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IN BRIEF

Rollins Alum Arrested

Daniel Cliatt, '00, a teacher at Endeavour Elementary School in Brevard County, was arrested last weekend and charged with molesting a student over 100 times. Police believe that Cliatt raped a 13-year-old every day after school for a period of several months. He is a graduate of Rollins' Brevard Campus.

Where the Magic Ends

Police are attempting to identify a girl believed to be a "material witness" to a case of child pornography at a resort hotel involving a 9- to 12-year-old. So far, the victim remains unidentified.

End of the Year as We Know It

This is the final issue of Volume 111 of *The Sandspur*! We hope you have been informed, enlightened, amused, and perhaps occasionally offended by our efforts this year. For those graduating, congratulations! For those returning, Volume 112, Issue 1 will be waiting for you when you get back.

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Senior Art Show

Rollins College
Graduating Artists Exhibit


DANI PICARD / The Sandspur

In the absence of a gallery this year, the Cornell Campus Center hosts the annual Senior Art Show, showcasing all of our graduates' finest accomplishments.

by Erica Tibbetts

asst. sports editor

The Arts at Rollins involve a significant portion of the campus and community. The program includes music, theater, English and well, art (studio art, that is). Even though the Cornell Fine Arts museum has been out of commission this year due to renovations, the studio art program has been

going strong.

Earlier this semester the art department had its first art auction, and there have been numerous visiting artists and events in the Cornell Fine Arts Center, which is located near the museum.

Last week the 2005 Senior Art show was held to honor and display the work of 15 graduating Studio Art majors. The event was held

in the Cornell Campus Center, and pieces were displayed in the Darden Lounge, Dave's Down Under, and the Bierbach and Reid Conference rooms. There was free food and a great atmosphere. As part of the event, professional artists were brought in to judge all of the work and award prizes.

The exhibit consisted of

all different kinds of artwork, from digital photography to sculpture to oil to paint. The artwork displayed represented a variety of media and genre classifications. Trisha Chhaganlal, John Greenawalt, Kirstin Guillot, Anthony Hearn, Briggs Jones, Tiffany Kuhn, Samantha Lopez, Nicola MacGeoch, Samuel Scharf,

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Honoring Students and Organizations for Outstanding Leadership Efforts

■ LEAD and OSIL host the eighth annual Leadership Recognition Banquet.

by Selena Moshell

staff reporter

This year's eighth annual Leadership Recognition Banquet was rained out even before the ceremony began. After moving the banquet from the Mary Jean Plaza outside the bookstore to the DownUnder, the banquet was saved, thanks to savvy leadership on the LEAD team's part. (Not to mention the clever weather forecasting ability of the Weather Channel!)

The ceremony began with a Senior Keynote address from Sarah Ledbetter. She opened the ceremony with an inspirational and moving speech about her experience at Rollins and how much it has meant to her. Immediately following her keynote address, she was awarded the N. Ronald

Pease Award, which is given each year to a senior that exemplifies the most admirable aspects of the class.

While Ledbetter's award surprised few attendees, the next presenter, Lara Bueso, found it much harder to keep the award recipient a secret for long. Yet as she told of more and more admirable aspects of the person, she slipped with a gendered term in her excitement, giving away the fact that the award recipient was a girl! (She was presenting the Enabling Others to Act award to Tessie Swope)

Bueso was not alone in giving away the award recipient before the presentation: for three awards in a row the name of the organization who received the award was written in the presenter's speech! (It did, however, save the audience a lot of energy that would have been spent on suspense and surprises.)

There were two new awards presented, one presented by Lauren Ervin called the Living for Stu-

dents award, and another presented by Doug Little called the Service to First Year Students award. The first award, Living for Students, was awarded to Rina Tovar for her beneficial programs and speakers she has brought to campus all year. In her presentation of the award, Lauren spoke of what a positive impact Rina has had on campus.

In his presentation the Service to First Year Students award, Doug Little began with an apology for having the longest and most boring award presentation of the night.

Even with the longer speeches, the banquet was a night of recognition and appreciation for the leaders among leaders on campus. The most memorable aspect of the fun-filled night was the jokes and laughter. One person who really did appreciate Doug's lengthy speech, Dean Roger Casey, joked, "Thanks Doug for your long speech. For once I won't be the longest speaker!"



MARK BARTSCH / The Sandspur

PARTING WORDS: Sarah Ledbetter, '05, delivers the keynote address.

AWARD RECIPIENTS

N. Ronald Pease Award	Sarah Ledbetter
Enabling Others to Act	Theresa Swope
Living for Others	Jennifer Perez
Encouraging the Heart	Joanna Leung
Collaboration for Common Good	The Sandspur
Engaging for Social Change	Non Compis Mentis
Spectacular Social Program	WPRK
Inspiring a Shared Vision	V-Day
Living for Students	Rina Tovar
Service to First-Year Students	Sarah Ledbetter & Nikkia Gumbs
Challenging the Process	Krystal Delle Chie
Discovering the Purpose	Shaniqua Law
Inspiring Change	Amanda Moon
Modeling the Way	Erin Miller

Celebrating Earth Day 2005

■ Rollins held a celebration last Tuesday in honor of this year's Earth Day.

by **Brittany Lee**

news editor

On Tuesday, April 21, a celebration was held outside of the Cornell Campus Center in honor of Earth Day 2005. The event was sponsored by Eco Rollins and the Department of Environmental Studies.

During the day, students passing by the Cam-

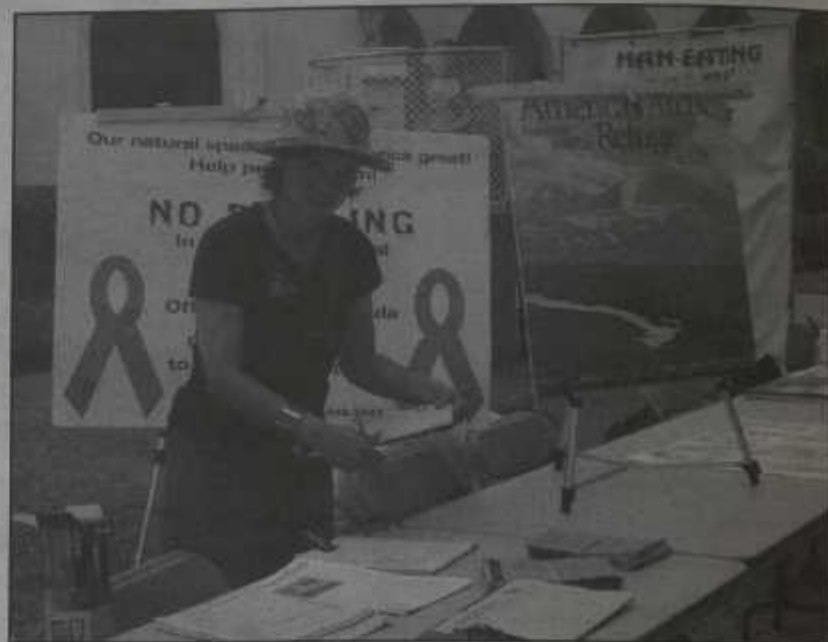
pus Center enjoyed a variety of Earth Day activities aimed at increasing environmental awareness. The activities included a dunk tank, live music, information tables on subjects such as drilling in the Arctic and recycling, and tie-dyeing.

