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## IN BRIEF

## We Made It!

November 30, 2004 marks the official end of hurricane season. Florida experienced four hurricanes this year: Charley, Frances, Ivan, and Jeanne, which together accrued over \$18 billion in insured losses. Rollins lost five days of class to the storms, but some area counties lost over three weeks of school.

## End-of-Term Changes

Due to lost class days, the following make-up classes have been scheduled:

- Classes meeting Tuesdays from 8:00 - 12:15 will meet at their normal times on Wed. 12/8/04.
- Classes meeting Tuesdays from 2:00 - 3:15 will meet from 3:30 - 4:45 on Fri. 12/3/04.
- Classes meeting Tuesdays from 3:30 - 4:45 will meet from 5:00 - 6:15 on Fri. 12/3/04.

## Exam schedule changes:

- The exam dates have moved to Thurs. 12/9/04 through Tues. 12/14/04.
- Visit Student Records online at [rollins.edu/studentrecords](http://rollins.edu/studentrecords) for the complete schedule.

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## Peace Jam Generates Students' Ideas for Ending Violence

■ Rollins hosts annual event designed to inspire local middle and high school students.

by **Brittany Lee**

news editor

This past weekend, November 20th to the 21st, Rollins hosted the international education program PeaceJam. PeaceJam was founded in 1996 as a program to bring Nobel Prize Laureates to college campuses to work with high school aged students towards creating a new generation of empowered youth. The founding of PeaceJam has an interesting story; the idea arose from co-founder Ivan Suvanjieff's encounter with a group of gun-toting gang members. He found that these troubled youth knew not only knew of Archbishop Desmond Tutu and his ef-



photo / CONNIE HUDSPETH

**JAMMING FOR PEACE:** Middle and high school participants along with their Rollins leaders spent the weekend working on inspiration, service, and community building.

forts towards nonviolent social change, but supported and admire him. From there, the concept of having Nobel Prize winners address and inspire the youth was born. With the help of the Dalai Lama, who was approached with the idea, the program grew to include eleven Nobel Prize Laure-

ates. These Laureates include: the Dalai Lama, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Rigoberta Menchu Tum, Dr. Oscar Arias, Adolfo Perez Esquivel, Mairead Corrigan Maguire, Betty Williams, Jose Ramos-Horta, Bishop Carlos Ximenes Belo, Aung San Suu Kyi, and Jody Williams. The program,

since its launch in 1996, has had 30,092 participants worldwide. Working with a Nobel Prize Laureate, of which the program has 11, high school students across the country and the world are provided with a weekend of inspiration, service, and community building.

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## CHRISTMAS VESPERS

## Lessons and Carols to Bring in the Season

by **Jami Furo**

copy editor

Christmas always begins early for musicians. They cannot wait until the day after Thanksgiving to begin preparing for Christmas Vespers.

Vespers is a night of lessons and carols, and the ensembles of the Rollins Music Department take the center stage. These ensembles include the Rollins College Choir, Rollins Chamber Singers, Rollins Singers, the Rollins Orchestra, and others.

The format is simple. A group performs some Christmas carols—some traditional and some that might be new. Between carols, readers—including Rev. Dr.

Patrick Powers (Dean of the Knowles Memorial Chapel), students, and other members of the Rollins community—read scriptural passages that reflect upon the Christmas season.

The evening begins with prelude music on the organ and from the Rollins Orchestra. Then the procession begins. The choir processes in by candlelight as two soloists sing the first two verses of the old favorite, "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence." And with that, the show begins. The program alternates between passages from the Bible and performances by the various musical ensembles.

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## 400 Wins for Coach Wilkes



photo / MARK BARTSCH

**A LANDMARK ACHIEVEMENT:** Wilkes and his family received the game ball from the game against Francis Marion to mark his 400-win milestone.

The victory over Francis Marion was the 400th as head coach of the Rollins women's basketball team for Glenn Wilkes, Jr. Currently in his 19th season at the helm of the Tars, Wilkes has posted a 400-131 record (75.3%). He is looking for his eighth straight 20+ victory season in 2004-05. The son of legendary Stetson coach Glenn Wilkes, Sr., Wilkes and his father are now within range of reaching the 1,000 career victory mark with just 49 more wins.



## Former Neo-Nazi Speaks At Rollins

■ Tom "TJ" Leyden, a former Neo-Nazi, addresses Rollins with a message of tolerance.

by **Natalie Wyatt**

staff reporter

He gave fifteen years of his life to an organization that promoted hatred, separatism, racism, and all of the underlying ideals of neo-Nazism. As an activist and recruiter, Tom "TJ" Leyden helped to degrade and hurt many of the people outside of the perfect Aryan race for which the Nazi group considered themselves soldiers.

This past Monday, November 15, TJ came to speak to the students of Rollins College in Dave's Downunder from 6:30 to nearly 9 p.m. He explained the hate movement as seen from the personal perspective of a former neo-Nazi. It was educationally invigorating to say the least. Students clung to his every word as he ex-



photo / STRHATETALK.COM

**HATE FILLED TATTOOS:** TJ's body was covered in tattoos supporting racism and the Nazis.

plained the theories and beliefs to which he once clung.

"I enlisted in the Marine Corps," TJ said. "The military has a code that says you can belong to a hate group as long as you are passive. As long as I wasn't getting into any trouble they considered that passive...I showed my racism openly in the Marine Corps. I found some allies in higher ranks, as well, and that included the officers. I had a Nazi battle flag hanging in my wall locker; I read and passed out racist literature (ie: Mein Kampf and The Turner Diaries). I had

noticeable racist tattoos and sported my racist's attire when not in uniform."

According to TJ, many soldiers in the skinhead movement enlist in a branch of the armed forces in order to be trained for when the day comes to make their "revolution." TJ not only recruited but also took part in many acts of brutality against his fellow man, a fact of which he is not proud.

So, what was it that made him change his mind after fifteen full-fledged years as a proud Nazi activist? "It took a good 18 months to fully decide I was out of there! I decided to leave because I was questioning my own beliefs and values. I think I finally grew up and realized this cause I was living for was a farce. Once I did, I was sure! I asked my, now, ex-wife to go with me, and she refused. That was it for me. I packed up my belongings and left Idaho for California, back to my real family," he answered.

Now he works with the FBI, Pentagon, law enforcement, military, and educators across the United States. He hopes to spread a message, not of hate, but of tolerance. He gave all of his neo-Nazi propaganda and paraphernalia to be looked at and put on display for all to see. He now travels the country to military bases, colleges, and secondary schools to tell his story. If you have any more questions you can get more information from his website, [www.strHATetalk.com](http://www.strHATetalk.com). He can also be reached by e-mail at [formerskinhead@aol.com](mailto:formerskinhead@aol.com) and by instant messenger at the same name. This program was a part of the Week of Difference awareness week put on from November 15-19.



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**TJ LEYDEN:** This is TJ Leyden at 15, shortly after he became a Neo-Nazi skinhead.


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## Christmas Vespers

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Christmas Vespers begins on Friday, December 3, with prelude music beginning at 6:00 p.m. and the lessons and carols beginning at 6:30 in the Knowles Memorial Chapel. Vespers will also be performed at the same time and place on Saturday, December 4. For these shows, tickets are \$5 and can be

purchased at the chapel office. There will also be a performance on Sunday, December 5, which is a gift to the Rollins community.

Vespers has become a tradition at Rollins and is generally well-attended and even sold out. Tickets are going fast, so get your tickets to an evening sure to get you into the Christmas spirit.

## Rollins Hosts PeaceJam

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PeaceJam's Goal is "to inspire a new generation of peacemakers who will transform their local communities, themselves, and the world." Judging from the reactions of the participants and the college students here, the program is a tremendous success.

PeaceJam brought high school and middle school students to Rollins for the weekend; college students volunteered as mentors. This year's visiting Laureate was Betty Williams, co-recipient of the 1976 Nobel Peace Prize for her work to end the conflict in Northern Ireland. The theme of the conference this year was "Community Based Solutions to the Problem of Violence."

Youth participating studied the life of Betty Williams before the conference, and worked with her over the course of the weekend to improve their peace-making and conflict resolu-

tion skills. Students were instructed to assess dire regional and global situations, using the conflict in Ireland as an example, and create solutions to these problems through discussions, community service, and workshops.

During the intense weekend, students created project proposals to deal with issues such as violence and discrimination that they then presented to Betty Williams herself. Williams says, "You'll find that the most peaceful neighborhoods are neighbors that get together, neighbors that share street parties, people that go out and care, people that get into their own area and take control of it—economically, socially, and culturally...Fear is contagious, but so is courage." The PeaceJam conference this year taught students to positively influence their communities, and each left with a plan of action for creating change.



photo / CONNIE HUDSPETH

**RESOLVING CONFLICT:** Betty Williams, Nobel Peace Prize winner for her work in Northern Ireland, addresses students.



# Medicinal Marijuana Debated

■ The Supreme Court is addressing the issue of legalizing marijuana for medicinal purposes.

by **Erika Batey**

asst. news editor

The controversy of whether marijuana should be used for beneficial medical purposes is once again being debated, this time by the Supreme Court. Those

against the state laws of marijuana for medical use argue that people might abuse the laws and use them as an excuse to gain access to drugs.

Since 1996, eleven states have passed laws permitting marijuana use in medical cases with a doctor's recommendation. Among them are California, Arizona, Oregon, and Vermont. The drug is prescribed in these states only in extreme cases and when all other prescription drugs have failed to

help ease the pain. Patients have turned to the drug because despite its negative effects; it has helped them more than other medicines.

Supreme Court justices turned down a proposal three years ago to protect distributors of marijuana for medical purposes from federal charges. Now they are debating the issue of whether federal agents should be able to go into sick people's homes to prevent them from growing their own marijuana, even if the

state and their doctors have allowed them to do so.

Some people fear that if the Court determines that marijuana can be homegrown by sick people, then the federal government would lose control over the spread and use of illegal drugs. Paul Clement, an acting solicitor general, said, "Smoked marijuana really doesn't have any future in medicine."

There is also a fear of abuse of the law and people using medical purposes as

an excuse for use of the drug. "Everybody will say mine is medical," said Justice Stephen Breyer.

A third fear is that the homegrown marijuana will spread across state borders. Justice Ruth Ginsburg has refuted this and has said that among California medical marijuana users, "Nobody's buying anything. Nobody's selling anything." Justice O'Connor has also stated that homegrown marijuana for patients never extends across state borders.

Angel Raich, a California mother, is at the front of the argument. She has filed a lawsuit to allow her to continue using marijuana to help ease the pain of her brain tumor. She considers the decision one of life or death for her. Her physician has said that marijuana is the only drug, out of over three dozen that have been prescribed to her, that works. "I really hope and pray the justices allow me to live," Raich said.

The debate is a highly controversial issue, and the outcome is uncertain. The Supreme Court is expected to make a decision by next summer.



**THE PLAINTIFF SPEAKS OUT:** Angel Raich delivers a statement outside the Supreme Court.



**HOT TOPIC:** Controversy surrounds the issue of medicinal marijuana, as the protestors standing outside the Supreme Court above illustrate.

## Tom Ridge Formally Resigns

■ Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge announces his resignation.

by **Brittany Lee**

news editor

On November 30, Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge announced his resignation, effective February 1. Earlier Ridge had sent an e-mail of praise to the senior Homeland Security officials, stating the department was "an extraordinary organization that each day contributes to keeping America safe" and that he was proud to work with his 180,000 fellow employees who "go to work every day dedicated to making our country better and more secure."

During an afternoon news conference, Ridge expressed how difficult this decision has been for him. He told the public he was leaving for personal reasons. "I just want to step back and pay a little more attention to personal matters."

Many candidates for replacing Ridge have been mentioned, including Bernard Kerik, interim Minister of the Interior for Iraq and former New York

City police commissioner; Federal Emergency Management Agency Director Joe Allbaugh; Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Mike Leavitt, formerly governor of Utah; and White House homeland security adviser Fran Townsend. The Bush cabinet has experienced a number of resignations recently, including Attorney General John Ashcroft, Commerce Secretary Donald Evans, Education Secretary Rod Paige, Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman, Secretary of State Colin Powell, and Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham. Bush has already started to fill the vacancies, with National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice for the State Department, White House counsel Alberto Gonzales for the Justice Department, and Carlos

### Changes in Bush's second-term Cabinet

Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge is the latest member of President Bush's Cabinet to step down as Bush's first term ends. A look at who is in the Cabinet and who is leaving:

Leaving							Homeland Security	Reagan's At beginning of second term Stayed   Left  Note: There were 13 Cabinet posts in Reagan's term.
Agricultur	Commere	Educatio	Energy	Justice	State			
 Anne Veneman 2001-2004	 Donald Evans 2001-2004	 Rod Paige 2001-2004	 Spencer Abraham 2001-2004	 John Ashcroft 2001-2004	 Colin Powell 2001-2004	 Tom Ridge 2001-2004	 Tom Ridge 2001-2004	
Possible successor(s)								
White House Farm Adviser Chuck Connor, National Cattlemen's Beef Association President Jan Lyons	Kellogg Co. President, CEO Carlos Gutierrez*	White House Domestic Policy Adviser Margaret Spellings*	Deputy Energy Secretary Kyle McStarrow, electricity industry lobbyist	White House counsel Alberto Gonzales*	National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice*	White House Homeland Security Adviser Fran Townsend, Homeland Security Undersecretary Asa Hutchinson	 Tom Ridge 2001-2004	
Staying for								
Defens	Interior	Transportatio	Health and Human Services	Housing and Urban Developme	Labor	Treasury	Veterans Affairs	 Tom Ridge 2001-2004
 Donald Rumsfeld 2001-	 Gale Norton 2001-	 Norman Mineta 2001-	 Tommy Thompson 2001-	 Alphonso Jackson** 2004-	 Elaine Chao 2001-	 John Snow** 2003-	 Anthony J. Principi 2001-	

\*Nominatee as replacement

\*\*Mel Martinez was HUD Secretary from 2001-2003; Paul O'Neill was Treasury Secretary from 2001-2003

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Gutierrez for Commerce.

Tom Ridge was sworn in as the first director of the Office of Homeland Security shortly after the September 11 attacks in October of 2001. He became the first Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security in January 2003, a

newly formed federal bureaucracy of about 180,000 people formerly from different agencies. The creation of this new department was the first major reorganization in the government since the creation of the Department of Defense after World War II.

Ridge undertook an enormous task in presiding over the creation of such a large and critical new department. His years in office have not been free of criticism, however, aimed particularly at his famed color-coded system for the levels of terrorist threat.

