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## IN BRIEF

### New President's House Nears Completion

More than 200 faculty, staff and students toured the Barker House on Friday, April 8 during the events surrounding President Duncan's installation. The new home, which reflects the Spanish Mediterranean style of the campus architecture, is located on Lake Virginia adjacent to campus.

### Rollins Campus Celebrates Installation with Festivities

Approximately 500 students, faculty and staff attended the all-campus Celebration honoring President Duncan on Mills Lawn on Friday, April 8. The event also included a ceremony adding a stone to the Walk of Fame from Jerusalem, representing Abraham.

### Terrorist Plot Details Released to Public

U.S. government authorities released details of an indictment against three men accused of plotting terrorist attacks in New York, New Jersey and Washington, D.C. According to Deputy Attorney General James Corney, the conspiracy originated in 1998. The arrests occurred last August in Britain.

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# LEWIS M. DUNCAN INSTALLED AS FOURTEENTH PRESIDENT OF ROLLINS



BRIAN HERNANDEZ and ISSAC STOLZENBACH / The Sandspur

**TOP LEFT:** Guest speakers line up to welcome Duncan. **TOP CENTER:** Duncan just after receiving the presidential medallion. **TOP RIGHT:** Frank Barker, chair of the board of trustees, introduces the event. **BOTTOM:** The entire faculty and staff of Rollins College process from Mills Lawn to the Warden Arena.

by Issac Stolzenbach

photo editor

Dr. Lewis M. Duncan, installed Saturday, April 9 as the fourteenth president of Rollins College, bestowed a heartfelt message to attendees at the tradition-rich ceremony.

The entire weekend was

a gala affair, rich with tradition and aspirations for the future of Rollins College. On Mills Lawn one found free food, original music, and affirmations of an outstanding choice made in selecting Dr. Duncan as our fourteenth president. Sarah Ledbetter '05, Student Government As-

sociation President and member of the Presidential Selection Committee, addressed the audience with confirmation that the proper decision was made, "The gentleman sitting before us is one in the same with the man we interviewed for the position last year. That says

a great deal about his integrity."

Over a year ago, this reporter had the pleasure of writing his first article for *The Sandspur* by introducing a rocket scientist to the Rollins community. Then Dean of the Thayer School of

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## Was It All a Hoax?

Desiree Nall, former Holt student, is formally indicted and charged for false claims made in November 2004 regarding an alleged sexual assault.

by Karina Mc Cabe

life &amp; times editor

"In our country you're supposed to value the whole notion that you're innocent until proven guilty," proclaimed Jeff Nall in an exclusive interview with *The Sandspur* on Tuesday, April 12, in regards to last semester's sexual assault case.

Media attention on the criminal investigation of last November's notorious sexual assault incident has been quiet for months now following the news that the police department found significant inconsistencies in the woman's story to suggest

that it was simply a hoax. That is, however, until her husband, Jeff Nall, reported his convictions in her innocence to the press last week.

Nall's wife, Desiree, formerly a part-time student at Rollins, is also a renowned women's rights activist as the president of the Brevard Chapter of the National Organization for Women (Now.org). This fact, combined with the coincidence that the rape occurred during the campus-wide sexual assault awareness week sponsored by Voices for Women, convinced many

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## Fox Day 2005



MARK BARTSCH / The Sandspur

**WITNESS MY PAW AND SEAL:** Just three days after his installation, President Duncan let the fox out of his lair, offering students their eagerly anticipated day of relief. For the first time, SGA offered bus transportation both to the beach and to area attractions. As always, the day concluded with a free picnic on Mills Lawn.

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# Duncan Installed as 14th President

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Engineering at Dartmouth College, Dr. Duncan expressed his vision of what it meant to engage a liberal arts education in the modern day. His thoughts alluded to the fact that, "... the purpose of a liberal arts education is to ask the big questions. These are fighting words for some, but the future lies in the application of a liberal arts education to real-world affairs."

Dr. Duncan, during his tenure in the past year, has already demonstrated his dedication to this ideal by bringing Hamilton Holt students in from the periphery, and closer to the core of Rollins College culture. With such actions as authorizing Holt students access to the gym and pool, in his own words, "... eliminating the nuisance fee..." permitting Holt students access to on-campus facilities. He has also made efforts to enrich courses by granting Holt students more access to Arts & Science classes. The dialectic of a pragmatic liberal arts education in action: Holt students with real-world knowledge, combined with the strength of A&S students' academia, develops a synergistic environment in which all participants' education is

enriched dramatically.

Dr. Robert Moore, professor of anthropology, should be attributed with forethought in his quote made upon reflection of Dr. Duncan's first address to the faculty before becoming president, "He is very focused on the student body and how, through the students, we will take this college to the next level." Dr. Duncan's actions as president thus far have confirmed Dr. Moore's notion.

The most moving event of the "Installation Weekend" is found in the president's Installation Address after the ceremonial adornment of the Rollins College presidential medal by twelfth president, Thaddeus Seymour, and thirteenth president, Rita Bornstein. In only a year's tenure, Dr. Duncan has identified and assimilated what Rollins College is all about; roundtable discussions between faculty and students, and the application of book-smarts to the real world, "This style of teaching, combining the ancient Greek model of interactive forums, the Rousseau focus on active learning, and the Dewey emphasis on engaged real-world citizenship produced a uniquely Rollins

learning experience."

Dr. Duncan continued to present himself a leader of graciousness and pillar of servant leadership by identifying the influence Dr. Rita Bornstein had in the continuation and affirmation of Rollins College's legacy of special purpose, when he stated in his speech, "As she describes, 'We want the next generation of citizens to cherish the diversity that characterizes Americans, to be well-informed critics of society, and to be active participants in the political process. We educate for diversity, liberty, and democracy—our American values.'"

The most gripping portion of President Duncan's speech came towards the end of the ceremony when he provided the audience with self-reflection and an estimation of where he stands now in the Rollins community, "Today I stand before you exemplar of the American dream, a child of Appalachia, a reflection of the sacrifices made by family, friends and a host of benefactors untold and mostly unknown; blessed by a loving family, caring teachers and gifted mentors; honed by the honesty of hard work and enriched by the experiences of a



ISSAC STOLZENBACH / The Sandspur

**RITE OF PASSAGE:** Dr. Rita Bornstein and Dr. Thaddeus Seymour congratulate Duncan after bestowing the presidential medallion.

curious life. Today I come before you unfinished, learned yet still learning in both mind and heart." His final words served testament to what it means to be a life-long learner. His accomplishments abounding, and yet he refers to himself as "unfinished." This sets an example to be followed by all in academia, both educator and educated.

*Lead by example*, a mantra beat into the ground all too often, but it seems in the case of Rollins' fourteenth president that it should be taken to heart. The example set here is to never forget one's roots, never forget who got you to

the stage, and never forget to embrace the enriching opportunities of "a curious life."

President Duncan has pledged to the Rollins community, "... the full measure of my service." Rollins serves to benefit significantly by reciprocating this notion; our president pledges that his mind and heart are open to the never-ending learning experiences life can afford. The question remains: What can Rollins personnel do now to facilitate a synergistic environment where the real world and liberal studies assimilate outside the classroom, in the lab of life?

## FAIRY TALES CAN COME TRUE!

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# Temporary President Appointed in Iraq

■ Jalal Talbani is appointed leader as the country's government tries to stabilize.

by **Erica Tibbetts**

*asst. sports editor*

Iraq hasn't had its own government since the summer of 2003, when U.S. led forces ousted Saddam Hussein, and the old regime was a far cry from what most Americans recognize as legitimate government. The new ruling body is far more democratic and responsive to public opinion than the old dictatorship, but is still in its early stages.

In order to help its fledgling government the 275 member National Assembly recently appointed Jalal Talbani as its president, and Ghazi Yawner and Adel Abdul Mahdi as his vice presidents. The move ends months of political deadlock, following the January elections.

The major point of contention in the appointments was Talabani's Kurdish

background. Iraq's Kurdish community suffered some of the worst persecution during Saddam's reign. The Shia's, of which Mahdi is a member, and the Kurds have long been at odds with one another. The Kurdish region in the north of Iraq has been fighting for independence for years. The new President is the leader of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan which lent part of its 20,000 strong fighting force to the U.S. troops in the fight for Iraq.

Talabani is also one of the founders of PUK. He was a member of the Kurdistan Democratic Party, but formed PUK, in 1975, as a splinter group when ideological problems arose. As a member of KDP, Talbani met with previous presidents in the 60's to discuss the future of the Kurd nation. In 1988 Mr Talbani was exiled from Iraq when the country's government attacked the PUK with chemical weapons. Since then the KDP and PUK have been deadly rivals in their attempts to unify the Kurdish people.

The two parties even

started a civil war of sorts, dubbed the "fratricide war", in 1994. Mr Talbani and a KDP representative signed a peace treat in 1998 and since then relations have improved.

Although Mr. Talbani's appointment as President is temporary (elections will take place again in December) and largely ceremonial he does represent the chance for a unification of the Iraqi and Kurdish governments. Experts say that he could greatly decrease the bloodshed if his presidency runs smoothly.

Talbani's main focus appears to be peace and democracy; an inclusion of all the factions present in Iraq. He has pushed for amnesty for insurgents in an attempt to incorporate them in the government. He also encouraged Sunni involvement. Many Sunnis boycotted the recent elections and are underrepresented in the government.

The new government is a turning point in the history of Iraq, bringing with it the possibility for a new and peaceful period.

# Death Toll Rises to 18 in Afghanistan Copter Crash

■ More bodies found among Chinook remains.

by **Adam Hynick**

*staff reporter*

The death toll from a US helicopter crash in Afghanistan that occurred on April 6 has now risen to 18 people according to military officials. Searchers found two more bodies among the wreckage of the Chinook CH-47 helicopter that apparently crashed due to poor weather conditions. The accident took place near the city of Ghanzi, 80 miles south of the Afghan capital of Kabul. Soon after the wreck, 13 US military personnel and 3 US civilian bodies were identified from the mission flight manifest out of the 18 passengers. The helicopter crashed on its return flight to Bagram from a mission to deliver mail, supplies,

and transport personnel in the insurgency-plagued south. The charred wreckage was found in an area of desert near a cluster of brick kilns.

Following identification of the last two bodies that were recently recovered, further investigation will be conducted as to how exactly the pilot lost control of the helicopter. Military investigators report that no signs of enemy fire have been discovered and that a second Chinook helicopter returned to its US base in Afghanistan unscathed.

Local residents claim a sandstorm had just passed through Ghanzi the day of the crash and that visibility was near zero. These poor weather conditions were the likely culprit of the tragic crash, which has been one of many since US involvement in Afghanistan intensified after the September 11 attacks.

# Former Holt Student Faces Criminal Charges for False Report

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that Nall was trying to make a statement by calling attention to herself in a fake rape case.

However, Nall stated that the media has simply misconstrued the fact of her participation in NOW to suit their theories, when, actually, he attests, "She just became the president two weeks ago." It would seem, then, that her participation in the female activist group is merely a response to the case, rather than a cause of it. In any case, Nall defends that sexual assault cases such as this are not one of the platforms of NOW. Likewise, he explains of his wife and himself, it had "never really been our platform."

Several inconsistencies, including the reported time of the incident, alerted the police that the statement was fraudulent. Consequently, the Winter Park Police Department report indicates that Mrs. Nall was indicted for two misdemeanors, a

false police report and a false official statement. For these, she could possibly receive up to one year in jail in addition to large fines to cover the extraordinarily high cost of the police investigation.

Nall explained that the couple will appeal the charges is on the basis that his wife was assaulted, even if she was not sexually assaulted as previously alleged. There was significant evidence to prove that an assault did take place, Nall describes, as he told WKPG-TV that, "If you look into the matter, you will find that police photographed a punch that my wife received. It was a monstrous bruise over her eye. She was, in fact, assaulted."

The police report, however, does not confirm Nall's allegations. The report describes how Mrs. Nall was taken to the Sexual Assault Treatment Center, where a nurse noticed that she had "a mark on her cheek;" however, a discrepancy arises here,

as it also continues on to explain that "No visible injuries were detected prior to the examination."

Later in the same report, Sgt. Pam Marcum noted that there was "no foreign DNA present...and no evidence to support the Sexual Battery complaint filed by Desiree Nall."

On November 19, 2005, Desiree Nall is also reported to have telephoned the officer in charge of her case to drop her prosecution charges, as she claimed that it would be too much of a hassle. This prompted Agent Foy and Detective Jon Askins to question Mrs. Nall's initial police report. At which point, Detective Askins reports, Mrs. Nall confessed that she was "not a victim of a sexual batter, as earlier reported in her sworn statements."

Her husband, however, denies these charges. On Friday, April 8, both he and his wife spoke with WKMG-TV in their Palm Bay house to



COURTESY WKMG LOCAL 8 NEWS

**DID SHE TAKE HER CAUSE TOO FAR?:** Desiree Nall and her husband Jeff are seen here at a demonstration in favor of the Equal Rights Amendment in Tallahassee, Florida.

provide the couple's first public declaration that they "will challenge the supposed confession."