Students got a chance to relax to a live band as they snacked on healthy treats offered at one booth and sipped on free bottles of water, each containing an important environmental message pasted on the label.

The dunking of Bruce Stephenson, Professor of

Environmental Studies, was a major highlight of the Earth Day celebration. The day concluded with the showing of the widely acclaimed movie 'Erin Brockovich' in the evening.

The event had the honor of being mentioned in the Friday, April 22 issue of the 'Orlando Sentinel' in the article "Earth Day grows beyond grass-roots 'green'" by Kevin Spear. Rollins' celebration of Earth Day 2005 was a huge success, raising campus awareness as to the state of the environment while providing a free source of entertainment.



DANI PICARD/The Sandspur

PROMOTING THE CAUSE: Booths such as the one pictured above on drilling provided students with important information.



DANI PICARD/The Sandspur

FUN WITH TIE-DYE: Students and faculty gathered on the lawn to create their own tie-dye creations.



DANI PICARD/The Sandspur

SPLASH! The dunk tank was a popular attraction, as anyone willing had the chance to get dunked by students tossing balls at the red circle.

ACE Provides a Remedy for Spring Fever

■ A week long series of events aims to cure Rollins students of spring fever.

by **Brittany Lee**

news editor

All Campus Events (ACE) has created an original Spring Fever week. The week revolves around a variety of activities to entertain and relax students as they approach the always stressful finals week.

The week begins with a showing of the old favorite "The Goonies" on Mills Lawn. Students laid back on the lawn to watch and laugh continuously with this mem-

orable comedy.

Tuesday continued the entertainment with a free live performance by the Leonard Brothers, entitled "Late Night with the Leonard Brothers." The band, which has performed locally at Pleasure Island and Margaritaville, performed in the crowded

DownUnder at 10 PM.

On Wednesday, the DownUnder became a gambling casino. Students gathered to

"Viva Las Vegas" by trying their luck at games such as poker and slots. The night included a guest appearance by Elvis Presley himself.

On Thursday in the Darden Lounge students got the chance to truly relax with an

oxygen bar and free massages. Approaching finals everyone feels tense, so Thursday's activities provided the perfect antidote to tension.

The week concluded with a pool party at sunset in the Alford pool. The classic film "Jaws" was played as students gathered to splash in the pool and socialize. The week provided the perfect series of events to calm even the most stressed of students and cure the mounting spring fever of those already prepared to leave for the summer.



Art Exhibit

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Yoselin Sosa Sanchez, Ashley Stempler, Sarai Thiel, Jennifer Watts, Richard Way, and Sally Woods are this year's graduating seniors and they are a talented and noteworthy group.

Yoselin Sanchez, who hails from Venezuela, made use of her heritage by depicting South America, but didn't stick to geography. One of her other works was a rather original representation of Fallopian tubes. Hmmm.... interesting.

My personal favorite was "Battleships," a painting of a pseudo naval war scene. Instead of real carriers, the artist depicted the soldiers and patrol boats like little plastic men and boats that are used in board games, which was very amusing and thought-provoking.

Sally Woods' paintings were good, too—a little Frida Kahlo-esque, with

women trailing intestines and dogs in suits. Very playful, but very detailed and visually pleasing (in my opinion anyway). She won one of the juror awards.

Tiffany Kuhn also had some graphic design work that was a little different from the rest of the pieces, while Samantha Lopez had a three-dimensional "scene" set up that I almost walked into, not realizing where the art began.

Oh, and not to forget the artwork downstairs, Briggs Jones had an amazing painting of sailboats on a stormy day, a favorite among the sailing team members.

All in all I thought the work was great, and coupled with the free food it was an awesome experience. The exhibit will remain up until May 15, so for any of you who haven't seen it, I say, "Go now, or you're missing out!"

Syrian Troops Leave Lebanon

■ After 29 years of military presence, the last Syrian troops leave Lebanon.

by **Brittany Lee**
news editor

On Tuesday, April 26, the last of the Syrian troops were reported to have left Lebanon in compliance with international and Lebanese demands. This ended the 29 year military presence of the Syrian army in neighboring Lebanon.

In Bekaa Valley, a formal ceremony marked the departure, with Syrians waving flags to welcome back the troops. Over 400 Lebanese and Syrian troops met on the parade grounds to be jointly reviewed by the chief of staffs.

Syria's troops have been a dominate force in Lebanon for 29 years, controlling much of the country's affairs. Syria entered the country as peacekeepers in the Lebanese civil war in 1976. In the nineties 40,000 troops still remained, but over the last 15 years that number declined to around 14,000.

It was after the assassination of Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri in a car bombing, which occurred earlier this year on February 14, that pressure came to withdraw Syrian forces. The Lebanese people blamed Damascus for their leader's

death, triggering massive demonstrations and strong calls for the removal of Syrian presence. In addition, opposition groups called for the resignation of all top Lebanese security officials considered to be pro-Syrian. Security chief Jamil al-Sayyed, a pro-Syrian, quit this Monday after Syria made its decision to remove the remaining troops.

Syrian Army Chief of Staff Gen. Ali Habib defended the position of his country, stating Lebanon was being left a stronger nation as a result of Syria's almost three decade long stay. The Lebanese Army Commander, Gen. Michel Suleiman agrees that the nations of Syria and Lebanon will always be linked, "Our challenges are one. Our interests are one" he stated.