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## All About Islam

by **Jake Kohlman**

staff reporter

On Wednesday, November 10, Bassem Chaaban from the Islamic Society of Central Florida came to talk to students in the packed SunTrust Auditorium. The event, sponsored by the Philosophy and Religion Department, the Anthropology Department, and SEA, was advertised as a way to learn the basics of Islam and have questions answered.

Chaaban began the event with a PowerPoint presentation, which he used to give a rough sketch as to what Islam really is. First, Chaaban outlined where in the world Muslims are located. In trying to show that Islam is not just an "Arabic" religion, he pointed out that Indonesia has the largest Muslim population in the world with 190 million Muslims. The United States has 7-8 million Muslims among its citizens.

Chaaban went on to describe the Five Pillars of Islam: Shahada (testimony), Salat (five daily prayers), Zakat (religious tax), Segam (fasting the month of Ramadan), and Hajj (Pilgrimage to Mecca). He tried to stress the similarities Islam has to other religions, particularly Christianity and Judaism. He stressed that Jesus Christ has a place in Islam and that all three religions worship the same God.

Chaaban said that there are no Islamic countries in the world today. He defined an Islamic country as one

that completely abides by Islamic principles and noted that such a state does not currently exist. He said there are Muslim countries, but that these are countries in which the populations of the countries identify themselves as Muslims. Chaaban also said that the United States was the closest place in the world to being an Islamic country.

During the question and answer session, Chaaban defended Islam against charges of being oppressive to women by saying that there is oppression everywhere, and this is not solely a Muslim problem.

To another question Chaaban responded bluntly that Islam views homosexuality as a crime that is severely punished. Chaaban said that it "destroys the foundation of the family" and that homosexual acts are the problem, not thoughts.

Chaaban stressed throughout the event the disgust he and many other Muslims have towards people like Osama bin Laden. He stressed that Islam is a peace-loving religion and that bin Laden and others have distorted the religion to meet their own needs. Mr. Chaaban said that no "true Muslim" would agree with bin Laden's views. Further, he blamed the US media for further perpetuating stereotypes of Muslims and failing to make distinctions between people like bin Laden and the majority of the Muslim population.

## Class of 2005: Leave Your Mark at Rollins

■ The Senior Fund campaign is getting underway with a goal of 100 percent participation.

by **Meredith Woods**

contributing writer

The class of 2005 had seen a year of firsts at Rollins: the first time 3 hurricanes have affected the college, the first Homecoming, and now, the first time the senior class has attempted 100% participation in the Senior Class Gift to the Rollins Fund 10 years.

Did you know that the actual cost of educating a student costs more than tuition at Rollins? Ever wonder who makes up the difference? That would be the Rollins Alumni. The Rollins Fund, which is made of contributions by Alumni, help support many of the services and activities we, as students, have come to rely upon and even take for granted.

Wish there had been more scholarship money available to you? Remember how much you wanted to live in a nicer dormitory? Now is your class to make those changes happen for future students. The Senior Class Gift is a fundraiser targeting the class of 2005, and

as a senior, you have the ability to decide where you want your money to go: scholarships, academic support programs (remember how helpful that tutor at TJ's was?), student activities, faculty professional growth (help your professors become better teachers), faculty/student collaborative research, library acquisitions (remember that book you needed that wasn't in the Olin collection?), campus technology (read: better, faster, more reliable Internet and AIM), and facilities improvement. *Whether it's one dollar or one hundred, every cent counts.* The Senior Class Gift Committee will be launching a series of events in the coming weeks targeting the class of 2005. Our goal is 100% participation in this fundraiser. Seniors can contribute to the fund by filling out pledge forms, which will be appearing in your campus boxes shortly. We're not concerned with the amount donated as much as the total participation.

The Senior Class Gift provides the class of 2005 with the opportunity to leave a legacy for future students of Rollins College. This project is a great way for our class to leave its mark while giving something back to Rollins. Plus, it establishes us, as the Class of 2005, as

leaders; we are pioneering the first such senior gift project at Rollins in over ten years. Contributing to the Senior Gift is a way to say thank you to the community that has provided so much for us during the past four years. By making a commitment, we are helping to ensure a great Rollins experience for future students.

The Senior Class Gift Committee members will begin a series of campaigns to increase awareness of the Senior Fund and encourage students to donate. To find out more information of the Senior Gift, contact any of the Committee members:

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## Getting Care Packages to Troops

by **Darryl Enriquez**

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As kindhearted and patriotic supporters of U.S. troops are learning, generosity has its price. The cost is about a buck a pound.

Business firms, hospitals, schools and police are among those who have experienced the sticker shock of sending packages to soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan.

And, as in any mission, those who plan ahead tend to suffer the fewest casualties.

Campaigns that have worked hard for cash donations to ship the gathered goods are reaching their goals, while others that lack money have become bogged down, with donated supplies sitting in storage.

Dennis Mehring, public information officer for the 440th Airlift Wing in Milwau-

kee, said he gets at least two calls daily from groups that have collected goods and want to know if the unit's cargo planes can haul their packages to the troops for free.

The Airlift Wing transports troops and supplies to bases throughout the world, including the Arabian war zones.

"There's not a lot we can do for them," he said. "Federal law does not allow us to take these goods overseas. It's considered unfair competition with civilian carriers. And we simply don't have the room in our planes."

One effort that's managed to stay on top of its shipping costs is Marshall Towne Millwork of Brookfield, Wis., a maker of kitchen, bathroom and storage cabinets.

"If you're going to do a

big drive, you'd better get cooperation from local businesses to handle shipping costs," said Victor Aiello, the firm's area sales manager. "There's a lot of support in the communities for troops, and when word gets out about a drive, people are giving."

"However, the postage is significant - about a buck a pound. If organizers on the front end ask for cash for shipping, I'm confident there'd be a willing response," he said.

Aiello said the firm has already shipped thousands of pounds for goods to the war zones and recently participated in a large drive for postage.

Marshall Towne also helped Burlington High School in Racine County, Wis., with the expense of shipping donations to the war

zones.

One effort in need of shipping help is the Treats for Troops Campaign organized by Waukesha, Wis., Alderman Randy Radish. During the past few weeks, the campaign has collected nearly 500 pounds of food, toiletries, medicine and clothing from the three barrels it has out, but donors have given only \$50 for shipping.

"It's become a concern about raising enough money to send this stuff," he said.

Radish and helpers intend to ask those attending the Waukesha Christmas Parade for money and additional goods. The packages would go to the two Waukesha-based units now in the Middle East.

"I have no idea what to expect the day of the parade, but I'll take whatever we can

get," he said.

Another charity package effort was put on hold because of a lack of sponsors for shipping costs.

Elmbrook Memorial Hospital in Brookfield will not launch its campaign until a partner, possibly a veterans group or business, can be found to help pay for shipping. Sue Juntunen, a hospital spokeswoman, said.

The Brookfield Police Department has periodically shipped packages to overseas troops this year, and it tries to be cautious in the amount it collects to prevent the packages from outpacing the money it has for shipping. "Shipping is costly, but we're fortunate that we have veterans groups and business and city employees giving what they can," police Capt. Phil Horter said.





## The CAREER COACH

Marian Cacciatore

### NETWORKING TIPS

**Question:** You mentioned that 3 out of 4 jobs are filled through networking. The thought of having to network makes me very nervous. What tips can you share? Tom '06

Since the thought of networking is not appealing to you Tom, it will be important to break it down into a few key strategies. Networking is easier than you think. In its simplest form, networking is about creating relationships in a business setting. It is about giving and receiving. However, to keep you on track, here are 7 some common pitfalls to avoid.

1. Don't wait until you graduate to start networking.

Some students make the mistake of not starting to network until their final semester. You will become more effective at networking if you cultivate relationships throughout your time at Rollins. Because of the diversity and professionalism of the Hamilton Holt student body you will not have to look very hard to begin the process.

2. Don't ask your networking contacts for a job.

The fastest way to short circuit a networking opportunity is to ask directly for a job. Instead, use networking to learn and gain ideas and advice; *it is a very effective tool*. Many professionals are willing to sit down and share their thoughts and suggestions with someone who is interested in "coming up through the ranks."

3. Don't go into a networking opportunity unprepared.

Be ready! When you have the opportunity to speak with a professional, you need to be clear on what you want out of it. Are you seeking advice about a particular field? Seeking a mentor? Wanting information about a particular company? Next, you need to have your "elevator pitch ready." This is the 60-second introduction that tells your listener a little about yourself. This area is something that Career

Services can help you with. Practice makes perfect!

4. Don't assume that appearance doesn't matter!

While the networking process is not a job interview, it is important to remember that first impressions do count! Dress in a way that is appropriate for the type of work that you are seeking.

5. Don't leave without asking this question!

At the conclusion of your meeting, let the person know how much you appreciate his or her input and ideas. Then ask the question, "Is there anyone else that you would recommend that I talk to?" If they offer a few names, make sure to ask if you can use their name when you call the referral. This is an easy way to expand your network.

6. Don't forget your manners!

Be sensitive about how much of the person's time you take! Within a day or so always follow-up with a personal thank-you note. In addition, contact that person again once you find a position. Share the news of where you landed and how much you appreciate his or her willingness to help during your search. Finally, since networking is a reciprocal relationship let them know that you will be there for them if they ever need anything.

7. Don't forget that networking should be an ongoing commitment!

One of the biggest regrets of folks who lose their jobs comes from those who stopped networking once they got a job. With work demands it is easy to allow networking to become nothing more than a distant memory. *Don't let this be you*. Properly done, networking is a way of life, a give and take exchange that allows for continued personal and professional growth.

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

## A Day in the Life of a Holt Student

■ Overcoming the challenges of balancing work, school and life schedules.

by Lillian Nieves

contributing writer

This semester there are 1251 Hamilton Holt Students enrolled at Rollins. Many of these students hold full time jobs, and a few of them even take on a full course load. A typical day in the life of a Holt student can be very challenging.

Mike, a junior at Rollins, wakes up at 6:15 a.m. to be at work by 7:00 a.m. His day consists of meetings, sales calls, and lunches with clients. After a long day of running around, he clocks out at 5:00 p.m. and rushes to school. He does this 3 times a week because he is not only working full time but has committed himself to taking 3 courses this semester. On the evenings he doesn't have class, he is either meeting with a group regarding a class project, studying for a class, or com-

pleting an assignment.

How do they do it? It's not easy! However, it can be done, and these students are living proof! When I asked these determined students, they gave me some pretty creative ideas on overcoming the challenge of working full time and attending school.

**Make the Sacrifice-** As hard as it may be, you may need to give up parties, dinners, and other events to make sure papers are completed, tests are studied for, and classes are passed.

**Organization and Prioritization-** Success for most means getting organized and prioritizing your schedule. To accomplish this, Holt students use many different methods: day timers, palm pilots, and notebooks are great tools. Make sure to jot down assignments and due dates so you don't forget important dates.

**Eliminate distractions-** Like most Holt students, I find that I have to eliminate distractions. For example, I know that if I stay home to study, the phone, television, the laundry that's piling up, etc will interrupt me. To

avoid these distractions I typically go somewhere else to study, like the Olin Library or a local bookstore.

**Set study times & form groups-** Many students set aside certain days and hours to study. For example, every Monday night between 5 p.m. and 9 p.m., I go to the library to work on my assignments. When time is limited, this is the only way to stay on top of the game. Forming study groups is another helpful way not only to help keep you motivated but to generate and share ideas regarding the subject. "I find that when I study with a group, I retain more information and actually learn the subject matter," said John, a full time Holt student.

The wonderful thing about these tips is that they apply to anyone, not just Holt students. When you find yourself in a struggle with time, classes, course materials, or any other issue, remember your peers are or have gone through similar struggles. Take a moment to ask for some guidance; you might make a friend out of the experience.

*The Sandspur wishes everyone a wonderful holiday season and reminds you to help make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate.*



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# TREE TRUTHS

Facts, tips and trivia  
about the holiday  
evergreen

1. How did the tradition of decorating evergreens at Christmas begin?

The tradition of decorating evergreens can be traced back to ancient times in Rome and Egypt in celebration of the winter solstice. In 1510, the first Christmas tree was displayed in Riga, Latvia. Early decorations included ribbon, food, lace and tin. The custom was later brought to America during the Revolutionary War by Hessian mercenaries.

2. What is the height of the tallest tree in history?

The world's tallest recorded Christmas tree was a 221-foot Douglas fir at the Northgate Shopping Center in Seattle in 1950. In 2001, the tallest artificial tree stood at 170.6 feet and was displayed at Moinhos de Vento Park, Porto Alegre, Brazil. Also known as the Peace Tree, it was made of green PVC foliage and had a lightning rod and flashing lights to warn aircraft.

3. Can I buy a tree, sight unseen?

Yes. Approximately 330,000 real Christmas trees each year are sold via the Internet or catalog.

4. How long does it take a Christmas tree to grow?

Depending on the variety, the average tree takes seven years to grow 6 feet, the average retail height. Some trees require 15 years of growth to reach the same height.

5. How do trees get that perfect shape?

Evergreens do not naturally grow into the picture-perfect shape that is popular for Christmas trees. As trees grow, farmers control their shape through regular shearing. By using clippers to control the width and form of the branches, farmers force trees to grow into the popular cone shape.

6. What are the most popular Christmas tree varieties?

The most popular Christmas tree varieties include:



Douglas fir



Noble fir



Scotch pine



Fraser fir



Virginia pine



White pine

7. What should I expect when I go to a farm to cut my own tree?

Here are some tips from the National Christmas Tree Association:

Beware of fire-ant mounds, tree stumps, an occasional blackberry vine, uneven ground and sharp saws.

Wear comfortable shoes and old clothes. Bring rain gear if the weather is threatening. Also bring several pairs of work gloves. Leave your pets at home, or keep them leashed at all times.

Saws are usually provided by the farm operator.

Some farms measure and price their trees individually, others sell them by the foot. Ask about the pricing policy before heading out in the field.

Select the tree that fits your predetermined needs (ceiling height, type of foliage, etc.). Check the trunk to be sure that it is sufficiently straight. Keep in mind that pines will usually have, at least, some crook in their trunks. Also check that the tree has a sufficiently long handle to accommodate your stand.

Cutting the tree is easiest as a two-person project. The person who is cutting usually lies on the ground, while the helper holds the bottom limbs up.

Bring the tree to the processing area where it will be cleaned and netted. Netting makes transporting and handling the tree substantially easier.

When you are checking out, remember to pick up a tree removal bag. It can be used as a tree skirt and then pulled up around the tree to help keep the floors clean when the tree is being taken down.

8. Where are most Christmas trees grown?

There are about 15,000 tree growers in the United States, with farms in every state. The top Christmas tree-producing states are Oregon, California, Wisconsin, Michigan, Pennsylvania and North Carolina.

