next. The Saints just beat an alright Chiefs team so using the alternating weeks theory I'm going with the Broncos to beat the Saints easily this time. Of course the opposite will probably happen, what do I know?

New England at Kansas City:

Should be a good game, even though the Chiefs have a disappointing record and could be without Priest Holmes. Actually now that I think about it, not having Priest Holmes means disaster for the Chiefs. Patriots win easy.

Detroit at Minnesota:

Both these teams are desperate for a win so it should be a hard fought game (aren't they all being paid millions, shouldn't every game be "hard fought"? Just a little internal argument I'm having with myself). The Lions are a poorman's Vikings so lets go with the real deal:

Vikings win, ending their recent slide and continuing the Lions destruction.

Pittsburgh at Cincinnati:

Will Big Ben ever lose? The Bengals have been playing alright of late and I thought about making this my upset special of the week (that comes next) but how can I go against the rampaging Steelers? The answer of course is that I can't. Steelers win but I think it will be close, maybe even last minute close.

Game of the Week

Washington at Philadelphia:

I know what your thinking, "This is the game of the week?" Well you know what? I put in all the effort to write this thing so I get to pick what the game of the week is, so back off. The Patrick Ramsey era resumes in Washington (thank God) and why not start it off with a bang? That's right, this is my upset special of the week folks, Redskins beat the Eagles. Remember, if you truly believe, anything can happen. And I can almost honestly say I truly believe. Almost.

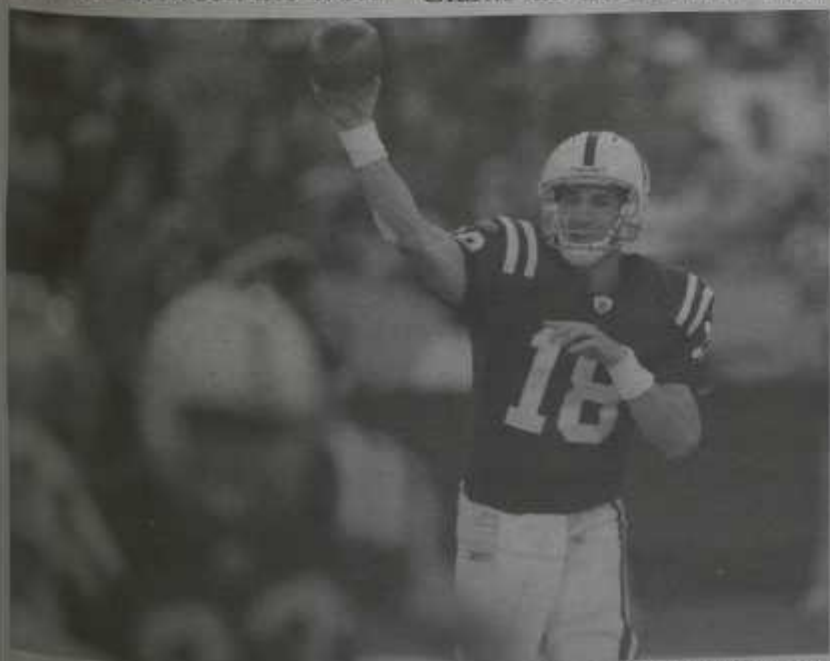
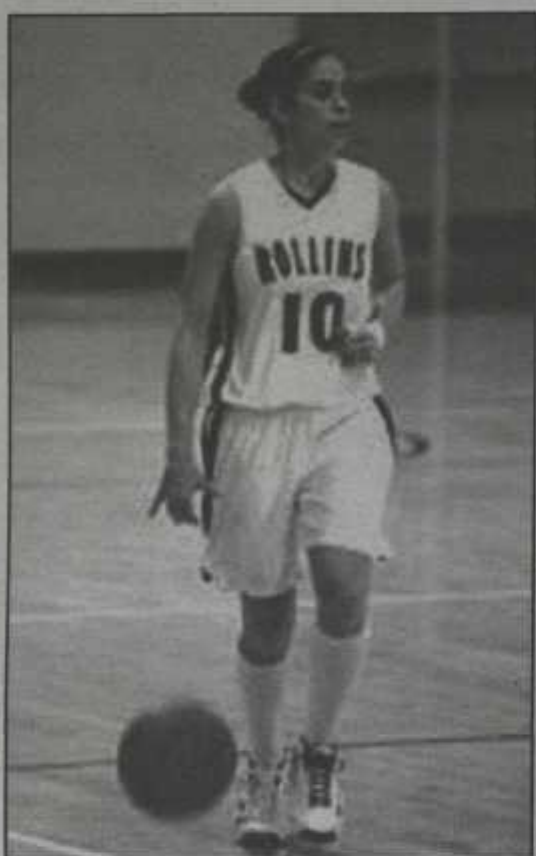