The removal of troops followed after a U.N. resolution, Resolution 1559, called for Syria's departure from Lebanon as well as Lebanon's disbandment of guerrilla troops. Former Lebanese Prime Minister Hariri played a critical role in getting this resolution passed, and his death is under an international investigation authorized by the U.N. The U.N. report concerning Resolution 1559, released this month, stated that Syria interfered with governance in Lebanon and was the central cause of the political polarization that developed prior to the assassination of Hariri.

Ecuador's Leader Ousted

■ The President of Ecuador is forced out of power and seeks asylum in Brazil.

by **Brittany Lee**
news editor

Following months of street protests and public outcries against the then president of Ecuador, Lucio Gutierrez, lawmakers voted to remove their leader from office on Wednesday, April, 20. Thousands crowded into the Plaza of Independence, in the capital city Quito, cheered as Congress voted 62-0 during a special session to remove Gutierrez.

It was reported that Attorney General Cecilia Armas ordered the head of

the national police, General Marco Cuvero to arrest Gutierrez for commanding crackdowns on demonstrators. Protests began after Gutierrez outraged the people by dismissing most of the Supreme Court judges and hand picking their replacements. Though he claimed it was an attempt for a more independent court system, most of the public saw it as an attempt by the left winged government to consolidate power.

Vice President Alfredo Palacio replaced Gutierrez as the nation's leader. In front of Congress upon being sworn in, Palacio stated "The people of Ecuador, particularly the people of Quito, today have ended the dictatorship, the immorality, the great power, the terror of fear." This change in power

did not occur smoothly by any means. Demonstrators blocked the road to the Quito airport in an attempt to prevent Gutierrez's departure. A fire broke out at the Ministry of Social Welfare, and no effort was put forth to extinguish it. On Thursday, April 21, Brazil's ambassador made the announcement that his country would grant Gutierrez asylum. Arrangements are being made for his safe passage out of Ecuador.

Presidential problems are unfortunately not new for the people of Ecuador. Since 1996, the country has had nine presidents. Constitutional changes made in 1998 have strengthened the executive branch but the office has been a continued source of conflict and turmoil.

Challenging the "No Child Left Behind" Act

by **Meghan Waters**
staff reporter

New lawsuits, from the National Education Association, are erupting over the lack of funding for the No Child Left Behind Acts.

The NEA is suing the Department of Education so that public schools do not have to comply with any requirements in the act that are not funded by the program.

The lawsuit is expected to be filed on Wednesday in the U.S. District Court of Appeals for Eastern Michigan with three districts filing the suit.

The National Education Association, with nearly 3 million members, is spearheading the suit with nine

different plaintiffs including school districts in Vermont, Texas, Connecticut, and Illinois.

The sole defendant is Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings, whose job is to defend the NCLB program, in spite of the monetary concerns.

The plaintiffs' argument will finally confront the issue that has been plaguing this program since it was instituted years ago: does the U.S. government and Congress have enough money to pay for the continuation of the NCLB program or not?

The suit is focused on a section of the law that determines that states cannot be forced to pay for any regula-

tions enforced by the federal government.

Spending on No Child Left Behind has increased by nearly half since President Bush took office in 2000 and he has repeatedly asserted that the states receive enough funding to instigate the reforms and regulations.

The suit also claims that pressure to spend money trying to increase testing standards has taken the focus away from spending on foreign language departments, art, and smaller class sizes.

The program has also hurt the reputation of some lower income schools because they cannot meet the minimum standards of "acceptable" education.

Image of Virgin Mary Sighted in Chicago Overpass, Thousands Flock

■ The image of the Virgin Mary is said to have appeared in the Kennedy Expressway underpass.

by **Nicole Fluet**
asst. life & times editor

Three weeks ago, the normal Kennedy Expressway in Chicago, Illinois was nothing but ordinary. Today,

however, it is considered to be the site of a miracle.

Since last week, believers and followers have flocked to the site in faith due to an image on the concrete of the underpass taking the shape of the Virgin Mary.

The image appears in a yellow and white stain on the underside of the expressway. The area surrounding the image has been turned into a shrine to the Virgin Mother almost

overnight, with visitors and believers bringing many different flowers, paintings, and candles in order to pay their respects and pray solemnly in front of it.

The Illinois Department of Transportation reports that the stain is most likely from salt run-off from the overpass, however, they do not plan on doing anything to it at the moment. The area around the sight is heavily guarded by police since the area is so populated since

the sighting first occurred.

Hundreds of believers are still coming to see the vision, bringing their offerings and gifts in order to pray to the Mother of Christ. Followers believe that the Virgin Mary appears in reference to suffering or change and offers a hopeful, listening ear to those in need of prayer and guidance.

This is not the first believed vision of the Virgin Mother in the United States, however. Within the last ten

years, an image appeared on the side of a building in Clearwater, Florida off of the corner of U.S. 19 and Drew Street.

The sighting provoked pilgrimages from around the country, bringing almost a million people to the sight itself. Followers were still flocking to the area until around last year when the glass was broken in the middle of the night. It was been replaced, but the image did not reform.

HOLT SPOTLIGHT Interview

by **Monica Sawdaye**

contributing writer

Ever walked into the first day of class and realized you are about to learn things you never knew existed? I experienced this the day I walked into a class entitled, "Immigrants, Refugees, and the Undocumented."

Professor Linda Allegro is a petite fireball of knowledge that makes the room buzz with a rapid flow of information. After the flow of information calms down to a gentle stream, she asks students to share their own thoughts. The buzz in the room begins again, sometimes leading into intense student debate. Critical thinking can be a challenge in today's world. Critical thinking involves serious investigation into personal beliefs, past experience, and a thorough understanding of the possible effects and outcomes of any given situation.

Professor Allegro's forum is an example of how these question and answer sessions encourage critically thinking minds. To share a few answers of her own, I introduce Professor Allegro.

What is your academic background?

I have a Ph.D. in Political Science from New School University in New York City. My dissertation is a study of Puerto Rican and Dominican labor migrations. Specifically, I explore the processes by which low wage workers turn to the welfare system to make ends meet. Through in-depth interviews with 80 welfare recipients I was able to construct generational ty-

pologies to understand first and second generation perceptions of welfare entitlement in an era of welfare restructuring.

I earned my Master's degree from the University of South Florida where I also did my undergraduate work in International Studies.

Where did you teach previously? What brought you to Central Florida?