9. How much do Americans spend on Christmas trees?

More than 23 million real Christmas trees were sold in 2003, valued at \$791 million. The average Christmas tree costs \$33.80.

10. How can I keep my Christmas tree fresh?

Proper watering and care are necessary to keep a tree fresh. The following tips can keep a tree fresh and hydrated through the holiday season:

When shopping for a tree, choose one that is not losing needles or fading. Both are signs of excessive dryness.

Make a fresh cut before placing the tree in its stand to allow maximum water absorption.

The average tree needs 1 quart of water a day. Additives such as aspirin or commercial powders are not necessary and could harm the tree.

Place the tree away from heat sources such as fireplaces or television sets, which could cause the tree to dry out.

11. Where is the national Christmas tree?

The national Christmas tree can be found on the White House lawn. In 1923, President Coolidge started the tradition of the national Christmas tree lighting ceremony.

12. Where can I find the best tree in the United States?

Every year, members of the National Christmas Tree Association pick the best tree and name it grand champion. The award-winning tree is presented to the president and the first family each year to be displayed inside the White House.



ERIC DEWALT/WHITE HOUSE  
President George W. Bush and Laura Bush stand in front of the 2002 Christmas tree.

13. Has the government ever made any tree regulations?

The government once banned the use of tinsel because it contained lead and was a health hazard. Today's tinsel is made of plastic and is safe to use. President Teddy Roosevelt banned Christmas trees from the White House for a time because he thought the tradition was harmful to the environment and wanted to encourage conservation.

14. Am I hurting the environment if I display a real tree?

Ninety-eight percent of Christmas trees are harvested from farms. For every tree harvested, two to three seedlings are planted in its place. Christmas trees also create oxygen, which benefits the environment. One acre of Christmas trees can produce enough oxygen for 18 people.

15. What is flocking and why is it used?

Flocking is spraying adhesive coating to the branches of Christmas trees. The branches of a flocked tree look as if they are covered in snow. Colors other than white are also available.

16. Are real trees more popular than artificial ones?

Most people prefer artificial trees because they require little work. During the 2002 Christmas season, almost 50 percent of households displayed an artificial tree. Only 21 percent used real trees.

17. What are some popular alternatives to traditional Christmas trees?

In warmer regions, many people choose to decorate palm trees instead of the traditional evergreen. Some choose to make their own tree out of everyday items, such as lights and drinking glasses.



ROBT LEBEL/ART  
A four-foot pink turkey feather Christmas tree.

18. Are Christmas trees recyclable?

Real Christmas trees can be used in a variety of ways after the holidays. The trunk and branches can be converted into mulch for the garden. They can also be used as bird feeders or as a refuge for fish in private ponds.

19. Can I replant my tree after the holidays?

Trees that can be replanted, also called living trees, are gaining in popularity. Living trees are sold with their roots intact so they can be potted or planted when taken home.

20. Are real trees a fire hazard?

Fresh Christmas trees that are watered regularly are generally not a fire hazard. Less than 0.001 percent of Christmas trees are involved in a fire.

—Daniel Cooper,  
Fort Worth  
Star-Telegram

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## There Are Some Very Sketchy Foods Out There

■ Whatever happened to plain bread and butter? Now, enjoy a liquid Thanksgiving dinner!

by **Nancy Aguirre**  
staff reporter

Why is it that humans seem to have a certain fascination for foods that make you go "Yuck!"

Millions of Americans tune in to watch contestants on reality shows eat things like spiders and snails. The real life version of *Bertie Bott's Every Flavor Beans*, made famous by the Harry Potter books, feature tastes like Vomit, Booger, and Earthworm. Could it be that this human fascination with such foods is just the omnivore's natural tendency to try a varied diet? Or is that humans are novelty seekers, who get a thrill out of "extreme gastronomical adventures?"

Experts say that young people are more likely to try new foods, but that it's not just nature. The "bravado" fac-

tor has a lot to do with it to. And who knows, maybe some of these risk takers might be rewarded, they might find something that really tastes good!

Jones Soda Co., which started as a soda distribution operation in 1987, has recently decided to exploit this new interest in 'different' flavors, and taken it all the way. This line of sodas has been known for its quirky ads and interesting bottle designs, not to mention the wide variety of flavors offered.

Although they originally had a following of mostly skaters, surfers, and snowboarders, Jones soda, juice, and energy drinks are now available nationwide at stores like Target and Albertsons in flavors like blue bubble gum, green apple, chocolate, and watermelon.

Last year, Jones introduced Turkey and Gravy Soda, which surprisingly was very successful. It became so popular that it was sold on auction site eBay Inc. for up to \$63 for a two-bottle set.

This year, Jones Soda launched a full meal deal of Thanksgiving flavors. There was everything

from Green Bean Casserole to Buttery-Smelling Mashed Potato. Five tasters were assigned the task of perfecting the holiday flavors.

In the early stages of development, there was conflict between Mashed Potato and Sweet Potato. In the end, Mashed Potato won, because of being the more familiar food.

These twelve ounce bottles come complete with utensils-straw and toothpick-and not only are they calorie and carb-free, they are also vegan and kosher. They were on sale at Target Stores around the country, as well as other retailers, for between \$14.95 and \$16.95. Proceeds benefit Toys for Tots.

Many people were eager to try these new flavors, although some suggested a Cranberry Soda chaser, the most 'normal' flavor offered this season, to get rid of the aftertaste.

This unexplainable phenomenon does not seem to be ending anytime soon. Fans of the new flavors are even requesting Pumpkin Pie flavored soda for next year!

### An Interesting Concept

"To be honest, we really didn't think so many people would want it," said a marketing assistant with the Seattle company after the company sold at 6,000 bottles that it put out on the market.

### The Five Holiday Flavors From Jones' Soda

Turkey & Gravy Soda  
Cranberry Soda  
Mashed Potato & Butter  
Green Bean Casserole  
Fruitcake Soda



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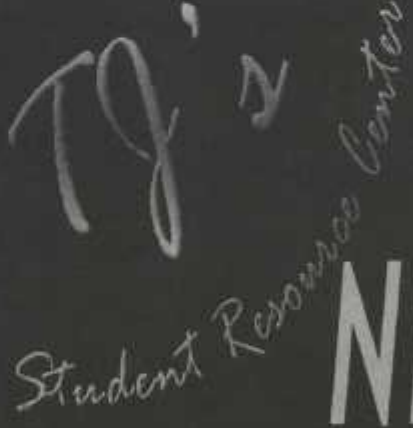
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# What To Do At Christmas Time

## Entertainment

## Productive

by **Mo Coffey**

asst. features editor

**Check out a concert:** There are tons of great concerts over break no matter where in the country you find yourself. Big cities have the Jingle Ball hosted by a radio station; tickets are normally cheap with big name artists sharing the stage. Touring this winter are Korn, Hoobastank, Clay Aiken, Busta Rhymes, Rascal Flatts to name a few. Search ticketmaster.com for available tickets.

**Have fun with snow:** Sledding, skiing, ice skating, making snow angels or just chillin by a fire with that cute ski instructor. Florida may have the sand, but up north they have the cold, wet stuff (snow). Remember: Don't eat the yellow snow.

**Watch movies.** Sure, you can go see a three-hour battle epic or the latest Julia chick flick, but why not make it a Blockbuster night? Check out old-school holiday classics like *Home Alone 1 & 2*, *The Santa Clause*, *Elf*, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, and *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation*.

**Do a little shopping...and returning:** If it doesn't fit, looks hideous, or you didn't get what you want, pull a Rachel (from *Friends*) and return it. The lines will be hell the day after Christmas, so wait a few and then make it a really Merry Christmukah.

**Hang out with the peeps:** Catch up with your high school buddies. Try to avoid the monotonous "Hey how's college life?" and "So, have you declared your major yet?" Let's get interesting. Go for food, and then party it up like it's 1999—home-town college style.

by **Mo Coffey**

asst. features editor

**Volunteer:** If you're looking for short-term opportunities over winter break, check with your local Red Cross or food bank. They'll need extra help during the holidays, and with the cold weather. Besides, you know you've always wanted to ring that Salvation Army bell—give them a call and get ringing.

**Learn something.** Classes this semester left you lacking? Read a book that's not required (oh the horror!), take an intercession class, or

have an interesting conversation about an intellectual topic with someone from home. If all else fails, watch a few hours of TV...learn to blow open a door with a shoelace and a paperclip courtesy of MacGyver or how to perform a triple bypass courtesy of the good folks at Discovery Health.

**Sleep.** Sounds like a waste of time, but your mind and body need a little break from the 24/7 partying...I mean studying...you did last term. Gotta be prepped for spring semester! Stay up late and sleep in—the perfect combo.

## Holiday Event On Campus



### Rollins College Office of Community Engagement

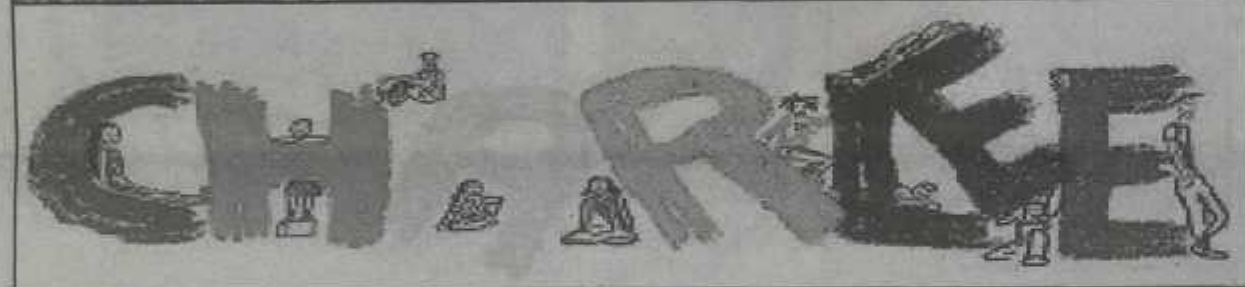


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**CHARLEE HOUSE:** This is a youth advocacy program for abused and neglected children.

by **Karina Mc Cabe**

features editor

This year, the Office of Community Engagement is sponsoring their fourth annual Holiday Funfest. This well-attended and much celebrated event will be held at the Cornell Campus Center on Wednesday, December 8, from 4pm-7pm.

This "holiday" is held to benefit local children's organizations, and it celebrates all of the major holidays that occur during this time of

year, including Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and the Three Kings Holiday.

According to the Community Engagement's website, they host this event for five main reasons:

1. To build a more compassionate community
2. To increase collaboration both on and off campus
3. To model the importance of community service and engagement
4. To build positive relationships both on and off

campus

5. To celebrate the altruistic nature of the human spirit

The day encompasses a gift giving program, activity booths, and a buddy for a day program.

The first, gift giving, is where children are given gifts from people in the Rollins community. The maximum gift price is forty dollars, so that all children can receive an equitable gift (so there won't be any squabbles over who got the better gift!). The gifts are generally books, toys, and school or art supplies, according to the Office of Community Engagement.

The second event, activity booths, will take place during the afternoon. Many organizations, including, Greek organizations, sports teams, the Black Student Union, the Native American Cultural Alliance, Hillel, and the Intervarsity Christian Fellowship are all hosting activity booths. The Crosby Cornell Scholars, also, are hosting a "Polaroids with Santa" booth, and SGA is making ornaments with the children.



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**MAKING CRAFTS:** Many Rollins organizations host craft tables where they can interact with the children.



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**CHRISTMAS 2002:** Christmas Funfest always draws a large crowd of participants.

Other popular activity booths include: face painting, cookie decorating, craft making, fortune telling, necklace and bracelet making, and story-telling.

Finally, the buddy for a

day is an extremely worthwhile project where children spend all three hours with a mentor.

If you would like more information, call the office at 407-646-6406.



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**HAPPY TIMES:** Children really enjoy interacting with the students from Rollins.



## SGA WEEKLY

Come to R-Fridays!  
Meet your S.G.A.  
and win cool prizes  
every Friday from  
12:30 - 2:00 pm in  
front of the campus  
center. You can re-  
ceive free Rollins  
merchandise and  
boost your school  
spirit!

Don't forget, Senate  
meetings are open  
to everyone. Meet-  
ings are held every  
Wednesday in the  
Galloway Room at  
6:00 pm.

Congratulations to  
the Senator of the  
Week Erin Shirley.

### S.G.A. Congratulates

This week Student Government  
congratulates the Office of Stu-  
dent Records, Mae Fitchell, and  
T.J.'s for their help with the  
Spring Registration. Thanks for  
all the hard work.

## Ask The Fox!

Dear Fox,

I can't seem to get over  
this crush I have. I don't  
want to be thinking about  
him over winter break.  
Any advice?

*-Crushing in the  
O.C.*

Dear Crushing,

Here's a 12-step CA  
plan (Crushes Anonymous)  
that'll help you get over  
him. One a day from now  
until break, and you should  
be good to go.

1. Destroy any copies  
of Titanic, The Notebook,  
and Love Actually. Watch  
one chick flick per week at  
most. No teary eyes al-  
lowed. Instead, watch  
funny, action or scary  
movies (beware: see #5).

2. Limit text messages  
to replies only. Do not ini-  
tiate a text conversation.  
(And stop checking your  
cell phone every 20 minutes  
thinking you might have  
missed your crush's call.  
You didn't. Get over it.)

3. Stop altering your  
eating schedule to suit your  
crush's.

4. Stop altering your  
nap/homework time to suit  
your crush's class schedule.

5. Stop subjecting  
yourself to sitting next to  
your crush in a scary movie  
without being able to grab  
him/her.

6. Avoid any cuddling  
situations where cuddling  
cannot occur.

7. Allow yourself to  
meet other cute boys, even  
if your crush is around.  
Don't feel guilty!

8. Excuse yourself  
from the conversation  
whenever the topic of his  
un-pretty (ex) girlfriend  
arises.

9. Avoid drunken  
"spilling of the beans."  
Monitor shot intake.

10. Do not initiate play-  
ful touching of any kind:  
punching, tickling, shak-  
ing, hugging, etc.

11. Delete all AIM or  
MSN "alerts" in reference to  
your crush.

12. DO NOT initiate  
plans of any kind... even  
when mesmerized by his or  
her smile. Your crush must  
ask you... and if you're al-  
ready booked, adhere to  
previous plans.

Good luck! Stay strong.

And here's to a pleasantly  
single winter break.

Dear Fox,

Lately, I've found my-  
self to be totally uninter-  
ested in any relationships of  
any sort. I have no interest  
in dating or even getting in-  
volved in friendships. I  
don't think I have any kind  
of social anxiety disorder, I  
just believe I don't have any  
time for the petty gossip,  
shopping, tanning, and nu-  
merous fights that have  
been the predominant char-  
acteristics of so many of my  
friendship relationships  
prior to this. I guess I feel  
that I'm wasting my time  
just "hanging out" when  
there are so many more im-  
portant things to do, and  
yet I feel lonely and like an  
outcast. How can I resolve  
this conflict?