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Rollins College Basketball

2004-2005

Season Schedules



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Date:	Time:	Opponent:
November 17th	5:30 pm *	Puerto Rico Mayaguez
November 20th	4:00 pm	Georgia College
November 23rd	5:30 pm *	Puerto Rico Bayaman
November 30th	7:00 pm	Puerto Rico Rio Piedras
December 4th	4:00 pm	North Florida
December 27th	7:00 pm	Wayne State
January 8th	2:00 pm *	Nova Southeastern *
January 19th	5:30 pm *	St. Leo *
January 22nd	2:00 pm *	Barry *
January 29th	2:00 pm *	Eckerd *
February 2nd	5:30 pm *	Florida Southern *
February 9th	5:30 pm *	Tampa *
February 12th	2:00 pm *	Lynn *
February 23rd	5:30 pm *	Florida Tech *

* Double-header * SSC game

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Date:	Time:	Opponent:
November 17th	7:30 pm *	Puerto Rico Mayaguez
November 18th	7:30 pm	Puerto Rico Cayey
November 22nd	7:30 pm	Puerto Rico Mayaguez
November 23rd	7:30 pm *	St. Leo
December 11th	7:00 pm	St Mary's
December 14th	7:30 pm	Webber International
December 29th	6:00 pm	Coker
December 30th	6/8:00 pm	Semi-Finals/Finals
January 8th	4:00 pm *	Nova Southeastern *
January 19th	7:30 pm *	St. Leo *
January 22nd	4:00 pm *	Barry *
January 29th	4:00 pm *	Eckerd *
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Basketball Teams looking for Historic Season

■ Can Joslyn Giles and Eric Faber lead their teams to unprecedented heights?

by John Ferreira

sports editor

For most Rollins basketball fans the memory of last season's triumphs are still fresh. The Women went a perfect fourteen and zero in Sunshine State Conference play, and they won both the regular season and the post-season title for the SSC. The Women's team hosted an NCAA Regional final for the first time in history and made it to the NCAA Tournament for the fifth time in six seasons. The accomplishments were also great for the Men's basketball team who surprised many critics, making it all the way to the Elite Eight (for the first time in

history). That great season last year have many in Winter Park hoping that this will be another record breaking for season for our hoops teams.

The women look especially strong this year and have been picked to win the Sunshine State Conference again. The team is lead by junior Joslyn Giles from Winter Haven, Florida. The five-eleven forward led the team last year in most offensive categories. She averaged 10.3 points per game and 6.3 rebounds per game. The team will also look for good production from the most experienced member of the team, Nicole Warder. Warder is surprisingly the only senior on the roster this season, which shows that even though Rollins has a young team its amazing talent will continue. The five foot seven point guard from Hudson, Florida averaged

8.5 points and three rebounds per game. She was one of the team leaders with 59 steals and 46 steals. Two fresh faces will probably make a big impact on the Tars interior game. Coming off the bench in most games sophomores Jennifer Catti and Larissa McDonough will most likely find more opportunities to start this season. Catti and McDonough are the tallest players on the team at six foot one. Catti averaged 5.4 points a game and 4.2 rebounds per game. McDonough also had a solid freshmen year, averaging 5.2 points per game and 2.8 rebounds per game. Although it is usually lonely at the top, Rollins has a lot in their favor to establish their dominance in the SSC. Some have whispered that if this team can stay healthy they might even have a stab at the National Title, if they learned from their NCAA experience

last year.