Nall explained to The Sandspur that it is necessary to defend his wife because the police were "not objective" in their handling of the case. More importantly, he stressed, "If someone doesn't basically come out and defend themselves, we have this natural inclination to wonder what they have to hide..." Unfortunately, he

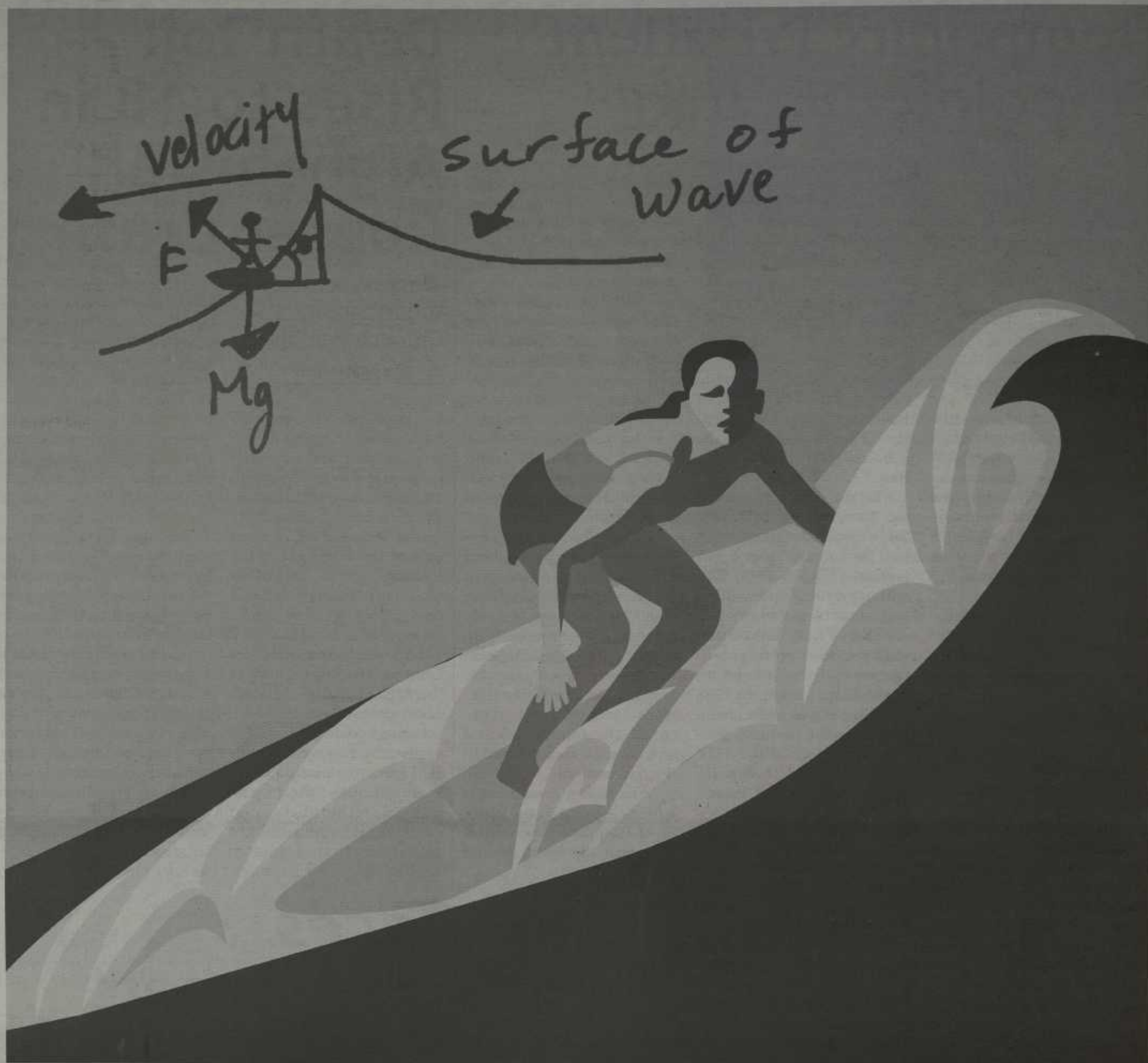
continues, "The legal system doesn't permit us to talk," which makes it difficult for the defendant to portray herself accurately to the public eye.

Unfortunately, Mrs. Nall was not available for comment on the case.

Police now continue to investigate the charges.

The Sandspur is grateful to Mr. Jeff Nall and Sgt. Pam Marcum for assistance with this article.





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# Duncan Shares Vision with Holt/Crummer Students

by **Jennifer Walchok**  
staff reporter

"Holt is the jewel of Rollins," President Duncan announced Wednesday night on the CSS patio during his speech to the Holt student body and faculty as part of the instillation events last week. Students and faculty crowded the patio awaiting the President's address specifically to Crummer and Holt students.

President Duncan met with students and faculty individually, casually and openly during the reception. Students were pleased with how personable the President was. I asked Dr. Duncan why he chose to speak in this type of forum to Holt students and he replied friendly, "It is part of my personality, that's why I never thought not to. I enjoy being out amongst the faculty and students. This is how I have gained my best ideas through the years. From the beginning of the opportunity at Rollins I hit the ground listening, with this new opportunity I am most excited about working with students."

Students and faculty listened attentively to Dr. Duncan speak about The Holt

School as an equal part of the Rollins campus. He explained his thoughts about the equality of Holt on campus; he feels Holt students are part of the program because of lifestyle choices and receive the same high standard of education as the other programs on campus with equally qualified and committed faculty.

Dr. Duncan recognizes that Holt students experience an evening degree program that is unique to a liberal arts education. He explained that his admiration for adult students is close to heart and family; his wife did her dissertation about women returning to the work force after raising families. His respect and admiration for Holt students shined through his speech as he announced his excitement for changes on campus such as an increase of student leadership roles, T-shirts made specifically for Holt students, and changes in using sports facilities and work study now available to Holt students as well.

Dr. Duncan explained in his speech that over the past year he has noticed that "Holt students are committed to their own education." Recognizing that Holt students are

dedicated and among the most diverse group of people on campus, Dr. Duncan is committed to make Holt students receive the best education they desire and deserve. His speech reaffirmed his willingness to hear anything on the students' mind and referred to his open office hours every Wednesday. He also visits the courtyard often to make the most of his accessibility on campus to students and faculty.

This school year has been remarkable and historical for the Holt school and a large majority of the positive changes on campus are due to Dr. Duncan's philosophy and commitment to the Holt student body. Dr. Duncan expressed his academic vision as to be out among the student body and to relate to their needs. This event was one in many addresses to the Holt school we are fortunate to experience during our duration at Rollins College.

The patio speech and individual attention by President Duncan to Holt students adds to equality and community on campus. The event made each Holt student that attended feel his/her education and individuality are important to Rollins College.

## Relay for Life: Holt Style

by **Jennifer Walchok**  
staff reporter

When I originally signed up to be part of the Holt Relay for Life Team I asked myself out loud, "Spend the night outside in a tent with no shower, or my soft, comfy bed?" Then I was reminded by my team captain Mary-Allen Singer, "It is one night Jen, think about what a great cause this is - definitely not as bad as chemotherapy."

Relay for Life raises money for The American Cancer Society and this year Holt students participated with their own team for the first time. Over the past few years participants on teams from Rollins has helped to raise tens of thousands of dollars for this great cause. This year many teams from various functions of Rollins and hundreds of people from the Winter Park community joined together and walked the track and joined the festivities including music, food, contests including pie eating and a talent show at Showater Field from 5:00 PM on April 11 till 12:00

PM on April 12.

Relay for Life began about twenty years ago by a doctor walking around a track solo to raise money to fight cancer. Since then communities all over the country participate and raise hundreds of thousands of dollars to continue the fight against cancer. Every year the American Cancer Society hosts the eighteen hour event with teams of ten to fifteen individuals from various schools, religious organizations and business in communities around the country.

Sixty percent of the funds raised through this event go to providing cancer education and services for cancer patients in the local area. The remaining forty percent of funds raised go to cancer research. The event is intended to celebrate cancer survivors and remember those who have lost their lives to the disease. Cancer survivors were celebrated in the opening ceremony; the survivors were announced and began the festivities by walking the first lap. During the night a dramatic lumi-

nary ceremony recognized many cancer patients that have sadly lost their lives to the disease.

Each team decorated their camping area to the theme of this years relay 'Decades of Hope.' Teams won prizes for creatively decorated campsites and the most money raised. The Holt team worked together to put up the tent at our assigned area (not an easy task), and Leann Drury decorated our tiki-themed campsite.

We grilled hotdogs and hung out in between our turns to walk laps. Entertainment was provided by many talented individuals on stage, and our very own Rollins step team created quite a show. As the hours went on each team found creative ways to stay awake and keep on the track during the 18-hour relay, our team decided to make s'mores on the BBQ and enjoy each others' company with laughter late into the morning hours in between laps. Eventually some of the Holt team snuggled together in one tent during the night and managed



### GETTING READY FOR GRADUATION

**Question:** I am graduating in May and wondering how I should begin my job search. Can you help? Larry '05

**Answer:**

Beginning a job search begins with an assessment of your skills, your interests and an understanding about what you need in a job to be satisfied. Next it will require extensive research on the employers in your geographic area. Career Services also recommends the following steps:

Take the time to create an effective resumé and cover letter that focuses on your accomplishments. What makes you stand out? What are the actions that you took in previous roles and what were the results? Career Services assist students in resumé and cover letter development.

Network, Network, Network! Since three out of four jobs are filled through networking, it is important to get advice from friends, colleagues and business contacts early on in your job search. The essence of networking is about building relationships! Career Services offers clear advice and practice on how to

build an effective network from the ground up.

Practice does make perfect! Schedule time to come into Career Services for a Mock Interview. This is the ideal way to work out the "kinks"! Become confident about those "hard to answer" interview questions.

Dress for success! Prepare ahead of time by shopping for your interview suit. Career Service can provide more detailed information about dress specifics.

Plan on attending the Statewide Job Fair at UCF on May 12 from 10-3PM at the UCF Arena. More details and a complete list of companies can be found by clicking on the "17th Annual Statewide Job Fair" at: [www.crc.ucf.edu](http://www.crc.ucf.edu).

An appointment with Career Services can help you every step of the way in preparing for this Job Fair! Call now to schedule a convenient slot by calling 407-646-2232.

Do you have a question for Marian? E-mail her at [mcacciatore@rollins.edu](mailto:mcacciatore@rollins.edu). She guarantees that all questions will be responded to individually or in this column.



COURTESY OF LEANN DRURY

**TAKING STRIDES AGAINST CANCER:** (from left) HHSGA officers Richard Mino, Mary-Allen Singer, and Matt Drury.

to get about three hours of sleep during the down time of 2 AM and 6 AM. Coffee was the savior brought by Dr. Easton at 6:00 a.m. just in time for our team members to join us for the final laps and the wrap up of the relay.

The participation of Holt in the Relay for Life this year was a fun and very successful fund raiser. Each participant on the team raised at least one hundred dollars; some gave time all night even when they had to work the next morning or stopped

by early in the morning to walk laps before a 9:00 AM Saturday class. Next year it would be great for more Holt students to participate in this important event. Relay for Life is a fundraiser most people can relate to since tragically more and more families loose loved ones to cancer.

This year the Winter Park chapter raised over \$90,000, next year Holt can add to the fight against cancer in an even bigger way by organizing more teams and raising more money.



# Student Initiative in Supporting Cancer Research

■ Senior Maggie Merrow helps fulfill dreams of student diagnosed with brain cancer.

by **Tiffany Valo**

contributing writer

Many students participated in Relay For Life this past weekend, which helped raise money for the American Cancer Society. While students were busy walking the track, the Rollins Community had their own fundraiser in mind.

Senior Maggie Merrow, who is a student teacher at Keith Elementary school, put together a bake sale at the women's soccer games, and a car wash with the help of her Chi

Omega sorority sisters and the ATO pledge class to help raise money for Morgan Cox, raising over \$1,000 towards a Maltese puppy. Morgan's Make-A-Wish is to have the same puppy as Jessica Simpson.

Morgan is a fifth grade student that Miss Merrow met at the beginning of her

student teaching career earlier this semester. Maggie soon found out that Morgan had been diagnosed with brain cancer and would sadly have to begin chemotherapy much sooner than anticipated. By helping Maggie make phone calls to close friends and contacts, including Give Kids the World, Disney management, and the Office of Community Engagement, Morgan is slowing coming closer

Is the fifth leading cause of cancer-related deaths in women ages 20-39."

About 18,300 Americans will be diagnosed with cancerous brain, spinal cord, and other nervous system tumors this year.

Brain tumors can develop at any age, but they develop most often in children younger than 10-years-old, and in adults 30- to 50-years-old.

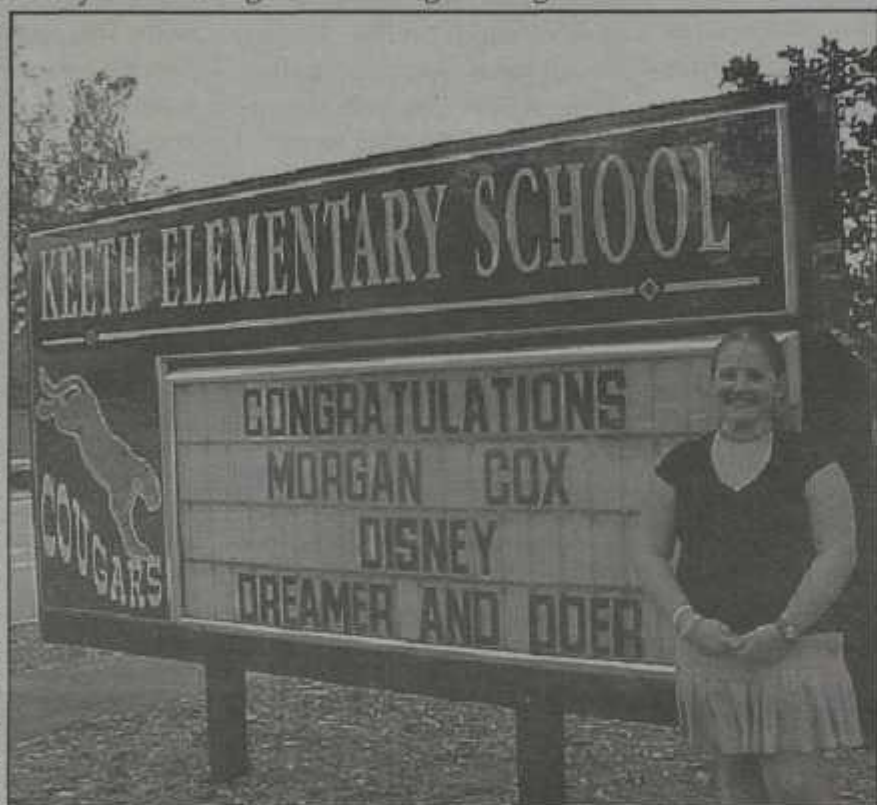
Cancerous brain and spinal cord tumors are the second most common cancers affecting children. They make up about 21 percent of all cancerous childhood tumors.

Not only has Rollins aided to Morgan, but also her own elementary school has been taking donations

and has raised over \$500! If you would like to make a donation please contact Maggie at [MMERROW@Rollins.edu](mailto:MMERROW@Rollins.edu). Together we can make a difference one child at a time.