*- Completely Unin-  
terested and Lonely*

Dear Uninterested,

I understand your  
problem, as many other  
students on this campus  
also will. This is becoming  
an increasingly prevalent  
trend owing to overwhelm-  
ing amounts of work, and  
this seems to be why so  
many people are turning to  
online dating and relation-  
ship services since they re-  
quire a significantly lower  
amount of commitment. In  
addition, these sites can  
help you determine what  
people share your interests.  
It seems as though part of  
your problem lies in the  
fact that you don't believe  
you have anything in com-  
mon with many of the peo-  
ple that you encounter. Per-  
haps you should try some  
of these websites to help  
you:

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Lavalife.com  
EHarmony.com  
Datingspaces.com  
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The Face Book website, in



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particular, could be a good  
way to meet people on  
campus that share your in-  
terests.

However, you don't just  
have to turn to the virtual  
world to develop meanin-  
gful relationships. There are  
numerous clubs on campus  
devoted to all areas of in-  
terest that can help you  
meet more people with  
whom you can go be-  
yond the "petty gossip,  
shopping, tanning, and nu-  
merous fights."

Developing relation-  
ships with those who share  
your interests may not be  
the only problem here, as it  
seems that work stress is an  
underlying factor since you  
alluded to more "important  
things." Try going to TJ's to  
get some help dealing with  
time management, but I  
also think a really good  
idea for you is to go to talk  
to someone in the personal  
counseling center about  
this issue. They will be able  
to give you some good,  
solid advice. Their number  
is (407) 628-6340. Good  
luck!

Dear Fox,

I know that this proba-  
bly sounds so superficial,  
but my biggest worry right  
now is if I should get this  
guy that I've been sort of  
seeing (not 'officially' dat-  
ing) a present. Do you think  
I should, and if so, then  
what should I get?

*- Not Really A Girl-  
friend*

Dear Not Really,

No question is superfi-  
cial or unimportant--I'm  
here to answer any ques-  
tions you may have! As for  
your concern, though, I  
don't think you should buy  
him anything expensive or  
too sentimental since that  
would imply a deeper rela-  
tionship, and it may scare  
him off. Instead, buy tickets  
for an event that the two of  
you can enjoy, such as the  
movies or a local sporting  
event. Merry Christmas!

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 fox@thesandspur.org



K O C C O A E

G C F T S

We are going to do it right this year and try not to offend anyone...

F O R K C M

1. Dave Chapelle DVD - If you haven't noticed, it's really hot right now...What? Yeah! Okay!
2. Sports Tickets - Orlando Magic are actually doing well
3. Video Games - Halo just came out, providing a new reason for boys not leave their rooms
3. Any electronic toy - iPod especially! Or you can go with a little cheaper MP3 version
4. Watch- Not the cheap Burger King ones, but a nice Fossil or Swatch
5. Subscription to Maxim- This should keep him entertained for a while

F O R K E R

1. Jewelry- You can never go wrong with this one, plus chandeliers are in right now
2. Personalize it! Girls love personalized frames, jewelry boxes, bags, and even underwear.
3. Cool Winter Jackets -Look in Burdines, or Juicy, the jackets with light faux fur around the collar
4. iPod works for girls too, they even come in pink
5. You can always go with a chick flick DVD such as 50 First Dates, Pretty Woman, or Casablanca!

### 10 Worst Gift Ideas....

We thought we would also help you in what to avoid this Holiday season

1. Useless gadgets - An automatic jar opener? How lazy can we be? Besides there aren't enough drawers in the kitchen for the automatic moppper, automatic talking cookie jar, and autonomous silver cleaner.
2. Do it Yourself Books - Those "Lose Weight in 10 Days", "Become Rich Fast", and "Transform Your Mobile Home into a Mansion", will continue to sit atop the shelves and never be read.
3. Lingerie Trap - Never buy lingerie for a woman unless she has helped pick it out. If not, you are in serious danger of her looking like a \$5 whore.
4. Don't buy a gift for someone because you want it. They aren't going to give it to you, and that's just selfish.
5. Repeat Gift Offender - Avoid sending grandma the same gift for three consecutive years. She might notice when she has three of the same picture frames on the desk.
6. Gifts you can't exchange - Face it, who knows if you are buying the right gift. At least give them the chance to buy what they really want or the chance to exchange the awful gift you gave them without flying across the world to the weird boutique you got it from.
7. Avoid thoughtlessness - Don't get gifts that people really can't use. No earrings for someone without earring holes, no sugar cookies for a diabetic, no hair pieces if they don't have hair...you get the gist.
8. Avoid the handmade gifts - You'll be surprised how expensive they add up to, and how much time you wished you saved if you just bought one.
9. No cop-out gifts - If they play the guitar, chances are they already have the coffee mug, the frame, the holder, the mini-guitar, and the book on Hendrix.
10. A hand-me-down- Chances are that that awful necklace your friend gave you, won't look so great on your neighbor either. Plus imagine the embarrassment you save if your friend saw the neighbor wearing it. Let's avoid an "Old School" movie moment.

by **Lara Bueso**

entertainment editor

# Bridget Jones Fights Men Again

by **Katie Pederson**

asst. sports editor

It's the holidays, and for once, flab is fabulous; granny-panties are a must, and boggling awkwardness is the trend. All this and more, thanks to the holiday hit sequel to *Bridget Jones's Diary*, *Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason*.

*The Edge of Reason* is a continuation of the story of the middle-aged, frumpy British reporter Bridget Jones, played by the hilariously blundering Renee Zellweger (*Cold Mountain*, *Chicago*). *The Edge of Reason* picks up four weeks after the 2001 original debut ended, as Bridget thinks she has finally found a potential long-term relationship and mate in the suave lawyer Mark Darcy, as played by the adorable Colin Firth (*Love Actually*, *What a Girl Wants*).

As always though, Brid-

get just can't seem to stay focused or happy, continually floundering at Darcy's high-class society functions, finally accusing him of having an affair with his attractive lawyer partner Rebecca, the angelic face of actress Jacinda Barrett (*Ladder 49*, *Urban Legends*). Their minor scuffle escalates and Bridget breaks off the relationship, only to find herself now continually paired at work on assignment with her former lover, the loveable yet adulterous Daniel Cleaver, played by bad-boy Hugh Grant (*Notting Hill*, *9 Months*). There then arises a series of unfortunate events as Bridget is continually wooed by both men, caught in the midst of a drug smuggling scandal, and placed in a third-world prison where she teaches her inmates to sing "Like A Virgin" in true Jones fashion. In the end, Bridget will have to decide if her inadequacies and

awkwardness are enough to keep her from the life of love of which she has always dreamed (and written in her journal).

*The Edge of Reason* is a good humored, slapstick, joyride of emotions typical of the original film that depicted the life of the rather plump and unattractive Bridget. Some have hailed it "better than the original," but I personally think that *The Edge of Reason* lacks the spontaneity and general newness that *Bridget Jones's Diary* brought to the screen. The concepts are the same, and true to its namesake there is a new diary with new debacles, enticing twists, an additional Firth-Grant brawl, and all the bawdiness that a Bridget Jones tale promises. Yet I felt that *The Edge of Reason* is only a shadow of the 2001 original, following meekly in the footsteps of several other British comedy-drama-romances of the same making made since the original debuted (think *Love Actually*).

Regardless, *The Edge of Reason* offers one of the best laughs of the season. This sequel is a definite movie date must, lewd enough to keep the men enticed, yet sweet enough to cure any holiday blues. *The Edge of Reason* leaves women of all shapes and sizes exiting theatres identifying with the main character and her woes, though perhaps not to their "Hollywood-ized" extremes.



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## Busta Rhymes at Stetson

Saturday, Dec. 4, Busta Rhymes will perform at Stetson University. The opening act is Rhythm Defined Dance Troop and other special guests.

Doors open at 8:30 p.m., and the show starts at 9 p.m. in the Rinker Field House. Hosted by the Council for Student Activities, the concert will take place inside the Hollis Center, 600 N. Bert Fish Drive, DeLand. Lyrics contain adult content, and viewer discretion is advised.

Advance tickets are available through Ticket

Master and are \$15 (\$20 the day of the show) for the general public. For more information, call the Hollis Center at (386) 822-7237.

Busta Rhymes got his start with Leaders of the New School on two albums in the early '90s. He was also featured on a number of other records including A Tribe Called Quest's cut "Scenario." His first solo album debuted in 1996 and featured the single, "Woo Hah!! Got You All In Check." With the Flipmode Squad, he released several more albums in the late

'90s with hits like "Dangerous" and "Gimme Some More."



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# The Boys Next Door

by **Lara Bueso**  
entertainment editor

It was a risky undertaking, a theater production about the lives of retarded adults in the play *The Boy's Next Door*, by playwright Tom Griffin. Rollins' student director, Kristopher Fogel, masterfully directed the play with comedy, emotion, and a high quality cast that did more than just act, but gained a warm response from audiences as well. Although some might quickly assume the play's purpose was to mock the handicapped, instead Fogel directed the play in a professional fashion that only led audiences to admire the perilous and difficult lives they lead.

The setting involves four adult retarded men attempting to live on their own under the supervision of the overly stressed Jack Palmer (Michael Christopher Schantz). He frustratingly watches over the group to ensure the safety of Arnold Wiggins (Eli Green), a marginally retarded man suffering from Obsessive Compulsive Disorder and seems to be extremely nervous. Lucien P. Smith (Sa-Heim Davis) is clearly mentally handicapped, as he acts

somewhat similar to a toddler. It was humorous, yet realistically unsettling as the state assumes he is able to live on his own and ceases his Social Security payments. Norman (Greg McIver) works at a local donut shop and has an innocent crush on another member of the establishment, Sheila (Arabella Fisher). Lastly, the highly functional yet schizophrenic Barry Klemper (Mike Nardelli) poses as a professional golf instructor and genuinely charges twenty-five cents per hour.

Jack struggles with the daily difficulties of "babysitting" the handicapped men, as the audience interprets it as comedy. The high-tense, stressful conditions of the job lead him to apply for several other positions, eventually landing one. Jack is then forced to make a decision - does he abandon his pseudo-children, or does he accept the position as travel agent?

It is very easy to become annoyed with some of the habits the characters displayed, but the actors depicted the individuals with awe-inspiring perfection. Eli Green meticulously handled the nervous tics and provided just the right amount of

panic - not too hysterical and not underplayed. Mike Nardelli, who played Barry, was truly heartbreaking. Although he seems the most normal of the three housemates, a quick flash back to his childhood in the second act lands him an incredibly emotional role, and a transfer to a higher security institution.

The introduction of Barry's father, Mr. Klemper (Patrick Clark) provides an emotional standpoint, as the unsympathetic and obviously abusive father fails to connect with his son on a visit. The play honestly examines the tribulations of supervising the handicapped, the routine of living on their own, and those who are unable to relate to them, as some moments seem and are hilarious. At times you find yourself questioning whether it is socially acceptable to laugh during particular moments.

But coming out of the play I gained an unrealized respect for not only the actors who portrayed their lives with pride and practicality, but also for the mentally handicapped, which are at times very complex yet humbling and affectionate.

## Squeeze Into Your Bathing...Ski Suit

### Day One

Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner
Black coffee or tea (Sweet & Low or Equal) or water 1/2 Grapefruit or Juice 1 slice toast with 1 Tbsp. Peanut Butter	1/2 Cup of Tuna 1 slice toast Black coffee or tea (Sweet & Low or Equal) or water	3 oz. any lean meat 1 cup green beans 1 cup carrots 1 cup vanilla ice cream 1 medium apple Black coffee or tea or water

### Day Two

Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner
Black coffee or tea (Sweet & Low or Equal) or water 1 egg (any style) 1 slice toast 1 banana	1 cup cottage cheese or tuna 5 saltine crackers Black coffee or tea (Sweet & Low or Equal) or water	2 hot dogs 1/2 cup carrots 1 banana 1 cup broccoli or cabbage 1/2 cup vanilla ice-cream Black coffee or tea

### Day Three

Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner
Black coffee or tea (Sweet & Low or Equal) or water 5 regular saltine crackers 1 oz.(slice) cheddar cheese 1 apple	1 hard boiled egg 1 slice toast Black coffee or tea (Sweet & Low or Equal) or water	1 cup tuna 1 cup carrots 1 cup cauliflower 1 cup melon 1/2 cup regular vanilla ice cream Black coffee or tea or water

## Movie Matching

by Jess and Lara

Match these holiday favorites with their memorable quotes!

1



A

"There it is! The Holy grail of Christmas gifts! The Red Ryder 200 shot range model air rifle! And there he is! Red Ryder himself! In his hand was the knerl stock of his coolly deadliest looking piece of weaponry as ever I had laid eyes on!"

2



B

"Remember George, No man is a failure who has friends"

3



C

"I love smiling! Smiling's my favorite!!"

4



D

"Inviting me down there - and on such short notice! Even if I wanted to go my schedule wouldn't allow it. 4:00, wallow in self pity; 4:30, stare into the abyss; 5:00, solve world hunger, tell no one. 5:30, jazzercise. 6:30, dinner with me. I can't cancel that again! 7:00, wrestle with my self-loathing; I'm booked!"



# Simpson's Ex Takes It All

■ Ryan Cabrera 'takes it all away' with his new album, *Elm St.*

by **Katie Pederson**  
asst. sports editor

In a world of teeny-bop pop-rock phonies, it's refreshing to find an artist who, though still rather young, has a true sense of humor and modesty. Ryan Cabrera, a rising star in the pop music world, is sure to rattle the music industry with his down-to-earth, heartfelt melodies.

Cabrera, a Dallas, TX native, started off playing music in his hometown. His first musical endeavors began with selling his first independently produced CD *Elm St.* from his house. Things soon turned up for Cabrera, who became a student with Jessica Simpson's vocal coach, and later was signed by Jessica's dad, Joe Simpson, as an independent act with his management company.

Cabrera was soon after signed to Atlantic Records, where he began writing tracks for his mainstream debut album *Take It All Away* with Goo Goo Doll's Johnny Reznik. Cabrera then spent the 2004 summer receiving massive exposure as the opening act for

Jessica Simpson's "Reality Tour." His first hit single "On the Way Down" off of *Take It All Away*, which was released in August, has elevated this small town boy to rising star status as both his album and single continue to climb the charts daily. Other notable tracks include the sweet and romantic "True," the rocking "Exit to Exit," and the light title track and first ever self-written piece "Take It All Away."