Expectations are also sky high for the men's basketball team. Last year's run to the elite eight has many hoping that this will be another breakout for Rollins basketball. Three starters return this season and last year's young bench seems ready to make a huge impact. The star of this team is no doubt six-one guard Eric Faber, who had a great season last year. He averaged 16.1 points per game and dished out two hundred fifteen assists as he led the Tars on their amazing run. Faber was a finalist of the Bob Coussey Award, which is given to the top point guard of the nation. All eyes will be on him and hopes are high that he can lead this young team to success. Rollins is also hoping for another strong season from Rwandan center, Placide Muhizi. The six-nine senior center

averaged 9.8 points per game and 6.6 rebounds. This seems like it will be breakout year for sophomore guard, Deon Troupe. He had a great first year and was one of many solid freshmen for the Tars last season. He averaged 5.5 points per game and will be looking make an impact as the starting point guard. Eyes will also fall on forward Issac Codrey, who started fifteen games a freshmen and made the All-Freshmen team of the SSC. The biggest question for the Tars will be their consistency. Rollins seemed like a completely different team when they were playing the NCAA tournament run going on an amazing run to beat Eckerd and Montevallo both teams to whom the Tars had lost to during the season. Rollins will have to play well when it counts if they hope to make it to the Elite Eight and beyond.

My Call to Sports Fans

■ Rollins may never see this again, ever, so pay attention!

by John Ferreira

sports editor

Being a Tar Fan is not an easy thing. It is not for those who like the trappings and grandeur of the spotlight. It is not for those who want a team that will always win, or a team that is sure to win. There are bad seasons and there are great seasons, and the worst thing is that we have no idea which exactly is coming. In a school this small, Rollins still stands as one of the most dominant schools in the Sunshine State Conference, consistently placing teams in the SSC tournament and usually having at least one team that makes it to the big stage of the NCAA Tournament.

Since becoming sports editor for this fabled institution, I have been able to learn more about the inner workings of the Rollins Sports World. The word "world" is not an overstatement; the Alford Sports Center is a universe unto its own. It runs parallel to the rest of the school, which seems to be so worried about books and studies. Sports is much more than leisure to

the great people who work night and day to maintain the Rollins sports tradition, which I have detailed in a piece earlier this year.

This is why I am still confounded that sometimes sporting events are not even bleeps on the Rollins Radar. Sometimes I can understand why fan interest is low. Rollins' major sport is golf, which is not exactly a great fan sport. Golf fans are known for being quiet, not for being rowdy. Rollins golf gets much attention from those outside our school and those who know golf, but to the average Tar the team is unknown. Sometimes it is not the team that will attract fans. The new soccer stadium did a great deal to bring in new fans for the soccer teams, and all of the games I attended this season had a good turnout. Yet the people hollered at the game seemed to forget what they saw at the games. What is missing from Rollins is "sports talk." You don't see people excited and talking about our great sports team. If you ask the average Rollins student what the men's soccer team did this year, most will answer with a shrug. The men, by the way, got to the NCAA Tournament, into the second round and won the SSC for the first time in history.

They are simply oblivious to the Rollins Sports World, because no one talks about it and no one really seems to care.

I have no apologies for this. Most say that it's due to our small size, but I see that the College has a large plethora of fans just waiting for a sports fix. I am one of them. I could watch sports anytime, anywhere, and there are many others here that feel the same way. Even though Rollins has a great sports tradition, it does not have a great sports "culture." The Rollins sports world is rich with stories to tell and records to be broken, and more should be done to bring these people to sporting events.

So I would like to call out all the suppressed sports fans out there to pay more attention to Rollins sports. Both basketball teams look poised to have breakout seasons, and both the women and men are ranked in the top ten in the nation. They are also both contenders for the national title. This might never happen again in Rollins history, so my advice to all is to pay attention. Wouldn't you feel bad if we won the national championship and you missed the opportunity to watch a small part of that history making feat?

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Friday 11:19

Rollins Swimming vs.
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Alfond Swimming Pool
4 p.m. - 7 p.m.
"Extremities"

Annie Russell Theatre - 8 p.m.
"The Boys Next Door"
Fred Stone Theatre - 8 p.m.

Saturday 11:20

Women's Basketball vs.
Georgia College
Alfond Sports Center - 4 p.m.
"Extremities"
Annie Russell Theatre - 8 p.m.
"The Boys Next Door"
Fred Stone Theatre - 8 p.m.

Sunday 11:21

"Extremities"
Annie Russell Theatre - 8 p.m.

"The Boys Next Door"
Fred Stone Theatre - 8 p.m.