I was a visiting professor of Urban Studies at Hampshire College in Amherst Massachusetts for two years prior to our move to Winter Park where my husband, Scott Carter, accepted a visiting position in the Economics department at Rollins. I have also taught at various colleges of the City University of New York. As a graduate student I worked at Boricua College, a small Puerto Rican liberal arts college in upper Manhattan. Through my interaction with some of my students who were welfare mothers struggling to get an education, I was inspired to write on the politics of welfare in New York City, which became my dissertation topic.

The theme of your current class at Hamilton Holt is called Immigrants, Refugees, and the Undocumented. What do you feel is the most important aspect of this class?

In an age of globalization

when the whole world is influenced by the expansion of the global economy, I think it is imperative that we understand the restrictions in labor movement while capital moves across borders in an unrestricted fashion. In other words it is important to study international migrations with an eye on macro processes that shape the movement of people across international boundaries. A central theme we are exploring in this class is why undocumented migrations have risen at a time when tighter border security measures have been designed to prevent unauthorized entry. **Have any of your own personal actions or studies impacted the policies of immigration, refugees, and/or the undocumented?**

I worked for the New Jersey Immigration Policy

Network in Newark on a project to educate service providers on the recent changes in refugee policy. My work entailed working directly with service providers and their refugee clients in facilitating their resettlement experience.

You recently went to some discussion forums in NY. What was the forum? What did you learn/experience? Did you hear any amazing stories that you could share with us?

I was invited to speak at an Immigration Teach In on Long Island at St. Joseph's College recently. Several

undocumented workers shared their experiences coming to the US and the obstacles they face living as "illegal aliens." One undocumented individual from El Salvador made a rather profound statement. He said, when he came to this country the first thing he had to do was to get an ID. He needed an identity. He needed to be known. I thought that was a very profound statement because for many people who live and work in the underground economy their persona is largely invisible and yet they make valuable contributions to our economy and society. Everyone has a right to live and work. Without an ID we are "nobody" and that is very tragic to think that in a liberal democracy like ours there is no discussion of the larger meaning of human rights

that we should all be entitled to.

If you would like to see the US change a position on immigration, refugee, or undocumented policy or policies, what would the change/s be?

We need to design sensible immigration policies that encourage rather than discourage flows of capital and people across the border. Equally important, our goal should be to promote economic growth within migrant sending communities and address more equitable approaches to capital distribution.

Tell us, without giving anything away, about your upcoming class this summer called Urban Culture: Graffiti to Hip Hop.

I am interested in the potential the hip hop movement has for producing social change. It is exciting to hear about the side of hip hop that embraces community, solidarity, respect and social justice. I am always interested in hearing youth voices on these values and strategies for achieving them. Organized and intelligent youth ideals have the potential to bring about many important changes. I think many of these values can be found in the global hip hop movement.

So here was a little snippet of the buzz you will feel when walking into Professor Allegro's classroom. I hope each and every one of you takes advantage of the plethora of knowledge on a wide spectrum of topics in the Rollins College Hamilton Holt program.



COURTESY OF MONICA SAWDAYE

Holt Earth Day Event

by **Brian Hernandez**

hhsa editor

In observance of national Earth Day festivities held on Friday, April 22, the Hamilton Holt Student Government

Association joined with the Rollins Facilities Management Department to dedicate a tree to the City of Winter Park.

The pine tree was planted in Dr. Alfred J. Hanna Park

(on the corner Holt and New York Ave) to both thank the City of Winter Park for their unwavering support of the Holt school, and to help replace

trees that were uprooted in the slew of storms that ravaged the community this past Fall. The pine tree also matches the type of foliage that originally grew in abundance in the area now housing Rollins College.

Dr. Sharon Carrier, who will take over as Dean of the Holt School this summer, assisted members of HHSGA in the early morning ceremony. Accompanying the tree, was an engraved brick that was placed to memorialize the event for future generations of park visitors and students alike. HHSGA would like to thank the Valo family for support with funding this event.



BRIAN HERNANDEZ/The Sandspur



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PLANTING ROOTS: Future Dean of the Holt School, Dr. Sharon Carrier, and 2005-6 HHSGA President-Elect Mary-Allen Singer, display the dedication brick to the City of Winter Park.

Congratulations Holt Class of 2005

A Presidential Farewell



Ladies and Gentlemen of the Holt School,

It's been another fine year at Rollins, though we could have used less wind and rain as the school year began. Some of us are moving on to new careers; others continue to learn in an immaculate

environment. For those of you who are staying, I can't encourage you enough to get involved in whatever activities on campus you enjoy, as it will add to your education as well as being good for the spirit and community.

Your Holt SGA has new life in it this year, in no small part due to Matt Sayti, Staff Advisor, and Dr. Sue Easton, Faculty Advisor. I couldn't have asked for better liaisons to the college, whose inspiration and hard work helped HHSCGA succeed. In addition, my predecessors, Richard Mino and Bandar Reda, helped lay the groundwork for what is again a vibrant, active organization.

Mary-Allen Singer, your incoming President, earned her elected position through similar hard work, along with a passion for service that inspired me every week. Tiffany Valo and Richard Mino were equally diligent and fun to play and work with, and Brian Hernandez helped us enjoy a wider audience for our work through *The Sandspur*. I'm grateful to all of them.

And I salute every Senator who served the majors of the Holt School, getting the word out and bringing student concerns back to us. All of you have made a difference, and I sincerely appreciate that.

The three years I've enjoyed at Rollins, first as a part-time student and later with a full-time schedule, provided a top-notch education, friends I cherish, and the spirit and drive to enter a career that will make a difference.

Watch your Holt SGA website at <http://www.rollins.edu/holt/hhsga> for events as the summer progresses, and I thank you for your support.

Matt Drury

President, Holt SGA

PARTING WORDS FROM THE DEAN

To the Holt School Students:

Congratulations on a very successful year! In addition to your successes in the classroom, this year Holt students won awards in professional associations, held special programs for advancing their careers, raised money for scholarships, and participated in many other activities that advanced the reputation of Rollins College. You did all of this while holding jobs, raising children, volunteering at agencies and organizations, and doing all those other things that being a responsible member of a community requires.

This was an exciting year to be at Rollins College and to welcome our new president, Lewis Duncan. In meetings both inside and outside the College, President Duncan affirmed the importance of the Holt School's unique relationship with the Central Florida community. Dr. Duncan also expressed his desire to integrate the Holt students further into campus culture, and he has spoken highly of the dedication of the Holt School students.