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Cabrera has made guest appearances on numerous talk shows and done interviews with many of Hollywood's greatest, but his most well known role has by far been as the loveable boyfriend of Jessica Simpson's little sister Ashlee on the MTV hit reality series "The Ashlee Simpson Show." The TV spot showcased the young

sister of the pop princess and her romantic escapades with Cabrera. The show's media coverage brought Ryan and the Simpson family much closer together and elevated both aspiring young artists' careers. Though the romance may not have lasted, Cabrera was soon after immortalized with the release of Ashlee's hit single "Pieces of Me" about their relationship.

Regardless of his star romances or rising fame, Cabrera still remains a rather laid back and humorous individual. In a recent media interview, he said of himself and his performances, "Even when I'm on stage, I just act normal and see the crowd as a bunch of my best friends. Seriously, I'm a dork. I like to be goofy and just have fun." Even after his latest appearance as a headliner and float entertainer in Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, Cabrera keeps a general amount of modesty when confronted with his adoring, boy-crazy fans. This up and coming artist is a definite must hear, if not to simply keep up on your MTV-created Simpson family trivia, then maybe for the incredible lyrics, vocals, and guitar playing of a rather gifted new talent.

## Monday's Big Kill

by **Adam Burton**  
staff reporter

Snowballing in success The Killers have slowly and infectiously climbed their way up the charts with their debut album *Hot Fuss*. Running on a buzz from other indie-rock bands such as Modest Mouse and Interpol, The Killers broke through and are privileged enough to headline their own U.S. tour that recently stopped in Orlando.

Live shows make or break bands and their future is uncertain. Touring the U.S. with only one supporting act, The Zutons, left The Killers to fulfill the requirement of musicianship to audiences alone.

The curtains opened to a dark stage at the House of Blues as the sold-out crowd cheered for The Killers, hoping to coax them into coming out. A good five minutes later the roaring got louder as the stage lit up and the Killers opened with their first song of the night and newest single "Mr.

Brightside."

Taking a look at the band on stage one would think they were a lounge act and not an internationally famous band. Dressed in mismatched suits the band swayed about as they played. Lead singer and keyboard player Brandon Flowers strolled around stage in the likeness of Shatner. This brand of arrogance ultimately made Flowers seem bored with his own band's songs.

Little enthusiasm came from the band, who would approach the crowd every now and then and bob up and down to attempt to get a reaction. They played on through fan favorites such as "Smells Like You Mean It" and "Jenny Was A Friend of Mine." Every once and awhile Flowers would make his way over to his rhinestone studded keyboard to play a few notes and electronic noises to give himself something to do.

Bottom line - the chemistry between The Killers and the crowd was nonexistent. By the time the band closed

with their hit single "Somebody Told Me," the general feeling was of the night was 'Is that it?'

It is obvious a show did not go over well when two out of every three groups of people walking out are complaining about how the show sucked.

The only potential savior of the evening was the opening act The Zutons, who at least seemed genuinely consumed and enthralled by their fused brand of classic and modern rock, soul and funk. Watching the five members dance about on stage in a frantic and seemingly uncoordinated style was reminiscent of bands hailing from the 60s, when music was a revolution and not a corporate buy-in. Hailing from England the band was a fitting opener for The Killers and got the crowd energized for The Killers.

That energy unfortunately faded in a short-lived show, with a performance from a band that will likely have a short-lived career.

## MAD PROPS

compiled by LEAD

by **Lauren Ervin**  
staff reporter

Mad Propz is designed to recognize the "unsung heroes" at Rollins College. It is derived from campus emails. This month's theme is: PERSEVERANCE.

LEAD hopes to inspire inclusiveness, embrace a spirit of social responsibility, and celebrate the shared values of community. LEAD offers training, education, and experiential activities for Rollins students through both curricular and co-curricular initiatives. Contact lead@rollins.edu for more information.

Son Ho has been working so hard on his Honors thesis and schoolwork, and he still finds time to serve as SGA Comptroller and do an awesome job! However, I really wanted to give him propz for finishing his medical school applications. I know that the medical schools he applies to will see what a wonderful individual he is, and he will be successful wherever he decides to go! -Sarah Ledbetter

I would like to give Mad Propz to Megan O'Neil for persevering through her Biology major, even when she's dead tired. Despite her busy schedule, she still manages to be a great RA, roommate, and friend. Plus, she's the best dancer in the dirty south. It's true. -Kate

I give mad propz to Jennifer Pettman who has persevered through more than I would ever be able to handle. She is an awesome student and fabulous person. I don't know anyone who I admire more for hanging in there no matter what. Her presence totally encourages me and I feel blessed to have her as a friend. -Jen 2

Abby Hertz is setting a new standard for campus activism and challenging the rest of us to rise to the occasion. She puts herself and her artistic expression out in full view to provoke thought

on our campus, often at a risk to herself. She's daring, creative and on the cutting edge. Her efforts during the Week of Difference were incredible and unforgettable. -Mika Ahuvia

Christopher Richards is such a fine example of what Rollins is. He is a person full of integrity, dedication and perseverance. He possesses a truly kind heart and I am lucky to call him one of my very best friends. -Carson Fuller

Jared Levine has been struggling with all kinds of work lately but was still able to find the time to feed stray kittens on campus, figure out what he threw at Bird last year, and even organize a Secret Santa party for our friends. -Mike Thayer

I have survived cancer twice. I had Leukemia when I was 3-years-old and underwent chemotherapy for three years. Then when I was 10-years-old, I had a malignant tumor removed from my salivary gland and facial nerve. I had radiation therapy for six weeks and have been okay ever since. -James Marchewka

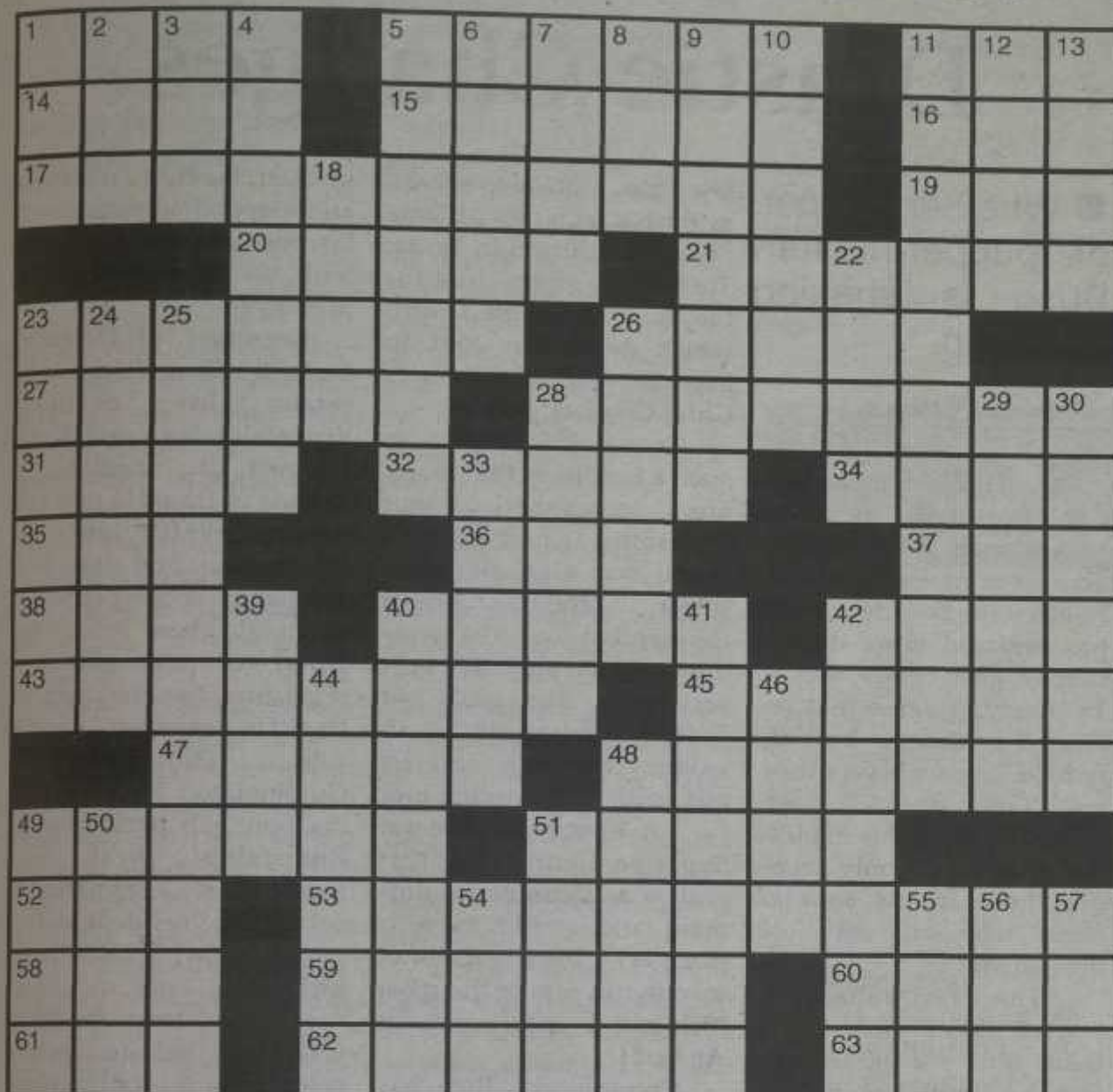
I would like to honor Alexander Villagomez, who has shown great perseverance in completing his education at Rollins. He takes care of his 4-year-old daughter Tiana, and works long hours to support her, while balancing his work at Rollins. -Donna O'Connor

Selena Moshell is an amazing peer mentor and she is always working really hard. -Christie Eastman

Katie Pederson, for her outstanding work as the sole peer mentor for the Honors RCC section taught by Dr. Cummings. Peter White, for battling mono and definitely "persevering." Jennifer Finch, for hard work and a positive outlook. -Professor Cummings



## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



By Eugene R. Puffenberger  
Houston, TX

11/12/04

## ACROSS

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60 Grimm bad guy  
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10 Magnetic flux density units  
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13 Methods  
18 Java neighbor  
22 1958 Pulitzer Prize winner  
23 Fatty acid used in flavorings  
24 New York city  
25 Garden cress  
26 Major artery  
28 Emcees  
29 Wild ass  
30 Dick and Pete of bowling  
33 Colorful ducks  
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40 Actor Mifune  
41 Makes the current current  
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46 Leopold's cohort in crime  
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51 Rank just above Col.  
54 Sch. in Tahlequah, OK  
55 Sense of self  
56 Gallery display  
57 Actress Ruby

## Show Your Dancer Appreciation at Attitudes

by **Selena Moshell**

staff reporter

This week, Rollins Dancers, the dance club on campus, hosted Dancer Appreciation Week to raise awareness and, of course, appreciation of dancers, choreographers, and the art of dance. To accomplish these goals, informational flyers were posted featuring five of the most influential dancers and choreographers of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Shivali Patel, an organizer of the week, "These artists revolutionized dance techniques and made significant contributions through their work and lives to the art form." Some led dangerous lives, and others had tragic experiences, but all were phenomenal and significant artists.

The posters gave short overviews of each dancer's life and offered numerous fascinating facts. Suzanne Farrell, for example, was

one of the youngest professional dancers ever accepted into the prestigious American Ballet Theater, and Martha Graham, a modern choreographer, originated a technique, which is so widespread it touches almost every contemporary dance company today. One well-known choreographer, Bob Fosse, was the only person to ever be awarded an Academy Award, three Emmys, and two Tony's. Isadora Duncan, on the other hand, led a tragic life which contained the death of her children, her estrangement and subsequent suicide of her husband, and her own tragic death. The posters also offered little known facts. For example, not only was Mikhail Baryshnikov a political refugee from Russia, his guest appearance on *Sex in the City* was a reunion for him and Sarah Jessica Parker, who had performed in an ABT pro-

duction of *Sa Sylphide* as a young student performer.

This week will culminate next Tuesday at 7:30, in the Alfond Sports Center, with the annual dance showcase, Attitudes. In it's fifth year, this annual free show features student choreographers and dancers, and is co-sponsored by Rollins Players. Historically, it has been the second highest attended event behind Lip Sync. The Dancers attribute the show's success to the talented choreographers, dancers, and the hard work of the organizers, Laura Lapointe and Susan Frantz.

Attitudes gives Rollins a way to appreciate not only dancers, but the art of dancing through a free show which gives those who otherwise might not have ever had the opportunity to see a dance performance to experience a creative, artistic, and exceptionally entertaining show.

## ATTITUDES 2004

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Center



## VIEW FROM MARS



by Alan Nordstrom

faculty columnist

## THE HUMAN ADVENTURE

How much of human nature and experience can be summed up by the idea of adventuring, which means daring to leave the safe island of home and braving the unknown—throwing oneself upon the wind in order to arrive at a new and more wonderful land?

Is that not the motive underlying human history—"The Human Adventure"? Every human life amounts to an adventure into larger and more luminous spheres of experience—or a failure to risk that journey and a consequent self-stifling, a Jonah-like cringing from the calling to be more.

The human enterprise is about boldly going into the unknown, bravely venturing upon the *terra incognita* surrounding us, plunging into deep and savage woods, into dark and hidden caves. It is about conquering the fears that inhibit and constrain us from finding out the fullness of all possibilities and potentials.

We are by nature explorers seeking to bring light into caverns and to hew clearings in the wilderness of forests and jungles. What we most admire in human beings, what essentially constitutes heroism, is bravery, is courage, is the deft and graceful facing down of fears and consequent arrival on the shores of new glories of accomplishment.

Human beings seem made to be fear-fighters, and thus we honor most highly those who are bravest in the pursuit of their callings to venture, whether outward or inward, and to discover new knowledge.

Surrounded by unknowns of all kinds, curious to find out new knowledge, yet cautious of extending ourselves beyond the clean and well-lighted comforts of the familiar, we live at the edge of our fears, tempted to endeavor, poised to retreat, and constantly challenged to enlarge our circle of experience, challenged to grow and to become.