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**MAKING A DIFFERENCE:** Senior Maggie Merrow lead the effort to make a dream come true for one of her students.

and closer to her Make-A-Wish dreams.

According to the American Cancer Society:

Brain cancer is the leading cause of death from childhood cancers among persons up to 19 years.

It is the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths in males ages 20-39.

# SUMMER AT 7A.M.!

■ Sun and studying at college--not the average high school students summer.

by **Karina Mc Cabe**

life & times editor

Ah, Summer! As the sunshine stretches out long into the evening, it reminds us that the end of the semester is in sight and we can soon plan for trips to the beach and time to relax. This is not the case for our busy college campus though. Among the many academic programs and camps being held this summer at Rollins, the college will also host students in the Upward Bound program for the twenty-fifth year.

The select group of students who will attend the Upward Bound program on campus are aiming to be first generation college students, and they hail from high schools in Orange and Seminole county. With only sixty-five positions available, this entirely government-sponsored program is highly competitive, but for those academically motivated students who are selected, they are provided with amazing opportunities to get a head start on their next year in high school.

The program accepts students immediately upon graduation from eighth grade, while students entering their junior year are the oldest admitted into the program. If they choose to continue the program, these students remain until the summer following twelfth grade, at which point they fulfill the "bridge" component of the program. Here, they take two college courses through Holt, and thus the program works to prepare them for their transition to college life.

The programs director, Mr. Dave Plotkin, is a recent graduate of the University of Central Florida, and he is highly involved in community activities. In particular, he gained significant distinc-

tion earlier in the year by competing for a prestigious place in the Guinness Book of Records with a non-stop, 110 hours on air as a DJ for the Rollins radio station, WPRK.

He encourages this same spirit of vitality in the teachers he employs, because he believes that this will encourage students to learn better. According to Plotkin, he hires "teachers that are really dynamic and know how to get outside the classroom...our English teachers try to do dynamic things, like putting on a play...basically, things that are a lot of fun." Considering how the students are involved in activities with the program from 7a.m.-11p.m. for an astounding six weeks, one would hope for their sake that the teachers are engaging in their subject areas.

Speaking of subjects, one of the predominant aims of the program is to ensure that the students become well-versed in academic courses that they will be taking in the upcoming school-year, including math, science, foreign language, and English. In addition, the students have the option of taking either an SAT prep course or one entitled "college bound," in which they learn what courses to take in high school in order to ensure that they remain on the college track, but the course also covers college life beyond the academics. Finally, the students must choose one course from dance, radio broadcasting, art, or a science "challenge" course.

The program doesn't entirely focus on academics, however, as they are also encouraged to participate in afternoon athletics as well as on field trips that include bowling, ice-skating, and a trip outside of the city. An interesting aspect of this program, though, is that the students will be living on campus in the Hamilton Holt dorms rather than simply attending a day program. So, they truly will be getting a "head start" on experiencing college life while most of us will be resting up for the fall.



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## Upcoming Orlando Arts Calendar

**A Day in Hollywood, A Night in the Ukraine**  
When: April 22-30  
Where: Annie Russell Theater. "This magical evening opens with a loving celebration of vintage Hollywood and closes with the trademark shtick of the cinema's greatest clowns."

**Curious George & Friends**  
When: May 7 - August 28  
Where: The Orlando Museum of Art: 2416 Mills Ave. See behind the scenes illustrations from the original Curious George and other works by H.A. and Margret Rey.

**Spring Festival of the Arts**  
When: April 16-17 @ 9am-5pm  
Where: Maitland Civic Center  
There will be two hundred artists submitting their works at this seventeenth annual festival, with fun for the whole family!

**Ancestors of the Incas**  
When: Now through July 10  
Where: Orlando Museum of Art: 2416 Mills Ave. This exhibit includes artwork from the ancient Incan civilization found in the country of Peru.

**Fool For Love**  
When: April 28 - May 1  
Where: Fred Stone Theater  
"Shepard's piercing words and combustible emotions intertwine in this unsettling drama of the American West."  
-Rollins College

**Magic Ring 2005**  
When: April 23 @ 11:45  
Where: First United Methodist Church of Winter Park.  
Clinicians: Susan Berry, author of "Healthy Ringing" and Blanche Marie Lewis of Magic of Bronze  
Concert: Magic of Bronze

**Doll Show**  
When: April 30  
Where: Maitland Civic Center  
Over thirty dealers will display and sell their collectable dolls and accessories. Appraisals will be available for a nominal fee.

**Keeping Shadows**  
When: Now through May 22  
Where: Orlando Museum of Art: 2416 Mills Ave. This exhibit portrays photographs found in the Worcester Art Museum including works by artists, Man Ray and Dorothea Lang.

## Orlando Cabaret Festival

**April 15**  
12n Laurie Krauz, 7:30pm Laurie Krauz, 9:30pm Mosaic  
**April 16**  
7:30pm Shelly Burch, 9:30pm The Oops Guys!  
**April 17**  
3:30pm Shelly Burch, 7:30pm Sara Jones  
**April 20**  
12n Stephan Jones  
**April 21**  
12n Cantu & Friends, 7:30pm Jaimie Roberts  
**April 22**  
12n Mosaic, 7:30pm Mosaic, 9:30pm Cantu & Friends  
**April 23**  
7:30pm The Oops Guys!, 9:30pm Stephan Jones  
**April 24**  
3:30pm Cantu & Friends  
**April 24**  
SING FOR YOUR SUPPER 7:00 A fundraiser for Mad Cow with the stars from the Orlando Cabaret Festival.  
**Ticket Prices**  
Evenings and Sundays \$15, Lunchtime Performances \$8, Sing for your supper: \$75  
**Call**  
407-297-8788  
**Website**  
www.orlandocabaret.com  
**Address**  
Mad Cow Theater 105 S. Magnolia Ave  
Parking across the street at Library Garage

## At The Annie!

*Students present a musical for the last performance of the school year.*

April 22-30, 2005, the Annie Russell Theatre will be presenting the play *A Day in Hollywood/ A Night in the Ukraine*. This play is a wacky musical comedy that will be concluding the seventy-third season of the Department of Theater and Dance. This show is laid out in a format similar to a double feature. The first act is titled *A Day in Hollywood* and is set in the lobby of Grauman's Chinese Theater in the 1930's. In this act, the characters are six ushers who work at the Theater. They sing a musical tribute to the movie stars and the award-winning movies from this time period. In the second act of the show we are brought to *A Night in the Ukraine*. This act is named after a movie from the Marx Brothers that was never made. This scene is a loose adaptation of Chekov's one-act play *The Bear*.

Performances running Wednesday through Saturday are shown at 8 p.m., and additional matinees will be shown on Sunday, April 24 at 4 p.m. and Saturday, April 30 at 2 p.m. Balcony tickets are only \$5, while all other seats range from \$17-\$19. A student rush will be held an hour before the show begins in which each student present receives a complimentary ticket by showing their R-card. Rollins faculty and staff receive two complimentary tickets at any time by showing their R-card. The Rollins theatre and dance departments have been hard at work to make this show a wonderful conclusion to the season, so come out the week of April 22 to see this hilarious and musical show! Call the Box Office at (407)646-2145 or log onto [www.rollins.edu/theatre](http://www.rollins.edu/theatre) for more information. See you at Annie!

By Heather Williams

## BEYOND EVENING ACTIVITIES



Are you one of the lucky few who do not have a million finals and papers due soon? Bored much now that your friends are all stuck in studying? Try these websites for new nighttime pursuits:

<http://www.orlandoinfoguide.com>

<http://orlando.nightguide.com/>

<http://www.enzian.org/>

<http://www.digitalcity.com/orlando/bars/>

<http://www.orlandoattractions.com/>

<http://www.downtownorlando.com>

<http://www.10best.com/Orlando/>

<http://www.citywalk.com/>

<http://www.downtowndisney.com>



## ELECTION RESULTS

Congratulations to Cat McConnell and Marc Zelina, winners of this year's SGA Presidential and Vice Presidential races.

43 percent of the college's 1673 Arts & Sciences students voted in the original election, and 19 percent voted in the runoff necessitated by no candidate earning 50%+1 votes in the original election.

### VOTE TOTALS

#### President

Cat McConnell	451
James Coker	179
J.P. Hazenberg	090
<b>Total Votes</b>	<b>720</b>

#### Vice President (Original)

Marc Zelina	340
Erica Turse	221
Zabrina Barazani	152
<b>Total Votes</b>	<b>713</b>

#### Vice President (Run-Off)

Marc Zelina	199
Erica Turse	114
<b>Total Votes</b>	<b>313</b>



## Ask The Fox!

Dear Fox,

I was seeing this amazing girl for several months this school year. She was beautiful, sweet, and overall just a good natured and wholesome girl. She was my first "real relationship." She was very compromising with me, always gave me plenty of freedom, and always had a way of making me feel very special to her.

As time passed I didn't appreciate what a great catch she



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was. After a night of partying with the guys I unfortunately cheated on her and confessed to her in a very cold and mean spirited way. I always told her she never had to worry about me cheating on her because I really cared and respected her but I messed up in the end. She has already moved on and now I just feel so guilty and ashamed of what I did to such a sweet person.

What can I do to get her to forgive me and get me to forgive myself?

~ Confused Cheater

Dear Confused,

It is a really good thing that you have realized the error of your ways and have felt that you need to settle this, not only with your own conscience, but with your ex-girlfriend. I believe she needs some sort of closure that she most likely has not received thus far, despite the relationship apparently having been over for some time now. The psychosocial consequences for each of you could be quite diastrophic in the long run.

Her forgiveness of your actions depends ultimately upon her. However, you may be able to alleviate her ability to do such.

Have an actual friendly chat with her. Discuss for a sec-

ond time the circumstances of your partying and cheating, only in a more calm and considerate manner. Then, reveal the true feelings you had for her and about what you did as you did not do when you initially disclosed your deceit to her. Make sure she understands precisely where you are coming from in dealing with the situation this time. Your episode may not have had a hugely detrimental effect upon her, but she is still a fragile person inside. Furthermore, don't attempt to force her into better feelings toward you. Remember, she has moved on. Sorry, but you have lost your chance for now.

As for yourself, talking with her should probably ease a lot of your guilt and you'll stop being so hard on yourself as a consequence. This girl may not be 'The One' for you, so see how much better she's doing with her current beau and consider how perhaps it was better for both of you overall that you broke up, despite the stimulus of this event.

Good luck with your situation, and I hope things work out for you!

**The Fox**

**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](mailto:fox@thesandspur.org)**

## Bone Marrow Blood Drive in Memory of Rollins Staff Member

■ IT organizes a memorial fundraiser in honor of Sandy Bryant.

by **Erica Tibbetts**

asst. sports editor

On February 18 the Rollins community suffered the loss of an esteemed colleague and friend. Sandy Bryant, who worked in the Information Technology department died of Leukemia. She had battled the disease for 7 months, since her diagnosis in June, 2004.

Sandy was a valued member of the IT staff. She was dedicated to her job and, after her diagnosis, immediately sent an e-mail to her colleagues explaining her illness and assured everyone her position and responsibilities would be covered.

Her friends and fellow faculty members enjoyed her presence and company. Manager Les Lloyd said of her, "Sandy touched people with her gentleness, even while teaching technical materials."

Leukemia, the disease Sandy died of, can be broken down into four categories, acute, and chronic, lymphocytic and myelogenous. Leukemia is commonly de-

fined as a cancer of the blood and bone marrow. It causes large numbers of blood cells to be created and put into the blood stream. The blood cells are usually white and don't function correctly. Chronic Leukemia develops more gradually than acute. In Acute Leukemia immature blood cells are affected and cannot effectually carry out their functions. In chronic leukemia the cells affected are usually more mature and can function more effectively. Each year around 27,000 adults and 2,000 children in America are diagnosed with some form of leukemia.

Researchers are not sure what causes Leukemia but certain risk factors have been identified, such as exposure to certain chemicals, or certain genetic conditions, like Down syndrome.

In memory of Sandy, and in order to help future sufferers the I.T. department has established a fund and will be holding a Bone Marrow Drive

**Bone Marrow Blood Drive**

**April 18-19**

**Mills Lawn**

**Questions: Deb Williams**

**[dwilliams@rollins.edu](mailto:dwilliams@rollins.edu)**

and Blood Drive. The fund will go towards an outdoor seating area, benches, a plaque and maintenance fees. The Drives will be held on Mills Lawn on April 18 and 19.

In order to be checked for eligibility to donate to the marrow drive donors must donate a little extra blood to the blood drive. To receive an application for the blood Marrow Registry volunteers should contact Heather Smith at ext. 6363, or show up to the blood drive.

Anyone wishing to donate to the cause outside of this event can contact the Leukemia Society at [www.leukemia.org](http://www.leukemia.org), call 407-8998-0733 or the Blood Marrow Transplant Unit at Shands Hospital the following website contains a form that can be printed out: <http://shands.org/public/donate/transplantdonation-form.asp>.

Any question can be addressed to Deb Williams, at [dwilliams@rollins.edu](mailto:dwilliams@rollins.edu).

## Time to Pay Up Slackers

by **Jennifer Peltz**

syndicated writer/krt campus

Convinced that some college students are lingering on campus longer than they should, some state lawmakers want to make slowpokes pay to stay.

Two Senate committees have approved a plan (SB 2236) that would increase tuition for state university and community-college students who take significantly more classes than their undergraduate degrees require. But the proposed penalty shrunk significantly Monday, at the urging of South Florida senators who worried about punishing students unduly.

The latest version of the plan would raise in-state students' tuition by 75 percent if they take 20 percent more classes than are required. For a typical 120-credit bachelor's degree, the increase would kick in after 24 extra credits—about eight extra classes.

There would be exceptions for double majors, remedial courses and some other circumstances, and the proposal would apply only to students who start college this fall or later.

Tuition rates tend to change each year. But at this year's rates, the increase would boost a state university student's tuition bill from about \$68 to \$119 per credit, to a total of about \$2,850 for a typical undergraduate load of 24 credits per year. A community-college student's tuition would jump from about \$45.50 to \$79.50 per credit, or a total of about \$1,900 a year for a full-time student.