I share Dr. Duncan's enthusiasm for Holt School students. I am always impressed with their intellectual curiosity, their drive toward attaining their degree, and their appreciation for the opportunity to achieve the goal of a Rollins education.

Next year I will resume teaching Holt School students. I am grateful for the opportunity to assist the college during the transition between Presidents Rita Bornstein and Lewis Duncan, but I look forward to teaching my undergraduate classes in psychology and my graduate classes in the MLS and MHR programs. I also have some book projects I want to work on, and I plan to continue helping raise money for scholarships for Holt School students.

It's also been great working with the Holt School staff. Staff members work tirelessly on behalf of our students, and I know many of you would not be graduating or even attending college without the efforts of our advisors, fundraisers, and program coordinators. And I want to say a special thanks to Brian Hernandez and *The Sandspur* for creating the Holt School page.

Finally, congratulations to all our graduates. We're proud of you and we want to know about all of your fine accomplishments. Please stay in touch.

Sincerely,

Dr. Robert Smither

Dean, Hamilton Holt School



Returning Students: Advisement Update

■ Staying informed is the key to a successful transition into upcoming terms.

by **Jennifer Walchok**

staff reporter

Since the end of the semester is rapidly approaching I have put together a few updates from your advisors in the Hamilton Holt office for upcoming registration information and changes. Now is the time to begin planning for summer and fall semesters.

First, make sure you update your audit sheets by contacting your assigned program advisor. The audit sheets are important for both you and your advisor to keep track of what classes you need to complete your degree. Your advisor is also able to keep you updated on new classes being offered in your major and answer any questions you might have. Also, keep an eye on the General Education Requirements page and the Major / Minor

Guide on the schedule page at www.rollins.edu/holt/schedule. Referring to these resources makes it easier for you and your advisor. To make an appointment, call the Holt office at 407-646-2232.

Second, students are encouraged to visit the Holt Web site regularly to check for schedule changes, school policy changes, and other pertinent information. In addition, the Web site also offers forms for financial aid and scholarship information. Visit the site at www.rollins.edu/holt. After checking-in with your advisor and any updates online, current students should be ready to begin registration for the summer term on May 17 at 6:30 a.m. via your your Fox Link account.

Third, checking your Rollins e-mail account is the primary way to be kept abreast of registration dates and other important information. For an added convenience, the Information Technology department can transfer your Rollins e-mail account to your home or office account. Please note

Rollins e-mail is the preferred medium that advisors and the Holt office personnel will use to contact you; very rarely will information be forwarded via regular mail in the future. Matt Sayti, Holt School advisor confirms the importance of checking your Rollins e-mail account stating, "Critical student services information and updates are cascaded solely through e-mail, it is imperative that students check it regularly."

The Holt office would like students to also be aware of some policy changes for CLEP. Students can no longer CLEP classes after obtaining 64 credit hours. If you have not reached 64 credit hours contact the Holt office about CLEP, it is a great way to earn college credit for courses you are specialized in.

Also, Holt tuition will be increasing as of Summer 2005. Tuition is increased to \$884 per course. Students should be sure to update their financial aid information and turn in current scholarship renewal forms for summer and fall semesters immediately. For more information about finan-

cial aid and tuition contact the financial aid office on the Rollins campus or the Holt School office directly.

Keeping current on changes and upcoming dates can assist with keeping your path through Rollins on the

right track. Congratulations on completing another school year. Updating and planning for next year is convenient and time efficient through your advisors and online services, so remember not to put off planning until the last minute.



MONDAY, MAY 9TH
7 P.M. - ?

FIDDLER'S GREEN
544 WEST FAIRBANKS

Come celebrate the end of the semester and meet other Holt students and faculty. Plus pick up your free Hamilton Holt T-Shirt while they last!

STUDYING PSYCHOLOGY HELPS WITH WINERY

■ A former student shares news of his new Napa Valley business.

by **Karina McCabe**
life & times editor

As the torture of finals descend upon us, many students are beginning to wonder why they are even taking these classes to begin with. How can one even begin to apply a liberal arts degree to the *real* world? Well, how about taking a major in psychology and then using this degree to succeed in opening a wine business in Napa Valley, California? Sounds unrelated, but alumnus, Robert Piziali, '95, did exactly this.

After realizing late in his college career that psychology was not a field he wished to venture into, Piziali began to worry about how much effort he had put into his college career that would now all go to waste. However, he does not regret his decision to pursue this major, because he believes that the skills learned while acquiring this degree combined perfectly with his venture capital major at the University of

North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and rewarded him with an advantage in business entrepreneurship.

That's right; a psychology degree can provide an advantage in opening a business in a completely unrelated field. In a recent interview with *The Sandspur*, Piziali explains, unlike "people who major in business in undergrad, those with a liberal arts background compliment" an MBA degree in

"If you love what you're doing, then you have a better chance of succeeding in the long run."

Robert Piziali
Class of 1995

business by "kind of rounding off the education." He claims this because, "if you're well-read, articulate, and have other strengths, then you're more well-rounded than someone who just majored in business."

Indeed, Piziali's background helped him to overcome the downturn of the dot-com era, and subsequent

drop in jobs available to graduates, as those who are able to communicate well, a skill taught at liberal arts institutions such as Rollins, will always have careers available to them.

Regardless of the drop in employment, many of his fellow graduates did manage to secure positions with huge paychecks. Piziali, on the other hand, focused on entrepreneurship during his studies at UNC and combined this knowledge, his communication skills from Rollins, and his passion for wine to pursue a career that he believed he would really love because, he says, "if I pick something I love, then I'd have a better shot at it."

He truly does love his career of choice, he explained as he described the exquisite beauty of St. Helena, the town in Napa Valley that his wine business, Tasting on Main, is located. Here, he features the best wines from Robert Keenan, Oakville Ranch Vineyards, Broman Cellars, Ehlers Grove, Kelham Vineyards, Richard Partridge Cellars, Saddlback Cellars, VENGE wines, and Reynolds Family Winery. All of these are available for tast-

ing in his Sunday morning wine tasting class. Tasting on Main also hosts evening dinner parties and will soon feature a wine bar designed for people to gather as a pre or post dinner spot.