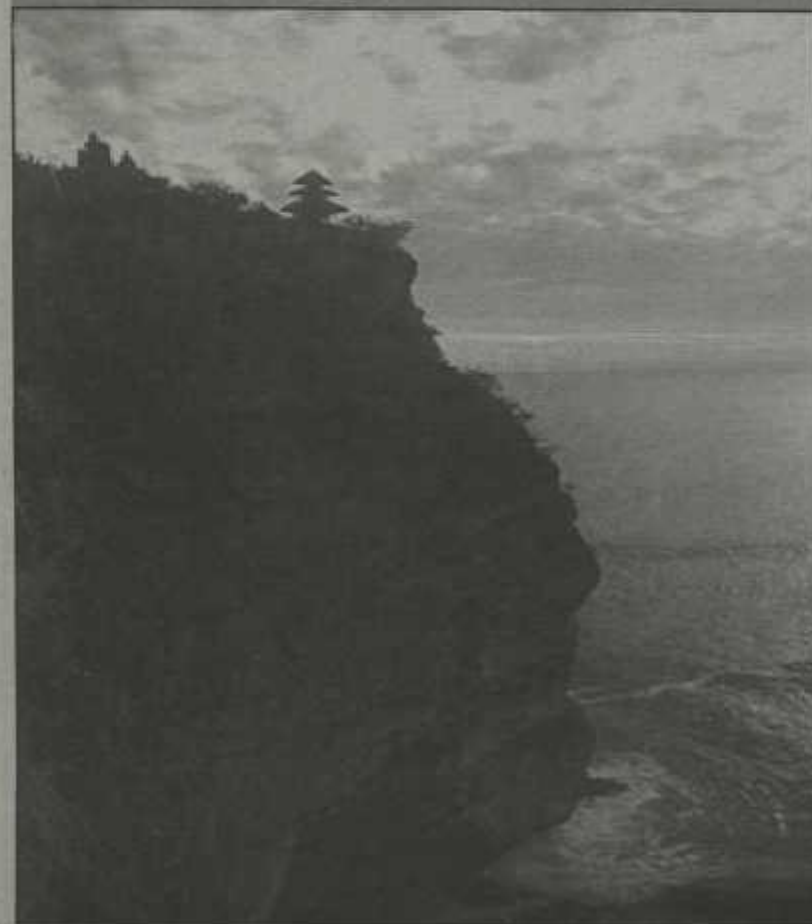


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## Bush Makes Drastic Changes

■ Whether puppet, or puppet-master, Bush is shaking things up.

by Shaun Cricks

staff reporter

Bush is cleaning out his Cabinet and we are about to see sweeping changes across our nation. Since his re-election, President Bush has replaced more than 7 in his high-level Cabinet of 15. Analysts agree that re-elected presidents basically have 2 years before they are "lame ducks." Bush seems aware of his expiration date and is only keeping those in his countenance who will not slow him down.

"The fact that he knows them and trusts them tells me he knows there's a limited amount of time to get things done and he knows they're the best people to help him do that," said Bush's first White House liaison to Congress, Nicholas E. Calio.

Great! Now we can be rid of those pesky checks and balances within the White House that could gum up the Bush machine. A brief look at three of Bush's favorites gives insight into his criteria and agenda.

Alberto Gonzales, President Bush's choice for Attorney General, has served him well. In fact, Gonzalez has served only Bush and one corporate

law firm. Gonzales served as Bush's Secretary of State and legal counsel in Texas. Then Bush picked him for the Texas Supreme Court, which he left in 2001 to become the President's Chief Counsel.

Gonzales is known as such a hardliner that many are concerned that Ashcroft was just a warm-up. It was Gonzales who threw the Geneva Convention out the window and created the self-serving doctrine of "enemy combatants." Bush values Gonzales' service, and is likely grooming him for an upcoming Federal Supreme Court seat. This seat is a lifetime appointment and would leave a (former) Bush Cabinet member in one of the most influential positions in America.

Condoleezza Rice has been promoted to Secretary of State. She is deep within the Presidents circle of trust. It is well known that Rice enjoys private dinners with the President and First Lady, and even referred to Bush as, "my husband," before correcting herself during a recent interview.

During the 9/11 hearings, Rice was Bush's spin doctor, and ubiquitously saturated the media with his talking points. She has proved herself to be a good steward to damage control, if not to intelligence. She is replacing Colin Powell. With the appointment of Rice to diplomat-

in-chief, Bush has removed an independent mind from his post, and replaced him with an obedient mouthpiece.

Secretary of Defense, Donald Rumsfeld, will retain his position. Rumsfeld was quick to support the President's agenda in Iraq. He told tall tales of WMDs, an easy war in Iraq, and then of a "mission accomplished." Rumsfeld has been fingered for poor planning regarding the Invasion of Iraq. He has taken heat for Abu Ghraib and Guantanamo Bay. Despite his poor job performance, Rumsfeld's loyal and secretive style apparently serves the President well.

Those who have been kicked out, ere, "resigned," from the Bush Cabinet include many celebrity politicians. These well-knowns helped to put familiar faces on the new administration. Evidently, the confidence and self-conviction attached to those faces can be trouble for an administration with much to do.

In his Cabinet, the President appears to favor obedience over guidance. Bush, who has often been referred to as a puppet, has now elevated himself to puppet-master. Bush's marionettes of mass-destruction will serve only to enforce the Bush Doctrine. Unfortunately for anyone left of the "right," the show must go on.

STAR TRIBUNE

## THE BOBBLEHEAD CABINET





# Recount? Not Again!

■ Why are we still counting votes when the winner is not going to change?

by **Jami Furo**

copy editor

I bet you're tired of hearing about the presidential elections, aren't you? Well, so am I. I vowed to not write about them anymore because even I was getting bored with my own column.

And then something like this happens. I can deny it no longer. This needs a response.

David Cobb and Michael Badnarik, the 2004 presidential candidates for the Green and Libertarian parties, have demanded a recount for the votes in Ohio. The cost of this process is about \$150,000, and they plan to raise the money themselves. My reaction to this: What?!! Why?

Neither the Green Party nor the Libertarian Party has a chance at winning in Ohio. Even if they did, they would have no chance of winning the election.

So let's say that all of this is for John Kerry, and John Kerry does not want his name connected with the act because he already conceded. It has already been declared that a win for John Kerry is "statistically impossible" if all of the ballots in question are recounted.

So what is the purpose? Cobb and Badnarik insist that the recount is to make sure that every vote is counted because of the importance to the democratic process.

I agree that every vote is important, and I certainly agree with the importance of

the democratic process. Our democracy is one of the aspects that make our nation so great.

However, in the last two elections, we have begun a dangerous precedent. Politicians prepare ahead of time to contest the results of the election, and the American people prepare ahead of time to wait for the election results. If the results do not come out the way a candidate would like, they dip into their bottomless pockets to pay for a recount.

These are the measures that we are taking to protect the democratic process? We prepare to contest what the people have spoken? We twist what the ballots say to fit our own needs and desires? We "interpret" ballots? We count them, and count them, and count them again until they say what we want them to say?

A democracy is a simple thing. Cast a vote; elect an official. It does not involve whining when your candidate loses and paying to recount the ballots until the results suit your taste.

As for Mr. Cobb and Mr. Badnarik, you were formidable candidates, but you lost. Unfortunately, our nation is dominated by a two-party system that essentially excludes any other candidate from standing a chance. Maybe it will not be that way forever, but it was for this past election. You can count the votes in Ohio from now until forever and that will not change for the 2004 election. I wish your parties better luck and a stronger voice in the future.

As for the American people, fear not. The election process is a human system with human errors. There

are errors in filling out the ballots and errors in counting the ballots. There always have been, and there always will be. Hopefully, we will continue to find ways to diminish the amount of errors in the election process, but they will still be there. I'm not saying that we should condone errors, but realistically,

they will occur. That does not mean that your vote does not matter; it does not mean that you should not exercise your right to vote; and it does not mean that we should transform our democratic process into a subjective interpretation of the results.

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Rollins should implement a new policy directed at building handicapped accessible ramps outside of every building on campus. It is unfair that a school with so much funding has only renovated select buildings to make access for people that already face greater challenges than an average student. The majority of buildings at Rollins do not have handicap access ramps. The campus does offer aid for handicapped students if they are called, but this is time consuming and places the handicapped at an unfair disadvantage. This daily wait for access would easily conflict with scheduled classes and increase the time devoted to the participation of each class. As part of the state law (Title 34, subtitle 104.21) issued by the Department of Education, "no qualified handicapped person can be denied the benefits of, be excluded from participation in, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity to which this part applies." Rollins must correct the problem of handicap access so as to comply with Title 34 in ensuring that all students receive equal opportunity.

There are many

ways to fund such an endeavor. Specified endowment funds should provide enough to implement renovations to older buildings in need of newer handicapped accessible entrances. If this is not an option I suggest a committee fundraiser board, implemented through student government, in charge of beginning a trust fund that would work to raise money for construction. A good education shouldn't be forgone because of unequal challenges presented by our unwillingness to change. Amongst the midst of minority aiding policies we must not exempt one group because of their uncommon impediment. We are Rollins College, and together we must make handicapped access to all buildings a unilateral policy throughout our campus.

*Jack Brighenti*



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# Letters to the Editor

## So what really is "social progress?"

Dear Editor

John Ferreria's article, *The Myth of Social Progress*, embodies the groundless and vicious campaign against liberal thought that currently threatens the democratic fabric of our society. Mr. Ferreria argues that the Nazi Party and the Bolsheviks considered themselves socially progressive and compares Hitler and Stalin to modern liberals. He maintains that all of the previously mentioned groups have erroneously claimed to be advocates of social progress and attempts to draw connections between the brutality of Hitler and Stalin and liberal Americans. Clearly, Mr. Ferreria's argument is intrinsically flawed. Both Hitler and Stalin, although at times operating under the guise of "social progress," aimed to restrict the rights of their citizens. Hitler stripped away the rights of everyone who didn't fulfill the Aryan ideal, while Stalin silenced anyone who opposed his party, and both dictators robbed many individuals of their lives. Those who are socially liberal, pro-choice, and supporters of gay marriage—positions Ferreria finds especially offensive—strive to enhance the rights of American citizens. Those who support gay marriage aren't attempting to preclude anyone else from marrying, but simply requesting that homosexual relationships be acknowledged in the same capacity as heterosexual unions. And the issue of abortion is not a question of social progress, but of human rights. Women, Mr. Ferreria, will continue to demand full jurisdiction over their own bodies. Anything less is reprehensible

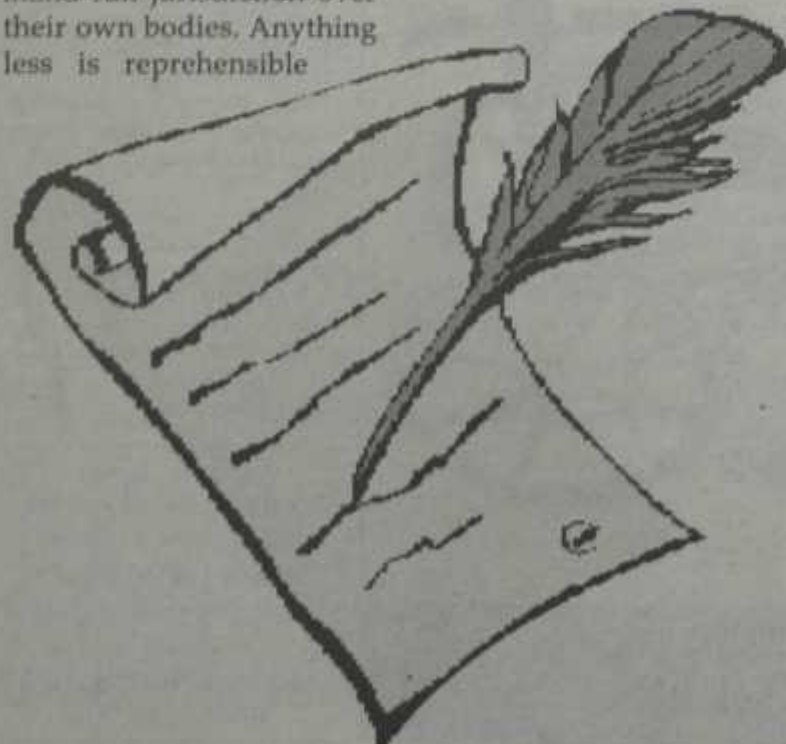
and a gross violation of fundamental human rights. Worst of all, Mr. Ferreria makes these hateful assertions without an iota of support. He fails to cite an article or study that has made such links. He fails to incorporate quotes or writings from a member of the conservative party in support of his stance. Mr. Ferreria doesn't claim to have any special education in sociology, history, or politics. In fact, his byline reads: sports editor. *The Myth of Social Progress* is a journalistically irresponsible article that appears to be little more than the ramblings of a socially and historically uneducated individual, bearing the ignorance and irrationality that gives the conservative party a bad name.

*Laura Van de Berg*

Dear Ms. Van de Berg,

I was not comparing modern liberals to the Nazis and Bolsheviks in ideology; I was comparing them by the fact that anyone who opposes them is said to be "on the wrong side of history." What I meant to say in my article was that no one can state with full certainty what "progress" really is. Those on the right (Nazis) and the left (Communists) have been wrong in the past, so they could be wrong today too. What conservatives and liberals need is to realize that no one owns the truth, and just because someone disagrees with you it doesn't make them ignorant.

*John Ferreria*



## Should the apathy of Campus Safety be re-evaluated?

Dear Editor,

First and foremost, I would like to state that I am a dedicated Alum, employee, and current student of Rollins College. I have been in love with this campus since high school and consider it an honor and privilege to attend Rollins College. This will be my second degree with Rollins as I work to complete my MAT through the Holt School. However, I need to express my extreme outrage at the senselessness of the recent attack. For the past year our school has seen increased criminal activity though little has been done to increase our safety. Why do we not have cameras around campus or in the garage? Even Wal-Mart has cameras! First, there were thefts and vandalism of cars in the parking garage, then a teacher was assaulted, and now this. What does it take for Rollins to decide student safety is as important as the quality of educational programs? At 9:40 at night this woman should have no reason to fear for her safety on our campus. This is my school too, and I take it personally that two men were

able to breach the sanctity of this campus and rape this woman so close to other students.

I would like especially to address the statement that campus safety regularly patrols the campus and garage. This is simply not true in my experience. In the year and a half I have been attending night classes, only on one or two occasions have I ever seen a campus safety officer in the garage or even near the Cornell building. In fact, the one time I did ask for an escort to the parking garage, the safety officer proceeded to lecture me on how I need not be afraid for my safety as nothing bad has ever happened in the ten plus years he had been at Rollins. I guess he does not count 5 rapes in the last several years as "anything bad." To that particular officer, I would like to say—when you become a woman having faced the real fear of being raped, then you can tell me what to worry about or not!

In fairness, I want to state that the blame cannot be placed entirely on our overworked, understaffed campus safety members. I blame the fact that Rollins has historically been too cheap to pay a decent wage

for safety workers and provide enough staff to adequately patrol our campus. We need security posted at the most vulnerable areas of campus at all times. If this means having cameras in our computer labs, in our hallways, and in our parking garage—then I am all for it. If this means paying higher wages to our safety officers—then I am all for it. If this means hiring more safety officers—then I am all for it.