The figures don't include other required fees, which vary from school to school.

Meanwhile, students who graduate promptly would be rewarded. Those with fewer than three extra credits would get a tuition rebate of up to \$1,000.

State analysts have suggested the tuition surcharge could save state taxpayers millions of dollars, as the state subsidizes students from Florida. They generally pay about one-quarter of the cost of their educations.

Proponents also say that nudging students to graduate would free needed space for a rising number of new students.

"This is not about punishment this is about trying to pro-

vide access," said the proposal's sponsor, Sen. Lee Constantine, R-Altamonte Springs.

Constantine originally wanted far bigger surcharges, almost 700 percent for state university students and a lower threshold for applying them. But Sens. Steven Geller, D-Hallandale, Alex Diaz de la Portilla, R-Miami, and Walter "Skip" Campbell, D-Fort Lauderdale, persuaded colleagues on a Senate spending committee Monday to cut the surcharge and increase the threshold.

Some students might rack up "extra" credits because of a change in major, Geller noted.

"I knew when I was in second grade that I wanted to be a lawyer," Geller said. "But a lot of other people aren't like that."

Students initially expressed similar concerns. But the higher threshold and other changes won the support of the Florida Student Association, which represents 240,000 students at Florida's 11 state universities.

"I think the (plan) now targets the students it intends to target," executive director Mike Fischer said.



## Rollins Research: Future of reducing gas prices!

■ Associate professor, Lee Lines, receives grant for an important hydrogen project.

by **Meghan Waters**

staff reporter

Rollins associate professor of environmental studies Lee Lines was awarded a \$160,000 grant in late March from the Florida Hydrogen Initiative (FHI). The project that won the grant is called "Location Strategies for the Initial Hydrogen Refueling Infrastructure in Florida."

Lines commented that the grant is an opportunity

to "drastically reduce our dependence on petroleum as an energy source."

Last month at the Orlando Science Center, Representative Dan Weldon, M.D., along with the Florida Hydrogen Initiative announced the energy projects. This multi-million dollar effort to

improve Florida's Hydrogen Initiative also included plans to build a hydrogen power exhibit in the Orlando Science Center as well as the installation of a hydrogen fuel cell at a eventful interstate rest area.

The FHI is a nonprofit organization led by Congressman Weldon that strives to bring Florida to the forefront of improving and implementing hydrogen energy technology.

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## SGA CORNER

by **James Coker**

senator

### STUDENT BODY STARTING TO SEE RESULTS

#### THROUGH SGA'S HARD WORK THIS YEAR

With the spring semester and school year winding down, the student body of Rollins College is beginning to see results from the hard work of the Student Government Association over the past year. Through Senator Cecily Schaefer-Spritz's legislation and work with Athletic Director Phil Roach, SGA was able to get another elliptical machine in the gym at the Alford Sports Center. Also on a trial basis beginning April 17 until the end of the school year, the Alford Sports Center will be open until 1 AM on weekdays for students who find it hard to fit exercise into their lengthy schedule. Many students who work or take night classes at the Hamilton Holt school will now be able to make their schedule more flexible to use the athletic facilities. After numerous petitions, e-mails, phone calls, and discussion, Rollins responded to the voice of the students.

Another senator has been working hard with the dining services of the college to provide more variety regarding healthy foods at The Grille in Dave's Downunder. Items that have been added to the menu include sandwiches, yogurt par-

faits, fruit cups, and specialty dinners such as teriyaki chicken.

After weeks of campaigning and hard work, congratulations are due to Cat McConnell and Marc Zelina for being elected SGA President and Vice President for the upcoming year. Both individuals have a lot of great ideas to implement at Rollins College and will serve to better the college for both faculty and the student body.

Congratulations are also due to Elise Letanosky, who worked extremely hard for nearly a month as the Elections Committee chair, assuring that everything went smooth during campaign and election week. Last weekend was the installation of the 14th President of Rollins College Dr. Lewis Duncan. Attending the ceremony among students and faculty were many members of the Student Government Association who were there to officially welcome Dr. Duncan into the Rollins College family. With mid-April approaching, Fox Day could be any day now, or by now it has already happened. Regardless, your SGA is adamant in their quest to finish strong this year while serving the student body to the fullest degree.

## Applied Anthropology of...Skateboarding?

■ A second-year student, Stephan Belhomme, creates new program to help others.

by **Issac Stolzenbach**

photo editor

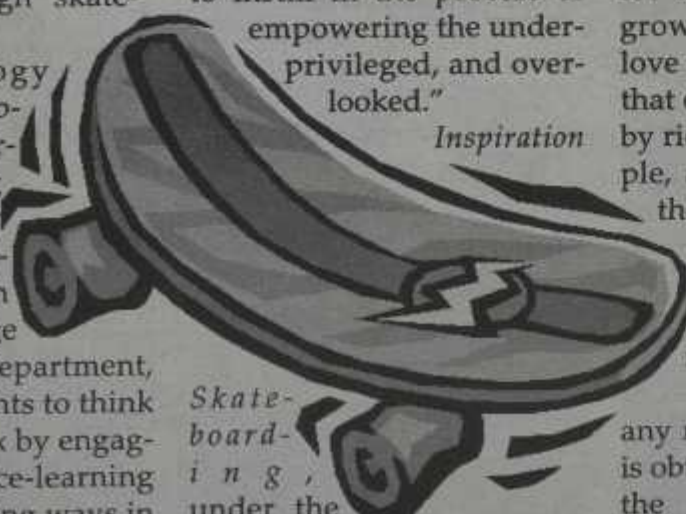
Stephan Belhomme, once a homeless kid, now a sophomore at Rollins College, aims to act as an agent for change by providing underprivileged children of the Orlando-area with much needed encouragement and attention—through skateboarding.

Anthropology and Global Problem Solving, a forward-thinking course taught by Dr. Rachel Newcomb through Rollins College Anthropology Department, challenges students to think outside of the box by engaging a local service-learning project, and finding ways in which anthropology could benefit the researched organization. Belhomme, unable to find a local organization that fit his aims, developed a program of his own, but he needs the assistance of the Rollins community to

make his organization a permanent fixture of the Orlando-area.

When asked why he is mixing anthropology and skateboarding together, Belhomme replied, "Currently there are no organizations that approach social concerns with skateboarding. This may seem like an odd mix, but it is actually compelling because I experienced first-hand the power skateboarding has to develop self-discipline, confidence, and intellectual growth. Qualities essential to instill in the process of empowering the underprivileged, and overlooked."

*Inspiration*



Skateboarding, under the communal leadership of Belhomme, will take skateboarding lessons to the underserved of the Orlando-area. Piloting this organization at Fern

Creek Elementary, Belhomme has enlisted the assistance of Mission Skate Park, which has served as an instrumental part in assimilating his efforts into a legitimate organization. The goal of Belhomme's organization is to instill the inherent qualities skateboarding can provide; qualities he benefited from growing up as an underprivileged youth. When asked why he thought skateboarding could benefit his group, Belhomme replied, "Personally, I feel that skateboarding has contributed a lot to my own intellectual growth. I would more than love the opportunity to pass that on to someone else. Just by riding, meeting new people, and being absorbed in the skate culture you can learn lessons of independence, self-discipline, and how to make smart decisions."

One of the challenges any new organization faces is obtaining the capital to get the institution functional, and up to par with the program creator's vision. Belhomme wishes to issue each of the participants in his program a complete skateboard at the end of the first course



ISSAC STOLZENBACH / The Sandspur

**NICE AIR:** Inspiration Skateboarding demonstrates skating techniques to an interested crowd.

of instruction, and he calls out to Rollins for assistance, "I would greatly appreciate the help of the Rollins community at large in order to provide this opportunity to the unfortunate of the Orlando-area. Any donations, suggestions, or social-connections would be greatly appreciated." If the Rollins community is able assist Belhomme, the children touched through this program will be able to take the lessons along with them when the program concludes because they will

have their own skateboards to continue practicing on.

Belhomme encourages anyone curious about helping him out in any way to email him at [sbelhomme@rollins.edu](mailto:sbelhomme@rollins.edu). Belhomme will also set-up a donation station in the Cornell Campus Center next Tuesday and Wednesday, April 19 and 20, from 10am to 2pm. If you would like to check Belhomme's progress, view the various hurdles he has jumped to get this program started, and/or make comments to Belhomme, visit his weblog at <http://anthroskater.blogspot.com>.

Programs Progress--<http://anthroskater.blogspot.com>



## THE HOT SPOT MILLS LAWN

A vast expanse of emerald bliss. A lush carpet serving as the center piece for the campus. This is the majesty that is Mills Lawn.

Mills Lawn has long served as a pristine, peaceful area of the Rollins College campus used for reading, studying, playing games, and just passing the time. However, one day a year, it serves another special purpose.

Mills Lawn is the location of the much-anticipated Fox Day picnic. There is food and fellowship in a beautiful setting where students and faculty can get together outside of the classroom and without the pressures of due dates and exams. The Fox Day picnic is always the perfect end to a lovely day of festivities that include anything but going to class, and Mills Lawn is an ideal setting for this spectacular occasion.

On any given day, you can walk past Mills Lawn and see the large, open expanse of grass with a few tastefully placed trees. Beneath the trees, you will often see students sitting on blankets, studying, playing the guitar, or doing whatever it is that they would rather do in a beautiful, natural setting beneath the Florida sun than under the florescent lights of their dorm rooms.

Mills Lawn, sitting at the central hub of campus, is hard to ignore. Of course, why would you want to? It is a great place for relaxing, studying, or having an enormous picnic to which all of the students, faculty, and staff are invited on the one day a year that all classes are spontaneously cancelled.

BY JAMI FURO



**BBQ BLAST:** On his first Fox Day, Dr. Duncan continued the Mills Lawn free BBQ fiesta.

# Al Gore's "Current.tv" Launching in August

by **Nancy Aguirre**  
staff reporter

Former Vice President Al Gore's newest venture is a television network known as Current.tv. This new network, aimed primarily at eighteen to thirty-four year olds, will air on August first.

Starting Aug. 1, Current will replace News World International, which is available in almost 19 million U.S. homes—12 million from DirecTV and about 5 million on Time Warner's digital-cable service. Current acquired News World International from Vivendi Universal Entertainment for an undisclosed sum last May.

A short form of pro-

gramming, referred to as the "TV equivalent of an iPod shuffle" will be used by the network. These fifteen second to five minute segments will cover a little bit of everything, from fashion, news, politics, music, and even spirituality.

Links like "Current play list (for the most popular music)," "Current Parents (advice for first time mothers and fathers)," and "Current Gigs (Career guidance)" will be offered as well.

Gore and Google have teamed up, and in addition to all of these things, the network will include Google's data on the most popular Web searches. "Google Current" will automatically up-

date the network's news every half hour with segments spanning from thirty seconds to three minutes in length.

The goal in mind is to have as much of the contents of the network as possible be created by viewers. Gore has said "We are creating a powerful new brand of television that doesn't treat audiences as merely viewers, but as collaborators."

Very soon, viewers will be able to make their own segments and upload them to the network's web site, where they will be evaluated and ranked by other viewers. The highest ranking picks will be aired on the actual network.

Current is even planning on offering a comprehensive online training program that will teach viewers how to produce a proper news segment with the use of a digital camera and a computer.

Gore believes that young adults have a very powerful voice, and that he would like to be able to hear the voice on television. He has said that "The Internet opened a floodgate for young people whose passions are finally being heard, but TV hasn't followed suit."... And now he plans to remedy this.

Joel Hyatt, the co-founder of Current, credits the vision of the new network to a quote he once heard: "Don't give them what you think they want. Give them what they never thought was possible."



LARA BUESO / The Sandspur

## Charles and Camilla: a Wedding

by **Meghan Waters**  
staff reporter

After a thirty year scandalous love affair, Prince Charles, heir to the throne of England, and Camilla Parker Bowles wed on Saturday, April 9. Postponed a day in observance of the Pope's funeral, the exchange of vows was held in St. George's Chapel in Windsor Castle with only a few dozen guests attending, mostly friends and family of the bride and groom.

Afterward, the blessing ceremony, which was conducted by Archbishop Rowan Williams, was broadcast live and at-

tended by over eight hundred guests including Prime Minister Tony Blair and his family.

Camilla will now be known as Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Cornwall. When Charles is crowned, however, she will be called Queen Camilla because of the public's love for the late Diana.

Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Phillip did not attend the wedding ceremony to keep the event "low key," but they did attend the blessing ceremony later that day. Speculation still buzzes among local tabloids and the public about whether



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**BLUSHING BRIDE:** Camilla Parker Bowles arrives at St. George's Chapel in Windsor Castle, prior to her wedding to Prince Charles, on Saturday, April 9, 2005.



# Another Trite Reality Show; Is Britney Really That Interesting?

by **Laura Lapointe**

contributing writer

Jessica and Nick, Carmen and Dave, now Britney and Kevin. Is there anything the new Mrs. Federline can't do? Not only has she sold millions of records, been a subject of media attention since her debut, and supercharged pop culture by rocking stages across the globe with her sexual dance moves and stellar sets, but now she wants to take on the small screen, too!

Being second to anyone is apparently not an option for Britney. On April 5, the newlyweds of seven months, Kevin Federline and Britney Spears, announced that they will be doing a reality series documenting their relationship. The series will be aired on UPN in six parts that will take audiences through the events regarding the prematurely terminated Onyx Hotel tour, plans for their wedding day, and everything in between. Being a huge part of MTV

programming since Britney's "...Baby One More Time" video, MTV will have rights to show rebroadcasts of the episodes.

So what will the series be like? Mrs. Federline, who is very ex-



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lines will be executive producers of their show, they can be sure nothing sends the wrong impression about them. It will include mostly home videos that will be narrated by Britney and Kevin to provide background and take audiences through the events. After her recent lash out in tabloids that was posted on her website, Britney is looking forward to telling her story from the other side, not through the lens of paparazzi cameras.

Will Britney and Kevin be the next "newlywed" stars of cable TV, or just another flop to add to the throngs of failed reality shows? Tune in this May and find out for yourself.

cited about the endeavor, feels that this is her chance to show the real story behind all the tabloids this past year or so.