He continues on to explain how, even though his fellow graduates are financially successful with some earning annual salaries exceeding \$300,000, Piziali believes that "the quality of life is worth the trade off for the big pay check..." and "if you love what you're doing, then you have a better chance of succeeding in the long-run." Piziali made the inspiring choice to "pursue a passion instead of going for the money and, long term, I hope that the money will come, but that's not why I'm doing it, I just think that it's so rewarding." Hopefully, this will inspire students currently struggling through majors that hold no interest for them beyond the cash rewards of a life-consuming business career. After all, what price can one put on happiness?

According to Piziali, if a person is going to spend at least fifty weeks a year for the rest of his life working, it



ought to be something that one finds incredibly interesting; otherwise, every morning will be a struggle to get out of bed. Fifty weeks is a huge proportion of a fifty-two week year and, in light of this *real* world perspective, two hellish weeks of final exams followed by four months of summer just does not seem so bad after all. Piziali concluded his interview with a piece of advice for Rollins students at this period of the year, "This is really such a good point in your life, you just don't really have the perspective to appreciate it...Yeah, you have to work hard now, but appreciate it because you're going to work hard for the rest of your life."

I-4 INCONVENIENCE

■ Adjustable traffic signs reduce speeds to 35mph to put an end to fatalities.

by **Meghan Waters**
staff reporter

Starting in May 2005, a stretch of Interstate 4 in Orange and Seminole counties will be lined with variable speed limit signs that will change with time of day and traffic congestion information. The Florida Department of transportation chose central Florida as the location of a two year case study on the effects of adjustable speed limit signs and their overall effect on traffic congestion and deadly accidents.

You might find yourself having to drive 35 mph after work on I-4 or getting ticketed by the police for driving 50 mph on an interstate highway. As frustrating as this might sound, it may actually be more beneficial to I-4 drivers and their com-

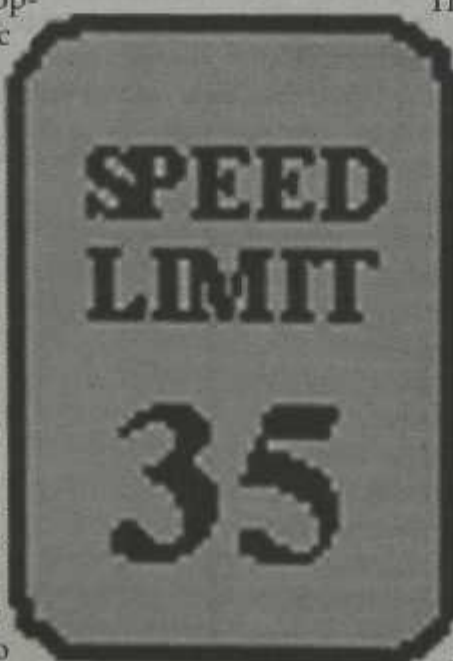
mute time than you may think. Slowing down at pre-ordained locations will eliminate the infamously frustrating stop-and-go traffic that accompanies rush hour traffic and accident congestion. It is all about logistics: you could either drive a steady 35 mph without congestion or drive 65 mph and then hit stop-and-go traffic for an extra half hour.

This tactic may also decrease the instances of traffic accidents that end in fatalities by reducing head-on collisions and hit-and-runs. How can you drive away from a crash if you can only drive a little above 30 mph and a dozen drivers witnessed the accident?

The decision to implement adjustable speed limit signs may also be beneficial to loyal I-4 commuters.

Those commuters who become frustrated with the 35 mph speed limit may prompt to take an alternative route to work or home, thus clearing the roads even more for those drivers left standing.

What is inconvenient now, may actually help Orlando and cities around the country in the long run by easing the flow of traffic and saving lives. After all, if the new system doesn't work out, we can always look forward to the same deadly accidents and traffic frustration in another two years.



Congratulations to the following new members of the Order of Omega Honor Society



Order of Omega is a national honor society honoring Greek students that excel in academics, leadership, and campus and community service

Reilly Anderson

Son Ho

Stephanie Keller

Claire Kunzman

Caitlin McConnell

Caitrin Merrill

Selena Moshell

Nicholas Pleat

Laura Pope

Cecily Schaefer-Spritz

Andrena Woodhams

Sally Woods

Jennifer Wu

Your Dreams Fulfilled: Everything You Have Ever Wanted to Know About The Budget!

Rollins Treasurer and Vice-President for Business and Finance, George Herbst, explains how the school can afford the many large construction projects

by **George Herbst**

In an effort to increase awareness and create a better understanding of the budget and budgeting process, the college is embarking on a campus-wide budget education process.

In this we hope to give readers a brief, broad overview of the entire budget and lay a foundation for further understanding and discussion. Subsequent articles will focus on different areas of the budget. After each article's publication we will hold open forums for all campus constituents to gain

additional information and ask questions.

We begin by reviewing the overall budget of the College. The budget below represents the College's unrestricted operating budget, was approved by the Rollins College Board of Trustees for the 2005-2006 school year.

Rollins is financed by four principal revenue sources: student income, gifts, investment income, and auxiliary enterprises.

Rollins tuition comes from three major sources: Arts & Sciences, the Crummer Graduate School of Business and the Hamilton

Holt School. The attached table shows the proportions of revenue and tuition by source.

Scholarship allowances represent tuition discounts given to students; the majority of unrestricted scholarships are awarded to Arts & Sciences students.

Payroll expenses dominate the College's expenditures. Salaries and Benefits comprise over 53 percent of total expenses. The College carefully evaluates the impact of additions to salaries

Tuition Source	Total	% of Total
Arts & Sciences	47,844	71.0
Crummer	10,912	16.0
Holt	7,070	10.5
International Programs	1,661	2.5
	67,487	100.0

THREE SOURCES OF TUITION: Arts & Sciences, the Crummer Graduate School of Business, and the Hamilton Holt School.

and positions. Included in benefits costs are Social Security taxes, health insurance, retirement plan contributions, life insurance, etc.

Department costs include all of those costs that are available for departmental expenditure. This includes such items as travel and entertainment, materials and supplies, printing, contract services, etc.

Debt has been issued by the college for various building and renovation projects. Debt Service represents both principal payments and interest due on the College's long-term debt. Currently the college has approximately \$68 million in outstanding debt, bearing interest at rates ranging between 2.0 percent and 6.0 percent.