Monday 11:22

Tuesday 11:23

Women's Basketball vs.
Puerto Rico-Bayoman
Alfond Sports Center
5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Men's Basketball vs.
Saint Leo
Alfond Sports Center
7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday 11:24

Thanksgiving Recess
No Classes

Thursday 11:25

Thanksgiving Recess
No Classes

Men Fall in NCAA Tourney

■ The men's soccer team's Cinderella run ends against Central Arkansas.

by John Ferreira

sports editor

The magical season is over for the Rollins Soccer team as they lost 2-1 to Central Arkansas. The Tars still had a historic season, making it to the NCAA Tournament for a second year in a row, winning the Sunshine State Conference for the first time in history, and having finished with only one loss at home.

Rollins beat the University of Montevallo in the first round by 1-0 in an exciting overtime match. Three hundred fifty fans showed up to cheer on their Tars as the Sandspur Field

was decorated for the NCAA gala event. Rollins played much better than Montevallo for much of the game, out-shooting their opponents 22 to 13. The Tars could just not find their mark as they got only six shots on goal, a meager twenty-seven percent.

The game was action-packed right from the start. Rollins dominated on the offensive end and kept up the pressure. The best moment came from a free kick from Daniell Robertson, that required a great save from Montevallo goalkeeper Raven Keet. Rollins' inefficiency around the goal hurt as they had chances to break the scoreless tie but just couldn't get the ball into the goal. The second half was better balanced as Montevallo held onto the ball more and pressured the

Rollins defense. Their best chance came when Tars goalkeeper Jeffrey Rogers made a save off a corner kick, but the ball fell to Montevallo's Tommy Robison who chipped it past Rogers towards the open net. Anthony Santiago ran in a cleared the ball off the line to keep the game scoreless.

The game then went into overtime and easily enough Rollins got the goal only forty seconds into overtime. Chris Cerroni dribbled the ball past the defense and crossed it to Anthony Santiago who pushed it into the empty goal. It was Cerroni's eighth assist and Santiago's first goal of the season. Rollins could not get the same luck against the Bears of Central Arkansas. Ryan Dodds scored the lone goal for

Rollins. The Tars were out-shot eleven to seven. Rollins took the lead, but gave up the equalizer only ten minutes later.

The game remained tied until the eightieth minute when Chad McCarthy crossed through the Rollins defense and blasted the game winner from 20 yards out. The Tars now look to next year to build off a successful season that propelled them into the number seven spot nationally. All in all, Rollins had a great season in Men's Soccer and with a core of players that will remain somewhat intact the future looks bright.

Fan interest was heightened with this tournament run, and great crowds brought into the new stadium prove that. For the final game of the season over 400 fans went to Sandspur field.



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V-ball Season Ends with Loss

■ The Rollins volleyball team is defeated by St. Leo to end a great season.

by Dean Hybl

faculty advisor

The Rollins College volleyball team (20-14, 8-8) ended the 2004 season with a loss to Saint Leo University (15-19, 8-8) 30-23, 30-27, 30-25. Julia Caner led the Tars with 12 kills and Alison Baker led the Lions with 19 kills and a .433 hitting percentage.

The Tars held the lead early and reached 20 points first in all three games, but were never able to complete a victory. Up 23-16 in game two, Saint Leo went on a 9-0

run and was able to close out the game. It was deja-vu in game three with the Tars up 20-18, but again the Lions went on a 9-0 run to bring the score to 27-20 in their favor and this time close out the match. The Tars were outscored .131 to the .239 total clip of Saint Leo.

Amy Barlow had 10 kills and 9 digs for the Tars with Lindsey Crosby dishing out 32 assists. Saint Leo had Morgan Mander connect on 11 kills and 13 digs, Erin Oberlin with 10 kills, and Robbie Beach dishing out game-high 42 assists.

The Tars had a successful 2004 season. They reached the 20 victory plateau for only the second time in nine years and are tied with Saint Leo for

fourth place in the Sunshine State Conference. Caner broke the single season record for total attacks with 1,537, and digs with 508. Crosby also broke the single season

record in assists with a total of 1,421. The Tars are graduating no seniors and look to improve in the spring. Look for the Tars to have another strong season in 2005.



FUTURE OF GOLD: There will be no graduating players this year for the volleyball team so the future looks very good.