No more misconstrued images, tainted reports, or negative rumors—just pure Britney. Because the Feder-

## ay 30 Years in the Making

or not the Queen approves of the couple's marriage.

Charles and Camilla sped away to their honeymoon in Scotland in a car covered in red, blue, and white balloons and a rear windshield that read "just married."

A crowd of over 20,000 appeared to congratulate and support the couple outside of St. George's Chapel, although a few distant boos were heard. Many of the supporters commented on their approval of the wedding responding that even though Charles was adulterous toward Diana, he still deserves to be happy.



MICHAEL DUNLEA/KRT CAMPUS

## celebrity rumors

by Lara and Jess

Tell me it isn't so! Oh but it is, this week's rumors will leave you awestruck and running to your nearest *In Touch* and *People* Magazines to verify the stories.



LUIS MARTINEZ/KRT CAMPUS

Jennifer Lopez recently had a scare when the paparazzi, in an attempt to catch a glimpse, almost caused an accident. "I got goose pimples," she said.

Brad Pitt's publicist reported that the rumors about Pitt and Angelina

Jolie are completely false. The tabloids, however, continue to claim that a romance began on the set of *Mr. and Mrs. Smith* where the two were rumored to be physically close.



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Guess who's pregnant? That's right the rumors are true. On Britney Spears' official website, she claims that she and husband Federline are expecting.

Hunter S. Thompson's ashes will be blasted from a cannon mounted inside a 53-foot-high sculpture of the journalist's "gonzo fist" emblem. His wife says that this will fulfill his long-cherished wish.



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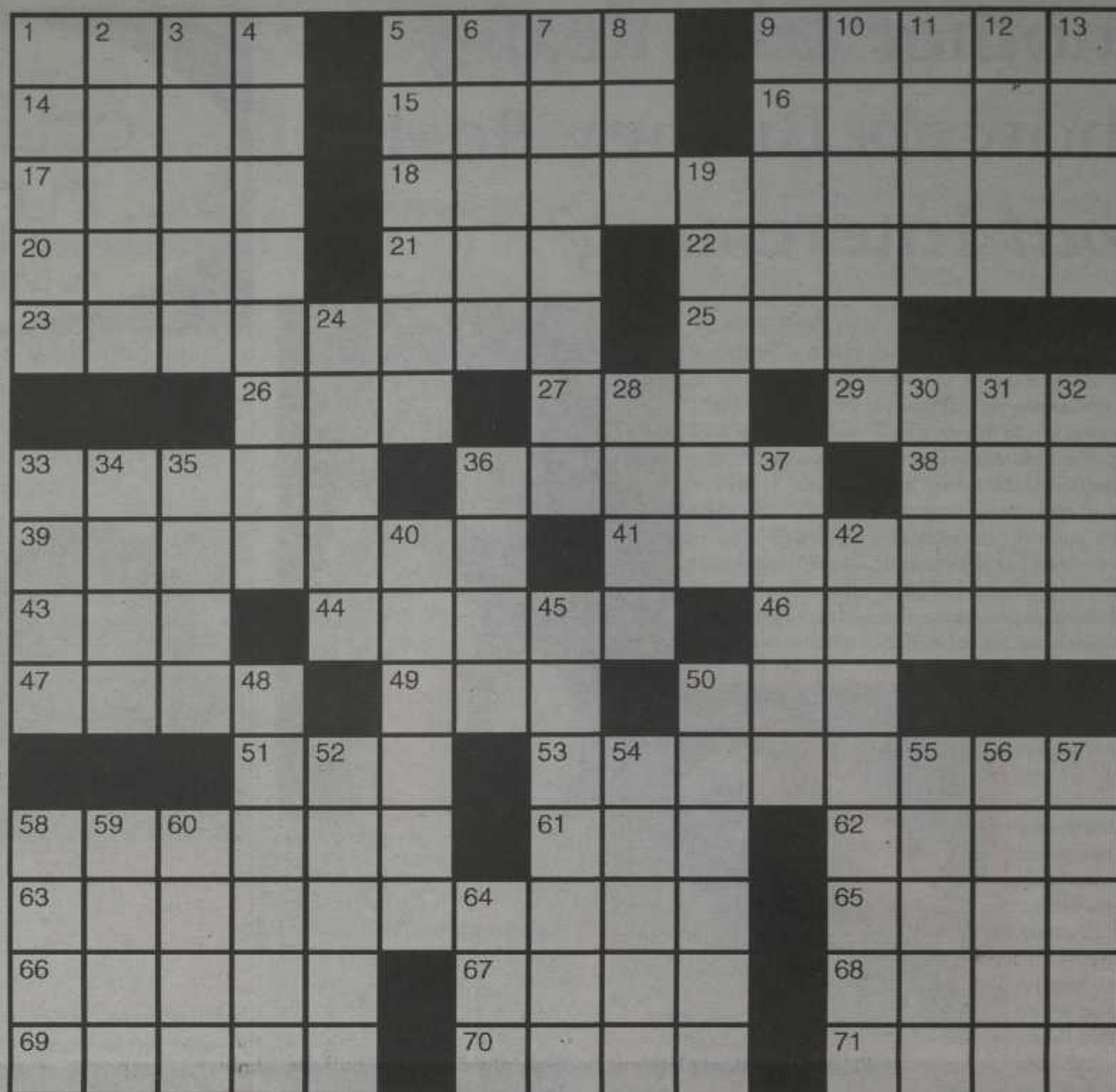


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15. Member fees
16. Unpolished
17. Troubador's instrument
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20. Angry stages
21. Over the hill
22. Francis or Dahl
23. Low tone
25. Barbara Geddes
26. Downcast
27. Record label
29. Gullible dupes
33. Dressed like a judge
36. Luigi's island
38. Op. \_\_ (footnote abbr.)
41. Actress Dietrich
43. It's c-c-c-cold!
44. Actress Della
46. Passover feast
47. Drain slowly
49. Jackie's second
50. Sentimental drivel
51. Emigrant's subj.
53. Reading, as a bar code
58. Carefree
61. Half a drum?
62. Leigh Hunt's "\_\_\_ Ben Adhem"
63. Posh Beverly Hills street
65. Invitaitaion letters
66. Worship
67. This \_\_\_ on me!
68. profound
69. Very cold
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71. And nothing more

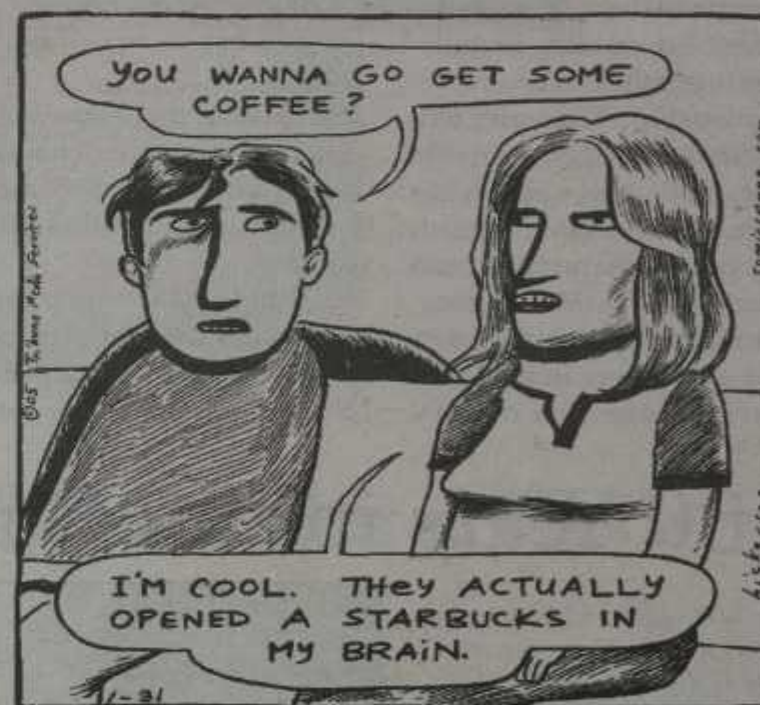
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3. \_\_\_ Park, CO
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5. Tim Burton film
6. Constructed
7. Binges
8. NNW's opposite
9. Make a basket
10. Fairy-tale monsters
11. Dominate
12. Utopian garden
13. "Those \_\_\_ the days"
19. Secret Doctrine
24. Low point
28. Show up
30. Served perfectly
31. Evergreen
32. Gang hanger-on?
33. R.E. Lee's troops?
34. Grimm creature
35. Dullsville denizen
36. Latin way
37. Burning crime
40. Securely closed
42. Actor DiCaprio
45. Vatican Chapel
48. "Great" czar
50. Most plucky
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# Putting Better Physics into Video Games

by **Dean Takahashi**

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To a physics fan like Manju Hegde, even today's best video games look fake. When a building blows up in a game, he notices the debris doesn't cascade downward like a waterfall or scatter correctly and cause damage to nearby structures.

That's because the game creators haven't taken the time to calculate the underlying physics equations that govern the behavior of objects such as falling bricks. Hegde, the chief executive officer of Mountain View start-up Ageia, wants to make it easy for them to do that by making a chip for the personal computer that specializes in physics calculations.

The physics chip, dubbed PhysX, will enable things like gelatinous creatures whose bodies shift shape like a liquid, crumpling fenders in car crashes, massive explosions with 10,000 pieces of debris, clothing that hangs or wrinkles realistically and lava or blood that flows like the real thing.

"We think a game should be like the Star Trek holodeck," Hegde says, referring to the virtual reality simulator from the science fiction TV series whose illusions were indistinguishable from real life. "Our chip is the first step toward that."

Ageia has raised \$38 million in venture capital from firms such as Apex Partners and Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing. It has commitments for \$30 million more from other investors. One reason that Ageia has garnered such support is that its chip could tip the scales in the PC's battle with the game consoles.

The PC gaming community is about to be overshadowed by another set of new consoles from Sony, Microsoft and Nintendo. Those machines will have plenty of extra processing power to handle better physics.

The consoles will be able to calculate the interaction of moving objects and determine what the graphics chip needs to display on the screen at any instant. And they may have enough power to imbue the entire game environment with physical attributes, so that the grass sways when the wind blows or hair falls out of place when a character moves.

"The PC needs this kind of capability to beat the next-generation consoles," says physics aficionado David Wu, president of Pseudo Interactive, a game developer in Toronto, Canada. "It's a smart idea. A few years from now, everybody will do it." Hegde argues that a PC with a physics chip could match the consoles.

Physics chips are "a major innovation that is likely to breathe new life into the PC as a gaming platform," said Jon Peddie, president of graphics research firm Jon Peddie Research in Tiburon.

But do gamers really want to buy an add-on card with a Ageia physics processing unit just to improve the realism in their games? Ageia's president, Curtis Davis, argues that gamers will when they realize that physics is key to situations where they try to do something in a game and the environment doesn't respond. If you crash a plane into some trees and none of them fall, it destroys the fantasy.

The company, founded in 2002, has recruited a team of folks who care about these

things. Ageia has almost 100 physics experts and chip designers who cut their teeth in network communications chips. The team is led by Hegde, a former electrical engineering professor and a Star Trek fan. It also includes game experts who are lobbying the industry to use Ageia's PhysX chips.

Game developers already use physics in their games to calculate interactions so they can make a race car sway and squeal when it rounds a corner. But they rely upon software that runs on an Intel microprocessor, which performs the physics calculations and passes them on to the graphics chip. Intel vice president Stephen Smith says that Intel's upcoming dual-core chips, which have two processors on one chip, should be able to handle physics just fine, with one processor controlling the game and another handling the physics.

But Hegde said Ageia's first physics chip will be akin to network processors with many processors operating in parallel.

As such, Hegde says it will be more powerful at specific physics tasks than a microprocessor, enabling far more physics calculations. And he said the physics chip frees the Intel microprocessor to do other demanding tasks, such as sound processing or controlling the artificial intelligence, or behavior of a game's characters.

Hegde believes developers will make use of the physics chip because it results in better games.

The "physics geeks" among game developers



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love the idea. Tim Sweeney, CEO of Epic Games in Raleigh, N.C., is a well-known graphics expert whose "Unreal" series is among the most realistic. He won't comment on Ageia itself, but he says that a physics chip is a great idea.

Ageia will be making its case to developers at the Game Developers Conference, being held this week at the Moscone Center West convention center in San Francisco. The company plans to have add-on boards with its chip out by Christmas. And it hopes at least five games will exploit its hardware physics by the time the add-on cards go on sale.

Wu thinks that Ageia needs much more support

from companies such as Intel or Nvidia, who have to consider whether Ageia is a threat that will take their business or a friend that will make them more competitive against the consoles. Representatives from both Intel and Nvidia said they will wait and see, but they note that Ageia has to provide the kind of performance that will make gamers see its value in the PC.

If Ageia succeeds, it will earn a place alongside other chips in the PC. And it will eventually make possible games that might resemble the battle scenes of "The Lord of the Rings: Return of the King," where 10 million soldiers and objects interacted on screen at the same time.

## Check Your Horoscope for the Week

by **Linda Black**

syndicated writer/krt campus

**Aries** - This week is a 9. The difficult part is over for a while; take time to relax. Do something fun with a person you know who always makes you laugh.

**Taurus** - This week is a 6. Your house is a natural gathering place for family and friends. There's always plenty to go around, even when you start with not much. You have a knack.

**Gemini** - This week is

an 8. You tend to hang out with competitive people. Don't let them push you around. They need you to help them figure out what's going on. You're a valuable part of the team.

**Cancer** - This week is a 6. It's a good day for buying and selling. You could make quite a tidy profit. The work's amusing and you have a talent for it.

**Leo** - This week is an 8. You ought to feel a lot better now, in almost every way. Kick up your heels

and share your joy with the people you care most about, at the beach, if at all possible.

**Virgo** - This week is a 7. A project you've been working on at home is falling together. Give it your full attention, and soon you'll be on to something else.

**Libra** - This week is a 7. The party flag's flying, so go ahead and accept the invitation. Sure, there's still more work to be done, but that can wait until later.

**Scorpio** - This week is a 6. You're making a good impression on influential people. They like your work, they pay well, and they're suckers for respect.