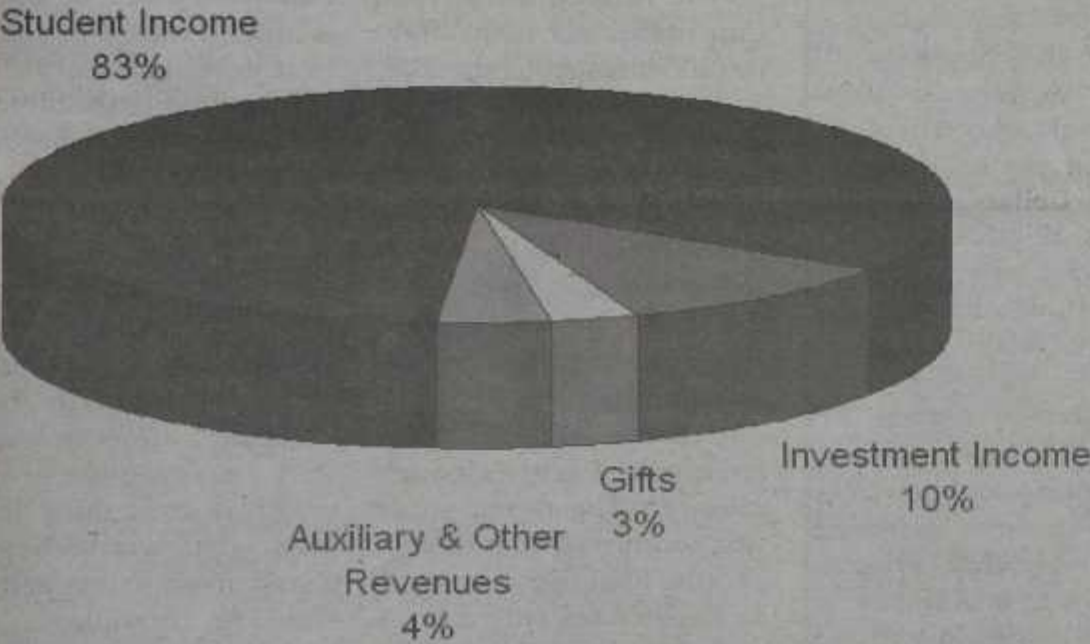
Capital Expenditures represent our budget for current capital repairs and maintenance, not including new construction. Major construction projects are normally funded only by

gifts and grants from College donors. The Contingency is the amount budgeted to protect against unanticipated variances in the budget.

There are a lot of pieces that make up the budget. The planned articles and open forums are only part of our effort to enhance and further facilitate understanding of the budgeting process. We welcome your suggestions, comments and questions. Your continuous input will provide us with an understanding of issues of relevance to the campus community at large and will alert us to areas of misunderstanding, allowing us to adjust our program. Please address any correspondence to wshort@rollins.edu or mail to box 2715, ATTN "Budgeting Educational Forums."

**For More Information
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Revenues By Source



FOUR PRINCIPLE REVENUE SOURCES: The budget revenue comes from a combination of student income, gifts, investment income, and auxiliary enterprises.

Wekiwa Springs Trip

Take a break from studying with a trip to a local national state park, Wekiwa Springs.

With only a couple of weekends left on campus, this is a great way to spend time with friends before leaving for four months of summer.

Beyond the crystal clear spring water and accompanying water sports, the park offers a butterfly garden, hiking and nature trails, primitive campsites, and sixty electric campsites (you can even bring your hair-dryer!). Each campsite hosts up to eight people and can be rented for only \$20 at www.reserveamerica.com.

For more information, check out this website: www.floridastateparks.org/



CRYSTAL CLEAR: The spring water draws a crowd.



HAPPY CAMPERS: Jessica Combs and Gundy Lane enjoyed food and friends on a recent camping trip at Wekiwa Springs.

Rollins College Operating and Capital Budget 2005-2006 in thousands

Revenues	
Student Income	
Tuition & Fees	67,488
Less: Student Scholarships	(16,510)
Tuition & Fees, Net	50,978
Residence Hall Charges	6,745
Meal Plan	3,770
Student Income, Net	61,493
Gifts - Rollins Fund	2,200
Investment Income	7,481
Auxiliaries & Other	3,130
Revenues	74,304
Expenses	
Compensation	
Salaries	29,479
Benefits	10,023
Total Compensation	39,501
Departmental Costs	18,380
Other Costs	4,517
Auxiliaries	3,549
Capital Expenditures	850
Utilities	2,260
Debt Service	3,760
Contingency	1,486
Total Expenses	74,304

GEORGE HERBST / Rollins College

Ask The Fox!

Dear Fox,

I just met this awesome guy at a party a couple weeks ago. We hit it off really well and have been out to a couple more dates since then. He calls me at least once a day and we've talked all night long numerous times about our lives, futures, career paths, etc. We seem to be going in the same direction, have a lot in common, and he's gorgeous! The thing is, he has a kid! I waited until the second date to tell me because he said he really liked me and didn't want me to run away screaming, but I kind of feel like I should. I really like this guy, but I'm in college, I don't need to become a mother before I get my career off the ground. I feel like I should look down on him for being irresponsible, but at the same time, he's such a great guy and I don't want to give him up. What should I do?

~Dating a Daddy

Dear Dating a Daddy

Well, this is a problem. First of all, it's a wonderful thing that you found someone you were instantly attracted to that turned out to feel the same about you. That is very hard to come by. My first instinct is to tell you that everyone comes with baggage and a past, and it's something we have to learn to accept, respect, and deal with if we want to spend our lives with this person.

However, this is a huge amount of baggage. This guy has a kid, not to mention he has an ex that is going to probably play a pivotal role in her child's life. Meaning, if you get involved with him, not only will you instantly become a prospective mother, but you will have to learn how to deal with a kid and an ex that will never go away all at once. It's a big responsibility.

Even more so, you have college to worry about. You



said yourself that you have a career that you've been planning on having. It would be a different thing if you were putting it aside for your own child, but someone else's is another story.

You have two choices, you can keep dating him and see how serious things get, or you can leave now. If you're already thinking after only a couple dates that this guy is the one for you, then maybe you should hang around a little longer. If you do so, make sure you tell him you're not ready to be a mom and you want to take things very slow. Let him know from the beginning that you're nervous about all this but you really like him and want to see how things work out. He will respect your honesty and it will not lead him on to thinking you're wanting marriage or to give up your career path.

On the other hand, if you leave now, you can find someone new who doesn't have a child, who you can start a relationship with, and not have to worry about the baggage that this guy has.