To end on a more positive note, I hope and believe that our new president will take this crime personally. I beseech you President Duncan, to put as much effort and funds into the safety of this campus as you will into the continued quality of Rollins educational programs. I think I can safely speak for the majority of faculty, staff, and students when I say we are placing the future of our beloved college in your hands. We expect you to treat it with the same dedication, concern, and responsibility as we do in being a part of Rollins.

Your Faithful Holt Student,

*Sarah Eiland*

## Are community housing fines out of control?

Dear Editor:

The collection of community housing fines has gotten out of control. Last semester many students were charged in excess of \$150 by the end of the year, without being previously notified of any violations. I remember one night last semester when the Residential Life Office, on the first floor of McKean Hall, was mysteriously flooded by a hose that had been strategically positioned beneath the door by an unknown assailant. The hose was left on all night, and hundreds of gallons of water flooded the office ruining carpet, furniture, computers, and various other electronic devices. By the morning, the water had caused thousands of dollars in damage.

Since the person who flooded the building was never caught and the Residential Life Office is located in McKean Hall, the damages were billed to all 227 students living in the facility. The residents of McKean Hall were not notified of the

fine until they received the bill nearly two months after the incident and well after they had returned home for the summer.

While it is unlikely that the Residential Life Office will be flooded again, communal fines affect every student. The housing agreement that students must sign before they are allowed to live on campus states that, "Students are responsible for care of public areas and furnishings. Public areas are defined as hallways, stairwells, lounges, kitchens, bathrooms, etc." "Common-Billing" charges may be made to residents of a section, wing, floor or entire building (as appropriate) for damages and/or vandalism, to public areas of a residence hall." (B20, Section 15 in the Code of Students Rights and Responsibilities)

This means that if anyone were to vomit, urinate, defecate, burn, destroy, or flood any area of a residence hall and were not caught, every resident of the hallway, floor, or building would be held liable for the damages. It is most often the case that recipients of these

communal fines are not informed of the fine until it is too late to protest, challenge, or discuss the issue with the Residential Life Office.

If the communal fining system is to remain intact, the Residential Life Office has the ethical obligation to inform residents of any communal fines that they receive, well before the semester is over, and preferably within two weeks of the incident. Since the practice of fining people for damages that they were not responsible for (e.g. the 227 residents of McKean Hall could not have all been responsible for flooding the Residential Life Office, but were all held financially liable) is in itself a debatable practice; it is only fair to inform residents of their fines well before it is time to pay for them. If students are not afforded this simple consideration, the Residential Life Office is bound to be vandalized in the middle of the night once again.

Sincerely,

*Morgan Williams*



# Artest Should be Banned

by **John Ferreira**  
sports editor

There is no excuse for what happened at the Palace of Auburn Hills, when basketball turned into basketball brawl. I'm outraged by those who want to shift the blame off of Artest, choosing instead to blame the fan who threw his beverage on the Indiana Big Man. Granted, the fan should not have been throwing anything on the court, but Artest should have been in a bigger man (not only in size) and just walked away. Artest could've shouted at the guy, sure, but he had no business leaping into the stands and assaulting the fans. The worse of all was that he went after the wrong guy! Can you imagine that? Put yourself in shoes of John Ackerman a 67 year old who was attacked by Artest. Picture a 6-7, 247 pound man of pure muscle leaping after you and swinging his gigantic arms at you. If any of those punches make direct hit you're dead. Now I hate to sound like a monday morning quarterback but, this was a long time coming. Sports is suppose to be entertainment, in embodies values and the spirit of competition which we see in everyday life. More and more sports has started to emulate the bad values of our society, like greed and promiscuity. The NBA more

than other leagues has become increasingly about the bling bling and less about winning. Take players like Allen Iverson who seems to care about his endorsements than about his team. What makes matters worse is that NBA has profited from this "thug" image and they love it. If a player gets arrested and it sells more jerseys the leagues does not care. Latrell Sprewell is a perfect example, the man attacked his coach and nearly choked him to death, the league suspended him for the season. Sprewell then came back and is now making millions as if nothing happened. It is not too late for the league to take back control of its players. If they ban Artest from the game forever players will think twice about acting out. Artest committed the most grievous of all sports sins, attacking a fan. With the fans these players would be nothing. It is only because people are willing to pay tons of money that these players make a living. Banning Artest from the NBA would protect fans from future attacks and would make it safer to go to games. If players want to fight with each other, go ahead, but don't bite the hand that feeds you. The fans make the game and if players hurt them, then they shouldn't play.

## ■ Pistons and Pacers take last spots for marring the game of basketball.

by **John Ferreira**  
sports editor

There have been some surprises when the teams in the NBA actually started playing. This goes to show that all the hype doesn't matter and that what really matters is what happens on the court.

**San Antonio Spurs-** They have been inching by opponents, but hey they're still winning and that is all that matters.

**Phoenix Suns-** Who would've known that the addition of Steve Nash would make this the most exciting team to watch? They are pure entertainment playing quick and fun basketball.

**Miami Heat-** The Heat have started off the season with a solid record. Although their depth stills leaves many questions they have pounded the teams of the East. With the Pacers losing their key players the Heat only have the Pistons to beat to win the east.

**Utah Jazz-** One of the many surprises early in the season the Jazz have done well with their three point shooting. They are playing great right now but their defensive woes makes us wonder how long the music will last.

**Minnesota Timberwolves-** They have not been as could as everyone expected but they are still beating bad teams. The question will be if they can play with the big boys.

**Sacramento Kings-** This is another team with weak depth, but Peja has risen to become a superstar in California.

**Seattle SuperSonics-** Ray Allen is the heart and soul of this team, but they don't have any other players. They still went on that amazing streak earlier this season, if they can keep it up watch out.

**Dallas Mavericks-** They have played well so far but they questions are starting to arise about the durability of this team. If Dirk Nowitzki can't stay healthy the championship hopes for this team might fizzle.

**Los Angeles Lakers-** The

Lakers are a team on the brink, while they have managed to keep their head about above water. I don't see them going too far this season.

**Cleveland Cavaliers-** This team has done well, but they have only beaten bad teams. Let's wait until they start playing some serious teams to make a decision.

**Orlando Magic-** This team has been the biggest shocker of the season. I thought they would fizzle and that Grant Hill wouldn't finish his comeback (again), but Steve Francis is making all those people in Houston miss him badly.

**Denver Nuggets-** With their big front court, they can compete with the teams in the West; they are rebounding monsters.

**Houston Rockets-** They've gotten out to a slow start, and I have a feeling that Tracy McGrady will find a way to screw up this team. They are boring to watch and, I doubt that they will go very far.

**Memphis Grizzlies-** They sputtered early one but have comeback strong. The deep question now in Memphis is who will coach the team after Brown retired.

**Boston Celtics-** Boston has played very well so far this season, and they have also surprised me. Their record should be much better than it is. They are the bubble and could explode onto the scene.

**New York Knicks-** This team is surviving even though they've faced lots of Western teams. They could make the playoffs if the East stays weak.

**Toronto Raptors-** Vince Carter says that dunking is not exciting. What?! Vinsanity needs to wake up and start playing for his team.

**Washington Wizards-** This team is a sleeper. They have a solid starting squad and could sneak into the playoffs in the pitiful east.

**Philadelphia 76ers-** It's all been downhill for this team since Larry Brown left, which goes to show that you shouldn't bank your chips with the player. You should bank it on the coach.

**Milwaukee Bucks-** This team is the team of the future with the amazing Micheal Redd leading the way. But even though they are playing in the East, I don't see them going too far.

**Portland Trail Blazers-** This team is a serious disappointment. With Shaq leaving the West, this team should be dominating teams a lot more than they are. If they fix the chemistry on the team they could be a serious contender.

**Los Angeles Clippers-** This team has done well so far, but they don't have a superstar on the squad. That's what you need to carry you deep into the playoffs.

**Atlanta Hawks-** This is a team that plays hard, and you have to admire that, but that's all they have going for them right now: effort. They could work as a spoiler for some teams, because the Hawks make you work for the win.

**New Jersey Nets-** Yeah, that losing record proves that they shouldn't have sent K-Mart away. Jason Kidd alone while only lead this team to the bottom of the standings.

**Charlotte Bobcats-** Even though fans haven't exactly embraced their new team they are still better than I expected them to be. They have lost a lot of close games this season. With a little luck, this team could four or five more wins.

**Golden State Warriors-** When you play in the Western conference and you can't beat teams in the Western Conference, you know you're in trouble. This team is going nowhere fast.

**New Orleans Hornets-** Although people can say that it was unfair that they forced the Hornets into the Western Conference, I say it's bad karma from all those angry Charlotte fans.

**Chicago Bulls-** You know its amazing to think that the Bulls keep on getting worse, but this seems to be the worst team Chicago has seen in a long time. They are going to need a miracle to go anywhere.

**Detroit Pistons-** Alright, the Pistons aren't that bad of a team, but I'm still putting them close to the bottom for their part in the brawl that will forever taint sports.

**Indiana Pacers-** The Pacers are at the bottom this week because they will have serious trouble living without half of their players. They are at the bottom because of their despicable role with that terrible fight. Also, any team that plays Ron Artest does not deserve anyone's respect.



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# Steelers Still Lead Power Ranking

■ The Pats and Eagles keep breathing down the neck of Big Ben.

by John Ferreira

sports editor

**Pittsburgh Steelers-** With Jerome Bettis running like the Bus of old this team looks to be ready for the Super Bowl, and it will be great to see them duke it out against the Pats.

**New England Patriots-** the dominant days of the NFC are over. The solid win the Pats had over the Ravens prove that their offense can still find new ways to win.

**Philadelphia Eagles-** They've clinched their division and there are still plenty of weeks left in the season. The Eagles are a synch to win the NFC right now.

**Indianapolis Colts-** Peyton Manning will break Dan Marino's record, and Edgerrin James keeps on running like a madman. This team looks better every week, but they're shotty defense still makes us wonder if they can win when it counts.

**Atlanta Falcons-** Michael Vick is not the prefect quarterback but he still leads his team to victory. Right now the Falcons are the only team that can keep the Eagles from breezing into the Super Bowl.

**San Diego Chargers-** Somehow this team has managed to come back from the abyss with the help of Antonio Gates and two good QBs. They are surviving and they will fight hard against the Broncos.

**Denver Broncos-** They look to take the AFC West but they can't seem to shake the Chargers, I just don't trust Plummer and believe that he will choke when the time goes.

**Baltimore Ravens-** Their loss to the Pats showed their not an A team list, but that defense will still keep them in enough games to sneak into the playoffs.

**Green Bay Packers-** Brett Favre is a warrior and even though the team around him isn't all that great they are still finding a way to win.

**New York Jets-** This is a mediocre team that might make the playoffs but will lose in the first or second round. Beating the Cardinals by ten points is shameful, they should have destroyed them.

**Minnesota Vikings-** with Randy Moss make on the field and their running back issues solved, the Vikings are ready to start playing again. Look for this team to make a move up the rankings in the coming weeks.

**Jacksonville Jaguars-** They didn't look good at all against the Vikings and I am starting to wonder if this team is really playoff worthy. They rely too much on luck and not enough on talent.

**Seattle Seahawks-** Losing to Buffalo is pitiful and this team is too inconsistent to go anywhere. It really looks like this team doesn't want to make the playoffs, this team reminds us of the Dolphins, whenever the pressure is on they choke.

**St. Louis Rams-** This is another team that suffers from the choke bug, they manage



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**GUESS WHOSE BACK:** Randy Moss caught a touchdown pass in his comeback game against the Jags, with him back on board the Vikings could make a run.

to win big but then lose to meandering teams. If Bulger and Faulk get their act together this team could make some noise.

**Tampa Bay Buccaneers-** if things stay the same the Bucs have a chance to make the playoffs if they stay at .500. They are a solid team that could sneak up on people.

**New York Giants-** I really do not understand why Eli Manning is starting. Kurt Warner was doing fine leading the team, and Manning is nothing but a brat. He has a long way to go to match his brother and Ben Roethlisberger.

**Buffalo Bills-** They had a good win against the Seahawks this week, but this team isn't going anywhere because this offense tends

to sputter after they have a good week.

**Houston Texans-** this team stays competitive and with future stars David Carr and Andre Johnson this team could be good next year.

**Tennessee Titans-** It's not a good sign when your starting quarterback comes back from an injury and nothing changes. The Titans are on the way down, and there seems to be no limit to their collapse.

**Detroit Lions-** This team got ripped apart on Thanksgiving, which proves that they have a long way to go before they become the Lions of old.

**Cincinnati Bengals-** What was that game all about? Scoring more than 100 points combined?! That was amazing, and Carson Palmer looks ready to lead a true renaissance in Cincy if this team can stay together in the years to come.

**Chicago Bears-** I really don't see any hope for this team, they played a pitiful game against the pitiful Cowboys.

**Arizona Cardinals-** Even though they keep on losing they still keep on fighting. I think this team could be good in the coming years if they continue to build off their talent.

**Kansas City Chiefs-** Losing close games in the NFL is a sign that you don't have the will to win. Gonzalez dropped two big passes in the end the game that proved that he is past his prime. This team had everything to have another great season but they don't seem to think as a team.

**New Orleans Saints-** The Saints find new and improved ways to lose close games every week. A team like this needs a spark from someone, and unless it comes from above this team is going nowhere.

**Cleveland Browns-** Even with Jeff Garcia this team still looks too lady-like to play in this league. It is time for Butch Davis to be fired, and it is time a real coach came to Cleveland.

**Washington Redskins-** They played a good game against the top ranked Steelers but still don't have that spark that will push them over the top. The defense has played well but they need a passing game to get anywhere.

**Carolina Panthers-** Jake Delhomme has proven this season to be the real deal and not a one hit wonder. This team will be back next season and they could be serious contenders if they stay healthy.

**Dallas Cowboys-** I don't understand why Parcells keeps playing Testaverde, he should just start Drew Henson and look to the future. This team should never have gotten rid of Quincy Carter.

**Oakland Raiders-** Too old to bother anyone, so I won't bother writing anything about them.

**Miami Dolphins-** The defense have the 'Fins their second win of the season which is a great disservice because the Dolphins need that number one pick to build a new team, it will be a long before this team is any good again.