**Sagittarius** - This week is a 9. Get out for a breath of fresh air, even if you travel on your own two feet. Take along a favorite companion for an outing to write home about.

**Capricorn** - This week is a 6. Conditions are excellent for finding the perfect thing, at a price you can af-

ford. This applies to groceries, domestic items and even real estate. Charge!

**Aquarius** - This week is a 7. A good coach helps you to understand many of the things you've read about but didn't really comprehend before. Pick the brains of one who's more experienced than you.

**Pisces** - This week is a 7. Do the job because you enjoy the process, and you'll do it very well. And this leads to a fatter paycheck. It only makes sense.



# Welcome to the Policed States of America

■ Patriot Act Provision finds citizen in shackles.

by Issac Stolzenbach

photo editor

Handcuffed, leg shackled, and left tied up to a pole for three hours, a Baltimore man felt the power of the Patriot Act because he made a purchase with a fistful of two-dollar bills: his name was Mike Bolesta.

According to a quote from *The Baltimore Sun*, spokesmen for the Baltimore County Police Department, Bill Toohey, made a comment that proves the horse has been beaten, charred, and defiled into glue, "It's a sign that we're all a little nervous in the post-9/11 world." Bah! How's about I detain some random individual off the street, put him in a headlock, and chain him up to a pole—all in the name of citizen's arrest? We'll see how well it goes over when I tell the fellow and the authorities, "Sorry, I was nervous . . . it is after September 11 and all . . . no worries, right?"

Bolesta went to get a radio put in his son's car at Best Buy. Best Buy ordered the wrong radio, and when it would not fit they apologized and told Bolesta when they received the correct part, they would install it for free . . . for the inconvenience. When that day finally came the installation went off without a hitch,



ISSAC STOLZENBACH / The Sandspur

but later the manger called Bolesta and said that he would need to come back and pay the installation fee, or the store manager would be forced to call the police.

Feeling a bit jaded, Bolesta went to his local SunTrust bank and withdrew the \$114 installation fee—a fresh stack of \$2 bills. When he did the honest thing and returned to Best Buy to pay the installation fee, the staff called the police because they felt that a stack of two-dollar bills seemed suspicious. *Beware of terrorists wielding two-dollar bills.* The police handcuffed the gentleman, placed him in leg irons, and chained him to a pole while they waited three hours for the Secret Service to arrive and investigate. When the SS arrived they of course found that the bills were

legal tender and released Bolesta. But what's to be done about the embarrassment of being chained-up in front of a store in the town you've lived in for the past eighteen years? Nothing. Because under the Patriot Act, law enforcement officials are authorized to detain any suspicious individual: *Welcome to the Policed States of America!*

This situation is a by-product of the fascist-like power law enforcement has been granted under the provisions of the Patriot Act, HR Bill 3162, enacted in 2001. The Patriot Act is up for renewal in December of this year, and it will take a great deal of screaming and hollering to stop that from happening. Measures of the Act permit unauthorized detainment of individuals, searches of homes/business-

es/personal property with or without a judge's signature, and spying on individual library records. What happened to all that wacky balance of power stuff?

Ahhh yes . . . the Patriot Act—a loathsome misnomer—as repulsive as the thought of trying to expel a spicy piece of cornskin from an inflamed pink-sock—it just won't go away! One of the paramount provisions of this Act enables the government to snoop into what you have been reading at the library. Are terrorists really hanging out in public libraries? Highly doubtful, but there is an enemy of the state hanging out in libraries that I'm sure the government wishes to keep close watch over: the middle class. Why is *that* you ask? For two reasons: first, the middle class is a slowly

fading apparition in the United States, and they are becoming disgruntled; secondly, revolutions come from the middle class (I'll leave your imagination to ponder that combination). Thus, it only makes sense that the government would be concerned about what you and I are reading.

At this rate, half of the student body will have to go to the restroom outside because technology will eventually get us to the point that the government will be able to conduct a urinalysis just by an individual flushing. I would continue spewing scandalous sentences, but there is a knock at the door; I guess the SS can access my computer through the WiFi connection . . . wait, no . . . don't touch me there—someone call my attorney! *Tschüss!*

## Food for Thought: What's the Real Agenda of the Fast Food Industry

■ Some places pretend to be worried about health while others don't.

by Erica Tibbetts

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America is a fast food nation. I know that's a cliché and I'm sure we're all tired of hearing about it, but can we deny it? Look at our culture, our eating habits and our best-seller lists ("The Complete Atkins Diet" has been in the top 10 for what seems like years!).

Americans indulge in high-paced lives in which they can't afford the time to sit down and eat a healthy, fresh home-cooked meal,

much less actually take the time to prepare one. So, the rational option is fast food; it's cheap and easy.

I know that as long as America is the country it is—democratic, ambition driven, capitalistic and, well, the largest superpower in the world, fast food is going to be not just popular, but necessary. I only wish fast food joints would behave a little better.

Recently Burger King came out with the Enormous Omelet Sandwich, a sandwich that lives up to its name. Not only does it have a sausage patty and cheese, but it also comes with scrambled eggs and bacon, all inside a bun about the size of my head. It all adds up to a whop-

ping (no pun intended) 730 calories, and 43 grams of fat. Now, the average adult needs to consume 2000 calories a day. Thus, if you do the math, they only need to eat 3 of these sandwiches to be set for a WHOLE DAY!!!

It's insane! America is literally turning into a nation of fatties: 20.9 percent of us are considered overweight! Fast food is helping this trend. With the average burrito containing 700 calories and most burgers packing over 500, Americans are rushing headlong into obesity, and McDonalds, Wendy's and Burger King are encouraging them. Sure they all offer "carb-friendly" options and salads, but do any of them put surgeon

general's warnings next to their menus that say: "This sandwich, biggie shake, double beef burrito, or large order of fries could cause obesity, heart disease and clogging of the arteries?" No, they don't. They keep piling on the extra mayonnaise, the extra beef patties or the extra slice of cheese. Meals go from being super-sized to mega-sized, drinks now come in containers that could hold enough gas to fill up your SUV and even the salads have enough calories to feed a normal person for days. Fast food chains are capitalizing on Americans lack of willpower and need for a quick fix.

Of course the restaurants are not totally or even

remotely the only ones to blame. The people who go there should be intelligent enough to realize what they're eating. But, of course, they don't. I know people who sat down to watch 'Super-Size Me!' (the movie showing the profoundly detrimental effects of fast food) and, when it was over, were able to go out and buy a large portion of fries!

Fast food has taken over our country, and experts say that, if we continue in the direction we're headed, the last skinny person will become overweight some time before 2040. So think about that the next time you reach for a Big Mac or your jumbo-sized soda.



# A Rape Hoax is No Way to Get Attention

■ The alleged victim wanted attention and she sure got it.

by **Jean Bernard Chery**  
staff reporter

Everything was going well on Wednesday, November 17, 2004, at Rollins College until approximately 9:30 pm when Campus Safety received report of an alleged sexual battery at Cornell Social Sciences (CSS). The Winter Park Police Department was on site shortly, and students were asked to remain indoors while the incident was being investigated. The Dean's office quickly informed everyone via email that extra measures have been taken by Campus Safety to assure the safety of everyone on campus. The office also announced that the college was cooperating fully with the police in the course of the investigation. Campus Safety beefed up patrols and provided escort services in an attempt to reassure everyone that the campus was safe.

It was a nightmare for every female student and faculty/staff at Rollins. They were afraid to go to the bathroom or walk on campus alone after dusk because the alleged victim reported to

Campus Safety and police that two men sexually assaulted her in a CSS bathroom. The incident prompted a candlelight vigil on campus in support of the alleged victim that week which was sexual assault awareness week. Although no one really knew the woman's identity then, it appeared that the incident touched everyone on and off campus, and they shared her grief.

A month into the investigation, the forensic evidence and discrepancy in the woman's story led police to believe that she had not been raped. Finally, when confronted with forensic evidence, she told the truth to investigators. The police suspected her story from the start for two reasons: one, she couldn't help investigators with a composite sketch, and two, she did not want to press charges. However, they continued the investigation anyway because it was their duty to ensure the safety of everyone on campus. On December, the police and FDLE estimated the cost of the investigation to more than \$50,000. Then, the case was transferred to the state attorney's office to file possible charges.

Five months later on April 8, 2005, the state attorney's office charged the 23-

year old, Desiree Nall, with two misdemeanor charges of filing a false report and making a false official statement. The charges are punishable by up to a year imprisonment each. She may also ask to pay for the investigation cost. Local News Florida Today reported that Nall is listed as president of the Brevard County chapter of the National Organization of Women. Despite the fact she confessed to police that she fabricated the story to get attention from her husband, Jeff, he told Local 6 News that they will challenge the supposed confession.

Anne Marie Varga, VP of Public Relations at Rollins, confirmed to the *Sandspur* that Nall is no longer a Rollins student but declined to assert that she had been expelled. A statement from Varga's department backed her position: "Rollins College cannot reveal any information about the student because student records are confidential and protected under the Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act." The statement went further to say, "It is unfortunate that this false claim was made and caused anxiety for the Rollins and local communities." It also renewed the college commitment to maintain a safe environment.

When the *Sandspur* asked Sergeant Pam Marcum of Winter Park Police about the cost of the investigation, she said, "I cannot give you an exact figure but I can tell you it was a very expensive one." When we contacted Danielle Tavernier, a Public Information Officer at the state attorney's office, she stated that it is possible that Nall could be asked by the judge to pay for the investigation. When asked about the rumor of an arrest warrant out for Nall, she replied, "No, she will be served with a summon, a letter to appear before a judge; there will only be a warrant if she fails to appear."

Although Desiree Nall created her story just to get attention from her boyfriend, she received more than expected. She got attention from everyone; once it was empathy but now it is anger. People are angry because she earned the college some bad press and created a state of fear on campus and the community with her deceptive story. She validated the theory that women would go to the extreme to get attention. However, as her case clearly shows, one cannot always get what s/he wants in life. Thus, be careful of what you wish for.

# Bush's Bright Idea Burns Out

■ Destroying Social Security would be a grave mistake for this President.

by **Meghan Waters**  
staff reporter

Recently, news networks and politicians alike have been blasting President Bush for his Social Security Reform Bill. With all of these negative comments flying around, one must wonder what the bill actually says and why there's such an unenthusiastic public reaction surrounding it.

Social Security was created during the Depression by President Franklin Roosevelt as a safety net for the disabled, widowed, or elderly who did not have a reliable source of income. Other than a few minor tweaks during the Reagan Administration, the Social Security

system hasn't been changed since it was originally created. Until now.

At his State of the Union address this year, President Bush made it clear that reforming Social Security was one of his top priorities. When the President submitted his bill to the public, it was instantly dismissed by economists, politicians, unions, and even the AARP. Why such a negative response?

In a nutshell, the bill attempts to privatize Social Security by creating individual Social Security accounts. This way, every worker can choose to invest his or her money into stocks, bonds, or other investments that would give that person a higher return than the government ever could. Sounds like a good idea at first, right?

First of all, the phrase "privatizing social security"

is an oxymoron. The word "social" implies the collective, while "privatization" clearly does not. Allowing individuals to control their personal social security accounts completely undermines the ideology of allowing the government to allocate funds to the deserving.

Also, the entire Social Security system doesn't have to be usurped and reconstructed to deal with the suffering funds. A few carefully planned minor changes would handle the problem without having to increase the deficit by spending two to three trillion dollars recreating the system. This country's deficit is already bursting at the seams with the war in Iraq and universal tax cuts. If anything, President Bush should receive accolades for devising the most efficient way to bankrupt the United States Government.

On top of everything else, if individuals are allowed to control their own social security savings accounts, their investments will fluctuate with the state of the U.S. market and economy. What if the economy takes a down turn and all of their savings goes down the drain? Social Security will be forced to pay that person double, squeezing the system for even more money.

Most importantly, diverting money from the Social Security system into the hands of the individual will diminish the amount of funds available to pay beneficiaries like the handicapped or those who have lost a spouse or loved one.

In all, using Republican ideology to fix a system that is grounded in democratic or even socialist principles is irresponsible of the Bush Administration and is spelling disaster.

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# One Man's Decision to Answer the Call

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On May 15 I will receive my college diploma and leave Rollins as a college graduate prepared to enter the real world. I would guess that the real world I am about to enter is a little bit different than the worlds my fellow graduates will be going into. I think I can safely say that I am the only member of the Rollins graduating class of 2005 who is joining the Army after they graduate.

For many seniors this past year has been about doing interviews with perspective employers, filling out graduate school and job applications and taking the alphabet soup of various grad school entrance exams. For my part I am thankful that I had no reason to deal with all the difficulties and worries that come with trying to figure out post-college lives. I've been committed to joining the Army since late last summer when I joined the Army's Delayed Entry Program. It's a decision that I made after some significant thought and not without some strong dissent from those closest to me. I may in fact be the only person in the entire country who signed their enlistment papers the day after seeing Michael Moore's Fahrenheit 911.

Without fail, whenever I tell people that I will be leaving for the Army after I graduate, they express great surprise. I am not what one might think of as the stereo-

typical military person. I come from an upper class family and have no financial reason to join the Army. I have no friends joining the armed forces (well one friend who's joining the Navy but I mean come on, that's not the Army), I'm not a particularly violent person, I've never really been in a fight and I've never fired a gun. Perhaps the most confusing element to my decision to join is the fact that I am a liberal Democrat who is strongly opposed to the policy positions held by Republicans in general and President Bush in particular. I was opposed to the Iraq War from the very beginning, and yet here I am enlisting in the Army. It's admittedly a little odd. There are several common objections brought up when I mention the whole Army idea and perhaps the most understandable among them is a fear for my safety. I would be lying if I said I have not thought about the potential for harm that comes with joining the military, particularly at a time when we are entrenched in a bloody war in Iraq. I like to view any dangers that come with military service as an obstacle that must be overcome to accomplish what I want with my life. I would like to lead a happy and successful life someday; it's just that this is something I have to do first before I get there. I would live with regret for the rest of my life if I did not enlist.

Part of my decision to join now comes down to tim-

ing. Enlisting in the military is obviously a large commitment, particularly in terms of time. For the moment I am committed to serving four years of active duty with another four years of being on reserve. When else would I be able to make such a commitment?

Now is really the only time to enlist, no matter who is in the White House. I am bound by time constraints and left with little choice. If I want to serve in the military, and I do, then now is really my only chance to go. It's now or never, so it's got to be now.

I would be lying if I said that in part my desire to enlist is in response to our country's current political environment. As a Democrat and a liberal I have listened to the likes of Ann Coulter, Sean Hannity and Rush Limbaugh, among the leaders of the conservative Right, label liberals and Democrats traitors and 'enemies of the state'. For some reason, as columnist Mark Shields has noted, patriotism no longer has to do with personal sacrifice; rather it has become about ideology. If you vote Republican you're a patriot, if you don't your not. What

does that make me, a liberal Democrat who has chosen to serve, while the people I just mentioned have all declined to serve their country in any capacity other than lobbying insults from the sidelines.

These are all peripheral issues to the real reasons why I am enlisting. I strongly believe in serving our country. Some people serve by joining the Peace Corp and helping people in developing countries. I like to think the Army is very similar to the Peace Corps, only the exact opposite. I hold the men and women of our armed forces in the highest esteem and I want to serve my country like they do. I want to be among other men and women who have decided to sacrifice for our country; people who are bonded together by common experience. That is one of the things I look forward to the most, the camaraderie that

comes with being together in times of struggle, making friends for life with people you have quite literally been in the trenches with.

In the end though my decision to enlist has little to do with any patriotic or heroic aspirations. In all honesty I am neither particularly heroic nor am I any sort of patriot. I'd like to think I am like any other person who values their country and the sacrifices made by those who have chosen before me to serve. Yes it will probably be hard at times, but in the end I hope that my future experiences in the Army will make me a better person and a better American. As one of my hero's President Kennedy once said, "Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country". I like to think I've found something I can do for my country.

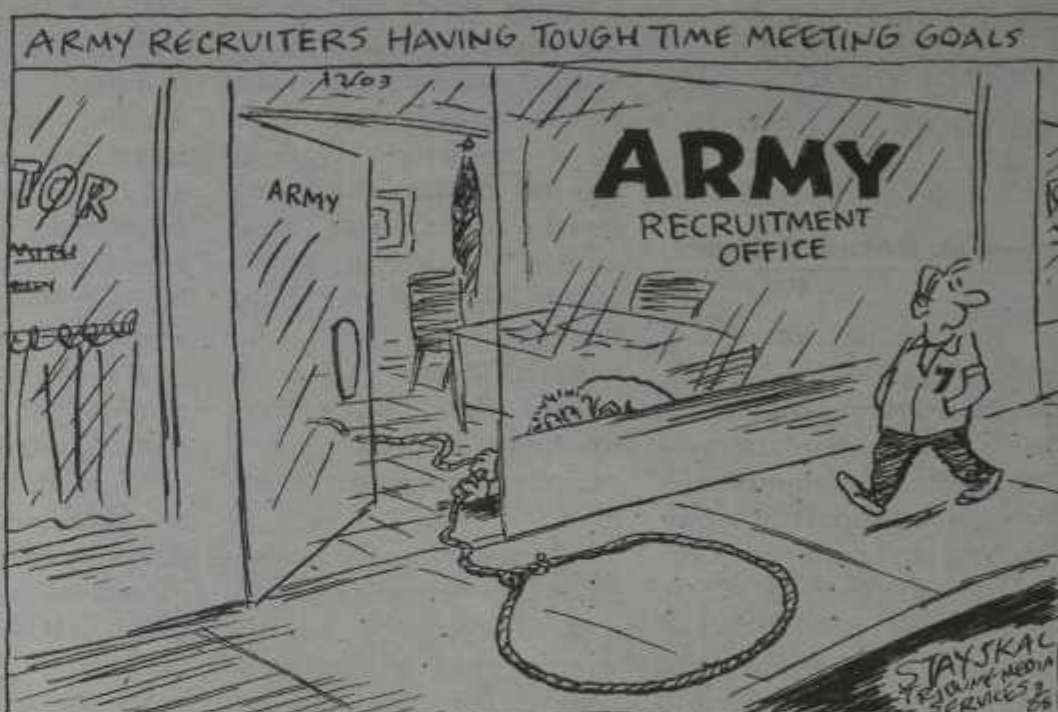


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## Thank You for the All the Hate Mail

■ Its good to know you hate me, you really hate me!

by **Jami Furo**

staff reporter

I cannot let this go on any longer without saying something about it.

I knew it would happen. I just did not expect the magnitude to which it happened. For the past few months, I have been receiving mountains of hate mail and negative responses to the articles that I write about my conservative musings in this newspaper.

I never knew that I would make such an impact. I write this column to put my ideas out there, and

while many have responded rather positively to my ideas, many have responded quite negatively. The newspaper gets e-mails every week complaining about whatever I said the week before. There is even an entire group on Face Book made up of people devoted to hating me and my articles. (Yes, I have seen it, for those of you who belong to that group). I thought I would take this opportunity to respond.

First, I would like to say how happy you have made me. I am absolutely ecstatic that I have that kind of influence on campus. Professors are talking about me in their classes. I have walked by people that I do not even know, and I can hear them having a conversation

about me. It's incredible, and I am thrilled. A person does not write a column that specifically hits on the hardest, most controversial subjects and expect to not be hated. I love what I do, I stand by it, and I am honored that you all get so riled up about what I have to say.

You're thinking, "You're crazy. Why do you want to be hated by so many people?" That's outstanding people. I do not want to be hated, and I would hope that the people who don't agree with my articles would not think less of me as a person because of my political beliefs. That's a little petty, don't you think? I write this column and specifically say the things that no one else wants to say because I want you to

think. This is an opinions section, in case you didn't notice, and it is about more than my opinion. When you read this column and it makes you turn red in the face because you're so mad and me, it forces you to think about what you believe. I am not trying to force everyone to believe what I believe. I am not trying to impose my beliefs on others. By writing what I think, however, it does force you to think about your own beliefs. I just can't stand the thought of apathy. Many readers give me wonderful positive responses to my articles. But for those of you who send me hate mail and those of you who think of sending me hate mail because you're just that angry, real-

ly don't mean to offend you. I mean to put my beliefs out there to accomplish exactly what has happened: getting under you skin to make you seriously consider your own beliefs.

In case you didn't notice, you're still reading. I notice that there are a few people from which we consistently get negative responses about my articles. If you hate them so much, why are you still reading them? And if you don't agree with me, why are you taking me so seriously that I make you so angry?

Whatever the case may be, I wanted to let you know how flattered I am. I had no idea that I could make such an impact. Thank you, and keep it coming. I certainly will.



# Unlocking the Secrets of the "LOT" er "E"

■ Is there a magical formula for winning the Florida Lottery? One writer crunches the numbers.

by **Tyro Ne-Tsa-Cas**

contributing writer

While working a short contract up in Tallahassee, I had plenty of time to kill on weekday afternoons. Driving around I found the Florida Lottery headquarters and obtained a free, stapled document available there in the lobby.

The document explained about the Lottery, from its inception through the jackpot winners to date and included a history of the lottery's contributions to the Florida education budget. It also presented the Lottery's internal workings: a description of the sales process of tickets to the public, calculations of the jackpots, estimated overhead cost, vendor fees, and how many cents of each dollar went to the jackpot, advertising, vendors, etc.

My objective was to see if there was any way to "beat the system," if money were no object and time was unlimited - what would be the process to produce a guaranteed jackpot winner.

My initial thought - buy enough tickets to ensure that I would win the jackpot. To ensure a jackpot (probability of occurrence = 100%), I would need to procure one ticket for each possible number combination. Hmm, how many tickets would that be?

Recalling my statistics coursework while an undergraduate, I realized in the last 25 years I'd forgotten most of it. So I went to Google "and typed in what I did remember on this subject: combinations and permutations." Several hits later I ended up on <http://www.wcr1.ars.usda.gov/cec/java/comb.htm>.

Adapting the JAVA example to my problem I arrived at:

- 53 numbers (1-53)
- grouped as 6 (order is irrelevant)
- $53C6 = 53! / ((53-6)! * 6!)$
- $53C6 = 53! / (47! * 6!)$
- = 22,957,480 combinations



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**THE GREAT MOTIVATOR:** Can fistfuls of cash ensure your chances of outwitting the odds in Florida's lottery?

nations, so \$22,957,480 in ticket purchases!

Even if I could finance purchasing one \$1 ticket of every possible combination, thereby guaranteeing a winning jackpot number, there are still two major realities to be considered. But imagine walking into a local zippy mart and asking for \$22,957,480 of lottery tickets, heh-heh.

The first thing is that other people are playing too - grandmas in Boca, maintenance men in Lakeland, fishermen in Ft. Walton, hookers in Tampa, college students in Winter Park, etc. One or more may be potential winners as well.

The second and most important consideration is that the state of Florida splits the weekly "take" 50/50 between the jackpot and the Lottery system.

Plus, other people are playing too.

Ok, well ... that's good. If I'm putting up \$22,957,480.00 semoleans then they can kick in a few too! The chance of me having the winning ticket will be 100%. The only rub could be if one of the other players bucks the astronomical odds and their ticket is also a winner. That would mean if Granny Irma in Boca picked the winning number that I also have - then we

would split the pot 50/50.

What are the consequences of others splitting "my" pot with me? Granny Irma purchases a \$1.00 ticket and I purchase \$22,957,480.00 worth of tickets. The "non-winners" purchase \$2,042,519 (nice round numbers here - it's my scenario).

The revenue grand total is \$25,000,000.00 (\$22,957,480 + \$2,042,519 + 1 tickets at \$1 each). First, the state puts 50% of the revenue into the jackpot. Granny Irma and I split \$12,500,000 - \$6,250,000 each (pre-Fed tax) paid out over 30 years, but much less if the winnings are taken up front in one payment.

I, one the other hand, want the full harvest of my labors ASAP. Sensing Hubbert's Curve has peaked within the last 60 months and we're sliding along the "backside," preparations for my future seem prudent. (In terms of the peak, that's the only thing, you don't know if you're near the summit until you're already on the way down. Thank goodness it's not Hubbert's Precipice!)

My plan is to immediately acquire as much fiat currency as possible and then begin liquidating the "dead presidents on colorful cotton" for useable goods/services. Not unlike Ted Turner, moving from Infotainment into real estate for bison-growing (approximately 2 million acres for 40,000 head). Bison - the other red meat. Hey, they're environ-

mentally friendly and everybody's gotta eat!

See [http://www.tedturner.com/enterprises\\_properties.html](http://www.tedturner.com/enterprises_properties.html).

Back to my scheme. So far I have gotten back \$6,250,000.00 on my investment and only need \$16,707,480 more to break even. A couple of problems still remain. The first is generating all the lottery tickets in a single week. Starting Sunday (00:00 hours) and running until 1 hour before the Saturday night lottery drawing, assuming 24x7 operation provides an operating window of 6 days, 23 hours - for a grand total of 167 hours.

Dividing 22,957,480 tickets / 167 hours means 137,470 tickets per hour. Unfamiliar with the maximum sustained printing output of lottery devices, I'll SWAG 1 transaction per second. Then I'll need around 38 ticket devices. Uh-oh - I hadn't included the time it takes to replace the ticket paper (there goes any extra time for sure). I'll need to find 38 Lottery locations (assuming 1 device per retail location).

This is looking totally unfeasible and especially for a loss (albeit tax-deductible) of \$16,707,480. OK, after a pretty thorough cut at it, as they

say in Dallas "This dog won't hunt". ... AKA FUBAR. Next option, I'll buy a \$1 ticket and pick a combination that may win.

Hmm, recognizing that I have 1 chance out of 22,957,480 combinations I'll go for it! But if I believe that I can pick one good number out of that many different combinations I have to believe that Irma in Boca can too! So to maximize my return for another \$1, I can buy two of the same combo. That way, if Irma also buys the other winning ticket I will get 2/3 of the jackpot and she will get the other 1/3. But hey, what if a gang of college students in Winter Park (WP-Gang) scrape together enough change to buy another \$1 ticket and pick my combo?

Odds of picking a winner are:  $1 / 22,957,480 = 4.3558787811205759517159548870346 \times 10^{-8}$ . Regardless of how big the pot is, these odds remain the same. But just to make sure I get the lion's share of the booty, I should probably buy three \$1 tickets of my winning combo, just in case. Besides it's only \$2 more and at least this week I can get 9/10 of a gallon of gasoline for two semoleans! I'll just drive a few less miles this week to cover my "jackpot insurance."

Now the odds are stacked in my favor over the other two winners!

- **Me:**  $3 / 22,957,480 = 1.3067636343361727855147864661104 \times 10^{-7}$
- **Irma:**  $1 / 22,957,480 = 4.3558787811205759517159548870346 \times 10^{-8}$
- **WPG:**  $1 / 22,957,480 = 4.3558787811205759517159548870346 \times 10^{-8}$

If three pick the winner, I get 3/5 of the pot they get 1/5 each.

If two pick the winner, I get 3/4 (75%) of the pot Irma gets 1/4 (25%).

If only I pick the winner I'll get 100% of the pot! Not bad for a dollar and not having 9/10 of a gallon of gas!

It appears that if I can believe in winning the lottery then I might be able to believe in the Tooth Fairy, Easter Bunny,

Santa Claus or even fossil fuels will last forever (or at least through my lifetime).

Yeah that's it -- this week I'm playing the lottery...





# Tiger Woods Wins Fourth Masters With Sudden Death Playoff Victory

■ Woods defeats Chris DiMarco on first playoff hole to capture the green jacket.

by Jami Furo

staff reporter

After not winning a major tournament since 2002, Tiger Woods came back strong at the Masters to win his fourth green jacket.

There was no clear winner until the end. Chris DiMarco, a native of Central Florida, gave Woods a formidable battle for the title.

Woods finished the first round with a 74 and was not considered in contention for the win. However, with second and third round scores of 66 and 65, respectively, he entered the fourth round three strokes ahead of first-round showstopper Chris DiMarco.

Both players started the fourth round strong. It was a barrage of birdies for both of them as they clamored up the ladder to fight for the top rung. However, when



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**GRRRREAT!!!**: Tiger Woods celebrates momentarily after an excellent hole.