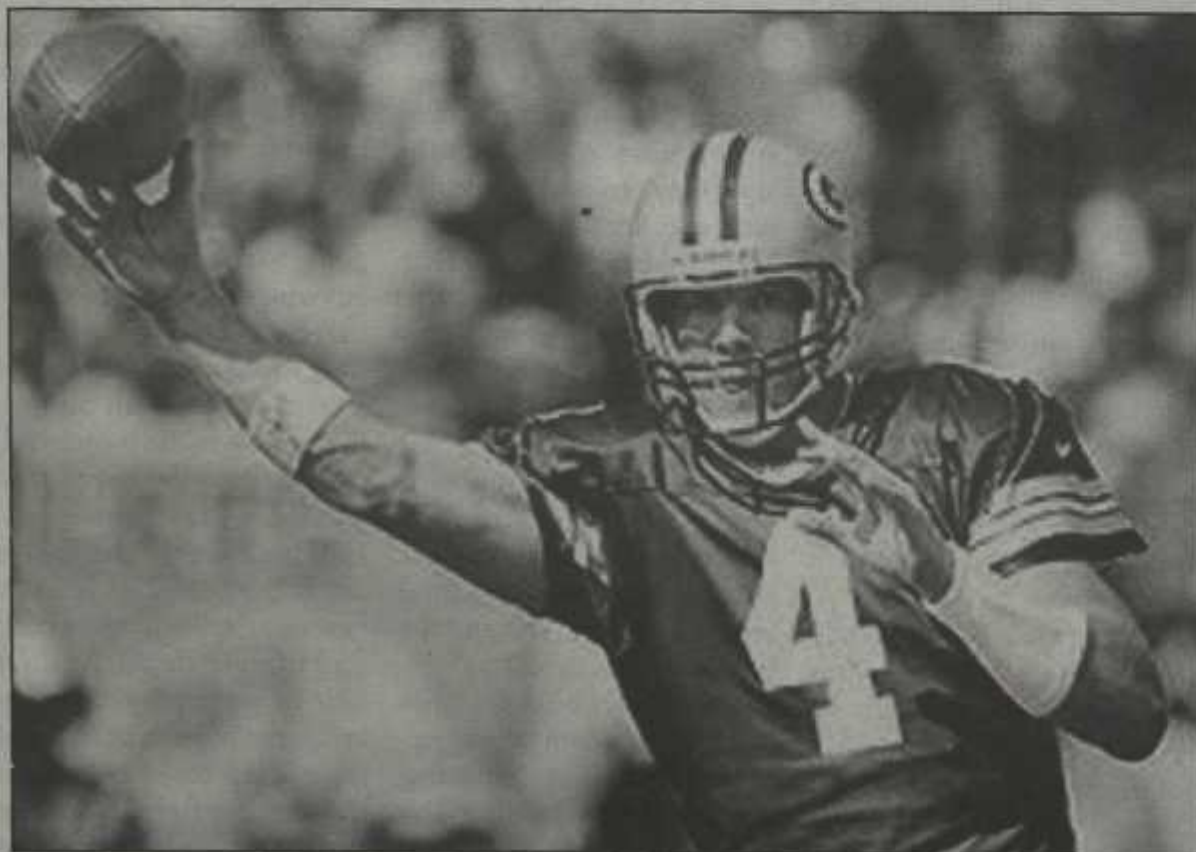


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**STILL THE LEADER:** Brett Favre lead the Packers to a blow out win of the Rams, Green Bay is now tied for first place and looking to ride the momentum to the playoffs.



# Women's Basketball Team Sputters

by John Ferreira

sports editor

Much like the men's team, the women's team came into the 2004-05 season with high hopes and many expectations. Unlike the men, though, the women struggled through the first three games of the season winning the opener against Puerto Mayaguez, but dropping the next two games to Georgia College and Puerto Rico Bayamon.

The number eight ranked team opened the season beating UPM 67-52. Freshman guard Jennifer Musgrove, in her first career start, led Rollins with 17 points. Joslyn Giles and Jennifer Catti scored in double figures with 12 and 11 respectively. The half was hard fought and there were ten lead changes. The biggest lead of the first half belong to UPM when they went up by six with five minutes left in the half. The Tars then went on a 8-0 to close out the first half. They were sparked by Nicole Warder's block and two steals, and had a 26-24 halftime lead. The Tars kept up the momentum in the second half, and Warder started off hot with a three pointer the Tars first trip down court. The Tars went on a 8-0 run, lead by five points from Musgrove. The

Tars then went on to build a double-digit lead which they never gave up. Rollins played good defense in this game keeping their opponents shooting to only 27 percent. Giles and Warder lead the Tars on defense with three steals and seven rebounds. Catti had a strong showing with nine rebounds. The Tars lost their first game of the season to the Lady Bobcats of Georgia College, 62-54. Joslyn Hiles had a double-double for Rollins with 15 points and 10 rebounds. Rollins had a weak game all around shooting 37 percent and turned the ball over 35 times. Rollins started the game well with baskets from Warder and Giles, to take the Tars' lead to 4. That was the only lead the Tars would have. The Lady Bobcats would come back and take a seven point lead, and would have their biggest lead at 13. Georgia College lead 35-26 at the half, and they would not relinquish the lead. Rollins shot 34 percent in the first half and showed get hustling out by out rebounding the Lady Bobcats 13-16 but the ladies turn the ball over 16 times in the first half. Rollins' struggles continued in the second half, as Georgia brought on the full court press and forced 19 Rollins turnovers. The women con-



photo / JOHN FERREIRA

tinued to fight hard and started to shoot the ball better and had a strong showing on offense to bring the lead down to one. Georgia built up their lead to ten but Rollins once again came back to three points but the Lady Bobcats hit their foul shots down the stretch and kept the win. The second straight loss for the Tars was a shocker, as they lost to Puerto Rico-Bayamon. It was the first time Rollins lost two straight games since January of 2003. Jennifer Catti led the team with a career high 17 points. Catti was the only Rollins player in double digits and the rest of the team struggled from the field and shot only 32.8 percent.

Rollins once again had a hard time holding onto the ball and they turned the ball over more than their opponents. The game was tight from the get go, as the two teams traded buckets until minute 17. The Cowgirls then leapt ahead and did not look back. They went up by eight and went into the half with a three-point edge. The Cowgirls' lead didn't last long as Nicole Warder came out of the half and hit a three on the Tars opening possession, the second consecutive game she has done that. The score then see-sawed for the next eight minutes with neither team taking a commanding lead. At the 12-minute mark however, the

Cowgirls went on a 7-0 run, taking the lead 48-41. Minutes later, the Tars went on a run to get to within one point with five minutes left on the clock. The Tars showed great teamwork to pull within one as Catti, Warder, McDonough, Joslyn Giles, Jennifer Musgrove, Sally Johnston, and Rachel Workman all contributed to pull down 10 rebounds and move the ball around for the open shot. However their last push was not enough to take the lead and Bayamon went on a 6-0 run to seal the victory. McDonough had a career-high with 10 rebounds, while Warder dished out five assists. Catti also added eight boards.

## Stanley Cup Champs Get Rings

■ Even though there's no season, Tampa Bay players still got together to celebrate.

by Danielle Lambraia

copy editor

No cheering fans, no Thunderbug, no huge parties. In a private ceremony, first-time Stanley Cup champions the Tampa Bay Lightning finally received their diamond-laden rings; they received permission despite the NHL lockout that wiped out the hockey season. Left wing Martin St. Louis, forward Vincent Lecavalier, and goalie Nikolai Khabibulin were not among the 15 players at the St. Pete Times Forum for the presentation by Lightning president Ron Campbell, general manager Jay Feaster, and coach John Tortorella. These key players, along with more than 200 NHL players, have joined European teams during the lock-

out. Only 15 players—including several no longer with the Lightning, such as Jassen Cullimore, Ben Clymer and Cory Stillman—could attend. The huge rings are believed to be worth between \$15,000 and \$20,000. Each ring has 138 diamonds (one for each of the 106 points the Lightning earned in the regular season and two each for 16 victories during the playoffs). Each player's ring has his name, jersey number, and the post-season series victories with the opponent's logo (Flames, Flyers, and Canadiens). Blue diamonds make up the Stanley Cup on the ring. Those diamonds were sent to Israel to be "radiated" - or make them blue. The Lightning ring has 138 diamonds while the Bucs Super Bowl ring has 54, the Pistons NBA ring has about 115 and the Marlins World Series has more than 240 stones, including a teal diamond for the marlin's eye. Having one of the greatest rings in sports cannot change this

year's infamous hockey lockout. "I don't think we'll ever forget the treatment the NHL has given our team in trying not to let this happen," forward Tim Taylor said. "It was a joke. For this community not to share in this? I think it's a slap in the face the NHL has given our fans because they should've been involved. This should have been at the Forum in front of 22,000 people as we walk up and get the rings ... and show the fans," center Tim Taylor told the *St. Petersburg Times*. "I personally feel the NHL has taken some of that away from us." Players usually get paid during the regular season. They have missed three paychecks since the lockout began in early September. The league and the union held bargaining talks on Sept. 9 in Toronto. The lockout is over 70 days old, and over 282 games have been missed. The NHL has cancelled the All-Star game for this year, which was scheduled to be played in Atlanta

the weekend of Feb 12-13. Recently, player reps from all 30 teams met with union president Bob Goodenow to discuss the state of negotiations. We can only hope that out of this, the NHLPA will begin to realize nothing will ever get done without talking to the other side. During the last negotiating session in Toronto on Sept. 9, the

NHLPA proposed a luxury tax-based system that was rejected by the league. The NHL wants a system that guarantees "cost certainty," which the players association says is akin to a salary cap—a solution it refuses to accept. All you hockey-deprived people can only pray that this will all be over before the start of next season.

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# Tars Dominating Early Competition

by John Ferreira

sports editor

The men's basketball team has started off its season on fire. Expectations were high coming into this year, and so far they have not disappointed Tars fans. Rollins beat Puerto Rico-Mayaguez twice, Puerto Rico-Cayey, and Saint Leo in a non-conference game.

The Tars opened the 2004-05 season by squashing Puerto Rico-Mayaguez 88-47. Star guard Eric Faber lead the team with 12 points, seven assists and five steals. The Tars leapt out of the gate and opened with a 30-2 lead. The Tars shot 47 percent from the field and held their opponent to 18 percent. The Rollins defense had a great game and held UPM to just 5 of 27 shooting and 2 of 11 from the three-point range. Rollins continued on cruise control and closed out the half leading 16 to 46. UPM tried to get something going in the second half and made their first two shots, but Rollins did not seem willing to surrender an inch. The men shot an amazing 53 percent from the field and out rebounded UPM 21 to 14. UPM had a terrible game from the field shooting just 30 percent in the game. Rollins had five players in double digits. Faber led the team with 12, followed by sophomores Jon Smith and John Thinnies who had 11 points each. Junior Adam Rennie and freshman Jonny Reibel

had 10 points. This was the freshman's second game with double digits, and he continues to excel offensively even though he comes off the bench. Rollins center Placide Muhizi lead the team with eight rebounds and two blocks.

The second game of the season was another cakewalk for Rollins. They beat the 0-4 Puerto Rico-Cayey, 84-56. Deon Troupe lead the way and finished with 18 points, 16 of those coming in the first half when he lit up the field going four of five from the three-point range. Rollins got off to an eleven-five lead with the help of Troupe. The Tars defense played well and forced some early turnovers by UPC. Rollins went on a 15-0 run to put some room between them and the competition, and they led 36-11. The Tars closed out the first half leading 52-24, and they shot a jaw-dropping 64 percent from the field compared to 31 percent from UPC. The second half was marked by its physical play and the referees seemed to be playing closer attention to any touch. The foul-calling continued throughout the half but it didn't seem to shake Rollins who continued to hold a 26-point lead with 15 minutes to go. The Tars just held the game in check with solid defense and it proved enough for the win. Junior Nate Rusbosin had a solid game with 12 points and 7 boards. Eric Faber dished out 6 assists. This game was a good sign

for Rollins because even though the star of the team, Eric Faber, didn't have an amazing game, the Tars still managed to win.

Rollins got their third win of the season by once again crushing Puerto Rico Mayaguez 95-45. Eric Faber led all scorers with a season high 24 points. Rollins lead got off to a great lead once again, leading 25-7 with a quarter of the game gone. Faber was 3 of 4 from three point land had 14 points in the first half. Rollins shot an amazing 56 percent from the half and UPM once again struggled and shot 35 percent. The Tars bench also had a good game outscoring UPM's bench 15-7 in the first half. Rollins opened up the second half with a 30-4 run and extended their lead to 77-33. The highlight moments of the game came from Paul Pardue who connected on three dunks to the Tar Fans rallied up. The Tars shot 52 percent from the field and scored 30 points off UPM turnovers. The Tars had three players in double digits, Faber (24), Placide Muhizi (13), and Deon Troupe (11). Pardue had a career-high eight points and ten boards.

The Tars kept their undefeated record facing their first tough challenge of the season, by beating Saint Leo 91-79. Once again leading the Tars was superman Eric Faber who had 26 points, seven assists, and seven rebounds. For the first time this season Rollins start the



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came slowly, falling behind three-six. Rollins had a hard time keeping the ball as they have away seven turnovers in the first half. Rollins then went on a 15-4 run and got their lead to 34-20. The rest of the half was tit for tat and Rollins went into the half leading 46-33. With one minute left in the half Eric Faber's star shone bright as he completed a around the back pass to Jordan Kolosey as he finished for the hoop. Rollins shot

43.9% in the first half and the Lions shot 29 percent. The Lions opened the second half with a 11-3 run to come within three points at 49-46. The Tars then went on their own run, to run the lead to 57-47. Rollins managed to hold a comfortable lead after that to claim their fourth straight victory at 91-79. Deon Troupe had a good game scoring 19 points, and Issac Codrey had a season high 13 points.

## ROLLINS COLLEGE - CAMPUS CALENDAR

Friday 12-3	Saturday 12-4	Sunday 12-5	Monday 12-6	Tuesday 12-7	Wednesday 12-8	Thursday 12-9
Christmas Vespers Knowles Memorial Chapel - 6:30 p.m.	Women's Basketball vs. North Florida Alfond Sports Center 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  Christmas Vespers Knowles Memorial Chapel - 6:30 p.m.	Christmas Vespers Knowles Memorial Chapel - 6:30 p.m.		Arts & Sciences Fall Classes end	Arts & Sciences Reading Day  Holiday Fun Fest Cornell Campus Center 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Arts & Sciences Final Exams  Pancake Flip Skillman Dining Hall 9:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Friday 12-10	Saturday 12-11	Sunday 12-12	Monday 12-13	Tuesday 12-14	Wednesday 12-15	Thursday 12-16
Arts & Sciences Final Exams			Arts & Sciences Final Exams	Arts & Sciences Final Exams  Communique Meeting CSS - 230 - 5:30 p.m.  Men's Basketball vs. Webber Intl. Alfond Sports Center 7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.		

THE SANDSPUR IS OFF FOR THE HOLIDAYS AND WILL BE BACK ON 02/04/05.