Woods bogeyed the 17th and 18th holes, it brought the match to a tie, forcing it to a playoff.

Woods and DiMarco went back to the 18th tee and played the hole again as a playoff. In the end, Woods was able to hold off the talented and persistent DiMarco. DiMarco also finished second last year at the Masters to Phil Mickelson.

This is Woods' fourth Masters tournament and ninth major. He is now one of only three men to have

ever won four or more Masters—the other two being the legendary Jack Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer.

Tiger Woods, after his victory at the Masters, has now regained his number one spot in the world golf rankings. Previously, Vijay Singh held the position.

All is right with the world now that Woods is back in the winner's circle. However, it seems that Chris DiMarco has shown himself as someone to watch out for in tournaments to come.



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**SWEET SOLEMNITY**: During a moment of relative peace, Woods accepts applause at the ceremony.



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**CLUTCH PUTTING**: Chris DiMarco collapses after making a putt to tie Woods and take the Masters to a playoff hole.

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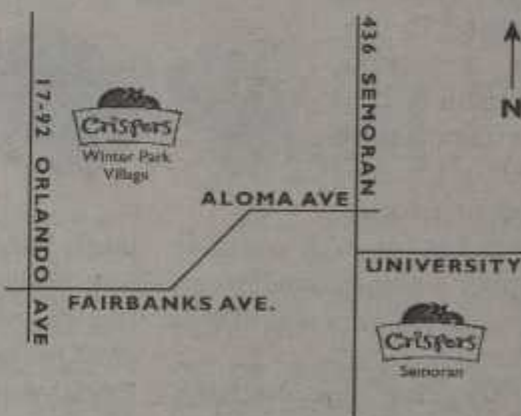
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# Men's Tennis Gets Served

by Erica Tibbetts

asst. sports editor

Losses come few and far between for the Tars' men's tennis team. Before last weekend they had only been defeated on four occasions throughout the season. And that's not just against conference competition, but against everyone.

The Tars have had a number of winning streaks throughout the season, winning seven in row during March, and nine out of their last ten.

The Tars have a very strong team this year, with nationally ranked players from all over the world. In their number one spot is Mat Umbers, who hails from England, and is ranked 11 in the nation. Among the other players is Jeff Birse, who was the National New Zealand junior champ, and Jono Gomez who represents Trinidad in the Davis Cup. The Tars are number six in the nation, and are clearly a team to be feared.

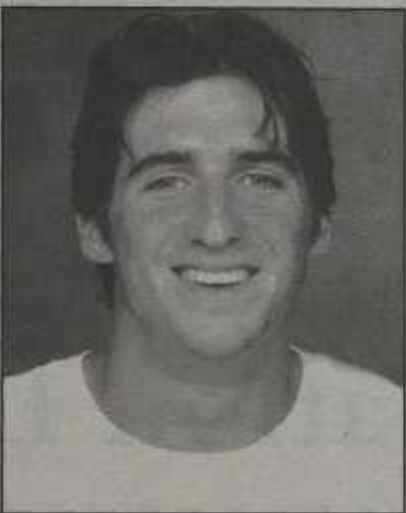
Unfortunately, last Sunday the Tars didn't give as good a performance as they're used to. They played the ninth ranked NAIA team from Embry Riddle. Although Embry Riddle isn't in the same conference as Rollins the tars were hoping for a win. Things started off badly though, and didn't get better. The doubles matches, usually a strong point for the Tars, were all won by Embry. Umbers and Gomez, who are ranked 7 in the nation dropped their match 8-0. Birse and his partner David Tafur fared only marginally better, losing 8-5. The last doubles match was won by Evan Specht and Tomoaki

Yashuda with a score of 8-3 over Micahell Schwartz and Mike Compton.

Singles play went a little better for the Tars; they managed to win two matches. Gomez managed to win a marathon, 3-set match against Specht. After winning the first set easily, and only dropping 1 game, Gomez struggled in the second, losing 6-7. In the tie break Gomez managed to pull through and win 10-4.

The other point for the Rollins team came from Birse, who beat his 16th ranked opponent 7-5, 6-4.

At the end of the day the tars lost 7-2. Not a very satis-



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**WINNER:** Freshman Gomez won his singles match.

factory result for the team. It was only the fifth time all season that Umbers and Gomez have dropped a doubles match, of the sixteen they've played. The pair have beaten the number 2 ranked team Kshitij Dwivedi and Paul Ratchford of Presbyterian College and have looked strong throughout the season.

The Tars' next match is against Eckerd College on April 17. It will be the last home match for the team before the SSC tournament. Play will begin at noon, so



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**CLUTCH PLAYER:** Rollins number one Matt Umbers had a rough day against Embry-Riddle.

# Two Tars Named Players of the Week

by Nate Weyant

Sports Information Director

For the third straight week the Rollins College Tars claimed at least two Sunshine State Conference Athlete of the Week awards. Junior golfer Dan Walters (Lititz, Penn.) earned the Men's Golf Athlete of the Week for his first place finish at the Southeastern Collegiate Championships Senior catcher Luis Dieguez (Guatemala City, Guatemala /St. Margaret's) was named the Baseball Athlete of the Week leading the Tars to a 2-1 series win over SSC-foe Florida Tech.

Walters scorched the course with a two under par 70 in the final round to take medalist honors at the Southeastern Collegiate Championships. He totaled 214 strokes on the weekend with rounds of 71-73-70 to score the one shot victory. His score led the ninth ranked Tars to a second place finish in the competition. On the season, he has



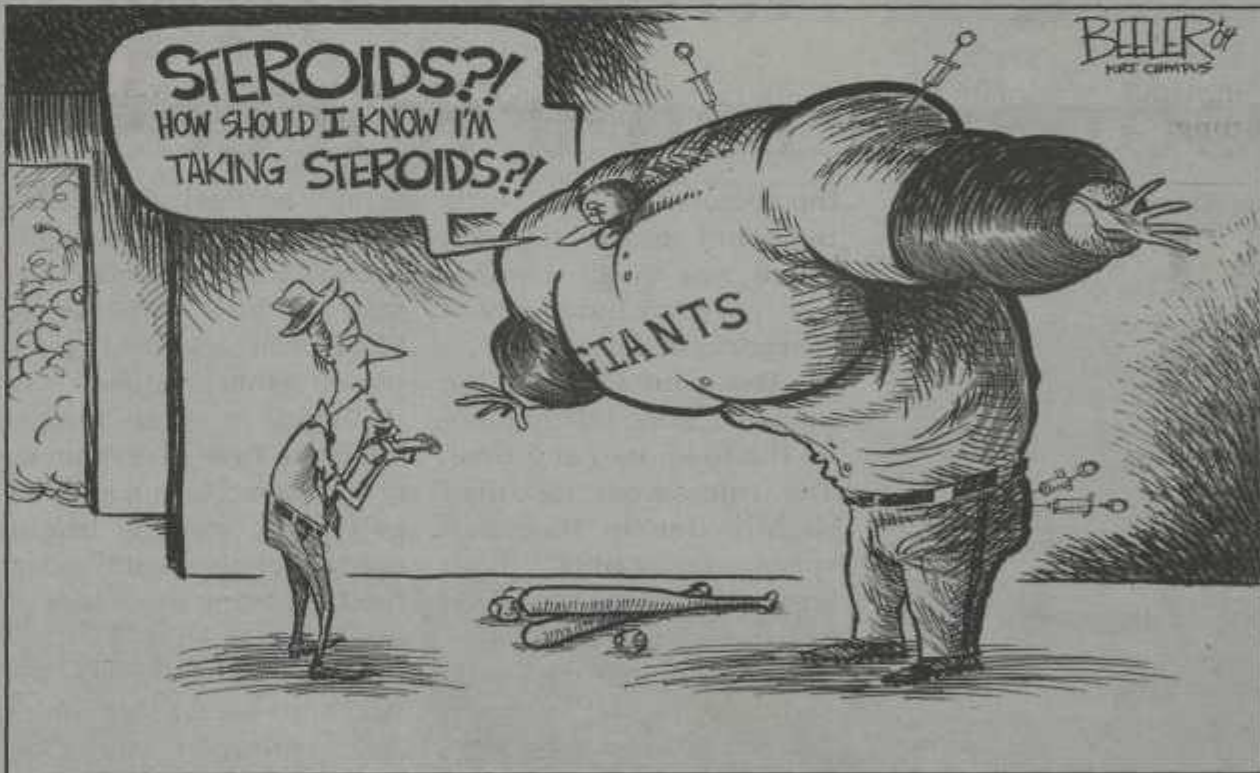
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**ATHLETES OF THE WEEK:** For the third straight week two Rollins Athletes were named SSC players of the week.

played 12 rounds and carries a 74.5 stroke average, second best on the team. Walters has come in with rounds of 73 or better on six occasions and has twice been under par this season.

Dieguez once again proved to be a tough out as he hit .625 (10-16) on the week

with one homer, three RBI, and seven runs scored. He had at least two hits in each of the Tars four games and also threw out three attempted base stealers. The big week moved his team leading batting average to .430, which is also third best in the Sunshine State Conference.



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# Number Ten Women's Tennis Destroys Number Sixteen Florida Southern

■ Tennis comes out strong in conference face-off, drops only one match to foe.

by **Nate Weyant**

sports information director

The 10th ranked Tars dropped just one match and cruised to an 8-1 Sunshine State Conference victory over #16 Florida Southern in women's tennis action on Tuesday. Rollins improves to 13-4 overall and 5-2 in the SSC while the Mocs fall to 14-4 overall and 5-3 in conference play.

The 10th ranked duo of Tasi Purcell and Marnie Mahler rolled up their 10th straight win at No. 1 singles with an 8-5 triumph over Linda Mrkic and Lara Alcobendas. Lindsey Soffes and Soni Bernal downed Barbara Oria and Lidia Gan-

darias 8-6 in the No. 2 slot with Tricia Gehret and Silvia Frandji scoring an 8-2 win at No. 3 doubles for the Tars.

The momentum carried into the singles competition as Rollins took wins in the top five spots. Purcell, the 12th ranked player in the nation, improved her record to 14-3 on the year with a comeback victory over Mrkic, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4 in the No. 1 position. Mahler took care of Oria 6-1, 6-3 in the No. 2 match while Bernal battled to a victory at No. 3, 6-2, 5-7, 6-2. Gehret took care of the No. 4 match with a win over Alcobendas 6-3, 6-2 as Frandji also won in straight sets, 6-4, 6-2 over Lindsey Willis in the No. 5 slot.

Megan Fincham recorded the Mocs lone point as she downed Katie Parent 6-4, 6-1 in the No. 6 singles match.

The Tars will close out

their SSC schedule on Saturday, April 16 when they will travel to Eckerd College for a 12 p.m. contest.

Rollins def. Florida Southern 8-1

SINGLES:

1. Tasi Purcell (RC) def. Linda Mrkic (FSC) 3-6, 6-4, 6-4

2. Marnie Mahler (RC) def. Barbara Oria (FSC) 6-1, 6-3

3. Soni Bernal (RC) def. Lidia Gandarias (FSC) 6-2, 5-7, 6-2

4. Tricia Gehret (RC) def. Lara Alcobendas (FSC) 6-3, 6-2

5. Silvia Frandji (RC) def. Lindsey Willis (FSC) 6-4, 6-2

6. Megan Fincham (FSC) def. Katie Parent (RC) 6-4, 6-1

DOUBLES:

1. Tasi Purcell / Marnie Mahler (RC) def. Linda



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**NUMBER ONE TEAM:** Rollins number one doubles team Tasi Purcell and Marnie Mahler cruised to victory in conference match.

Mrkic / Lara Alcobendas (FSC) 8-5

2. Lindsey Soffes/ Soni Bernal (RC) def. Barbara Oria / Lidia Gandarias (FSC) 8-6

3. Tricia Gehret / Silvia Frandji (RC) def. Lindsey Willis / Megan Fincham (FSC) 8-2

## Rollins Athlete Appreciation Day Considered a Success

by **Erica Tibbetts**

asst. sports editor

Rollins celebrates everything, from Purim, the Jewish Mardi Gras, to Chinese New Year, to National Leadership week. And there are clubs uniting everyone, from Caribbean students, to poets, to students studying to be doctors. But there was one group feeling a little left out; the athletes. Admittedly, the athletes all have their individual teams, and games, but they had never come together and been recognized. Last Thursday all that changed.

April 7th was Athlete Appreciation day and competitors from a range of different sports headed out to

the soccer field for a little two-hand touch football. There was music blaring, free ice cream and plenty of spectators in the stands.

The main action as the football games, taking place on the field, two at a time. The rules were modified slightly due to time and space constraints. Each team got 4 downs to make it into the end zone, the games were only 15 minutes long, and the opposing team had to count to 4 before blitzing. The soccer field was split in half so two games could be played at once.

On one field the first game was between the men's golf team and the Rollins varsity flag football

team. The men's golf team had the advantage of speed and size, but the disadvantage of little experience. Some of the men had never played football before.

It was a tough match, but brute strength eventually conquered talent, and the golf team, wearing bright orange pennies beat the flag football team by a touchdown.

The other game was between the soccer team (men and women's) and the cheerleading team. I guess the cheerleaders have been doing a lot of recruiting, because their ranks were swelled with 4 or 5 guys.

The soccer team got the early lead, but then faltered

after being called for off-sides and giving up some untimely interceptions. The cheerleaders took advantage of the slip, and tied the game with no time left on the clock.

The overtime format was similar to regular college rules. Each team got one possession and had to score. The soccer team made it look easy, but then failed to stop the cheerleaders. Each team was given another possession. The soccer players scored again and then managed to keep their pink shirted opponents from entering the endzone.

In the 10 minute long championship match the golf team prevailed again

through speed and luck, managing to score two touchdowns before the soccer team could get on the board.

With 12 seconds left the soccer players had one last chance to tie the game. Quarterback Eric Vergatti launched the ball into the endzone where Lindsey Taylor and Allison Tradd, and Tres Loche were waiting, wide open. But it wasn't meant to be. The three collided and the ball bounced out the back of the endzone. The game ended 2-1.

Despite a few long faces on the losing teams everyone enjoyed the event (especially the free ice cream).

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