Honestly, if you can sit down right now and easily see yourself just moving on with your life like you've never met this guy, then do it. That way you'll save yourself, him, and the child from getting hurt in the future if the break-up occurs. If you're hesitant, which it sounds like you are, talk to him about it. Be honest with him, and yourself, and do what makes you both

happy. I'm sure he doesn't want to trap you into anything, so just take things slow and keep communicating.

The only thing you can't avoid in this situation is becoming a mother figure. As soon as you enter into this child's life, he/she is going to become attached. You'll be dating not just the father, but the child as well.

Then that opens an entirely new can of worms. Kids need tons of attention, which is going to take away from your time alone with your new boyfriend. You're going to have to learn to be okay with the fact that this child is the number one person in his life and that's probably not going to change. So, you'll be juggling getting to know this new guy on an intimate and deeper level, while trying to learn how to be a motherly figure to this child without getting too attached.

If you want this to work out, it can. If you really think this guy is worth it, and you really want to try a relationship, I don't see why you can't. You have to figure out if this is what you want and decide from there. Like I said before, do your best to be open and honest with him the entire time. Chances are, he's been through a lot in his life and doesn't need anything fake. Just be yourself and if you decide you want out, be honest.

Good luck!

~Daisy Fox

Newsflash: Pot May Be Good For You!

■ Researchers look deeper into the disease fighting power of marijuana.

by Vanessa Eves

staff reporter

Can packing a doobie, smoking a joint, hitting the bong actually be a breakthrough for atherosclerosis? Arteriosclerosis is a general term for the thickening and hardening of arteries. Atherosclerosis affects large and medium-sized arteries.

The type of artery and where the plaque develops varies with each person. Atherosclerosis is a slow, progressive disease that may start in childhood. In some people this disease progresses rapidly in their third decade. In others it doesn't become threatening until they're in their 50s or 60s. Can marijuana really fight this life threatening disease?

Don't get that pot out too quickly now kids! According to recent studies, just THC, the main chemical in marijuana that produces the intoxicating effect, is what helps fight arteriosclerosis in the body's arteries. The recent study was conducted on mice, not people. First, mice went on an eleven week fatty diet designed to clog their arteries.

For the last six weeks of the diet, some mice also got an orally administered low dose of THC along with the

high-fat food. Afterward, the mice who had received THC had fewer signs of atherosclerosis. None of those mice died during treatment or showed unhealthy behavior, says the study.

The results may be due to THC's anti-inflammatory properties, write the researchers, who included François Mach, MD, of the cardiology division at University Hospital in Geneva, Switzerland. Inflammation has been shown to be associated with the development of atherosclerosis.

Puffing pot probably won't help fight this disease. It takes a very specific amount of THC, marijuana's key chemical, to help the arteries. That dose is too low to produce mood-altering effects in the brain, according to recent studies.

Michael Roth, MD, a professor of medicine at UCLA medical school explains, "It would be difficult to achieve such specific concentrations in the blood by smoking marijuana."

Researchers cautioned, however, that smoking pot would not produce the same effect. The relaxation of arteries

was found only at a very low dose, much lower than what would be produced in someone actively smoking marijuana. Researchers recommend that drugs be developed with a low THC content instead of recommending pot as treatment for this disease.

2005 Nextel Cup Series

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When: May 1st @ 12:30 pm

What: Aaron's 499 Talladega Superspeedway

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ROGER MALLISON/KRT CAMPUS

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

Student Journal: One Pack of Death, Please

My first puff of a cigarette was in a crowded bar. I sat there and watched Ken smoking casually, and somehow I felt that I wanted to try it. I couldn't ask him to try it because he wouldn't have been able to hear me over the blaring music, so I reached for it. He looked at me quizzically. I'd always told him he shouldn't smoke and was very against ever doing it myself. However, I was sitting in an extremely loud bar in the middle of a crowd. I was nowhere near being in my element, so I figured that I'd see what else was a little bit out of my normal comfort level.

I guess part of what made me take the first drag was because of wanting to see what it was like, but I also knew that Ken found a girl smoking to be very sexy. I don't understand it to this day, but I wanted to try it for him. After that night, it was a while before I smoked again.

Remembering the first time I'd met Ken, I loved the smell of flavored clove cigarettes. The first time I'd kissed him, I could smell the Djarum Black smoke in his long, black hair. I guess that's what made the clove cigarettes so alluring. Well, there was also the fact that there were cherry flavored ones, and I'm a big fan of cherry flavoring.

The next time I smoked, I had decided that I wanted to smoke cherry flavored clove cigarettes, but that I needed to work on learning how to smoke before I could start smoking the special premium cigarettes. This sentiment led me to a Walgreen's. I was so nervous. I was 19 years old, and therefore certainly legal to be smoking, but the fear of the unknown and untried gripped me as I asked for a pack of Marlboro Ultra Lights. Rightfully, I was asked for my ID, which I had readily available.

On my drive back to Rollins College, I wanted to smoke a cigarette. I was nervous. I didn't even know how to light the small cylinder. I managed to light it and started smoking. Learning to take the smoke into my lungs was a task quickly learned. Despite the fact that I was only smoking an ultra light cigarette, I felt like I was flying in the sky. Talking to Ken, he didn't understand what I was feeling, but newer smokers, I would come to find out, wind up getting something close to a high from the nicotine in cigarettes. I wound up somewhat dizzy but very awake. My walk back to my dorm room had never been so exciting. The trees seemed greener, and the sky seemed bluer.

After only three cigarettes, I felt like I was ready to start on the good ones. This required that I bought them, which was, yet again, a task. I procrastinated for multiple reasons. First, I had no idea where I would acquire them. Second, I needed to figure out what kind I wanted.

One weekend, I went home and happened to see a cigar shop and went in to see if they had Ken's type of clove cigarettes: Djarums. They did, so I bought a pack of cherry ones and a pack of vanilla flavored ones. I wouldn't be able to smoke them until I got back up to school, so I hid them in my purse and was done with the whole transaction for a while.

Upon my arrival back at the school, I lit a cherry clove and smoked the entire thing. After less than half of the cigarette, I felt that incredible high that the nicotine gave me the very first time, but multiplied by ten. I wasn't told until later that clove cigarettes were probably the most potent.

At this point, I still hadn't actually smoked in front of my boyfriend, but my chance to do so was rapidly approaching. One night, after we went out to dinner together for the first time, I asked him if he wanted a Djarum Cherry. He agreed, and we smoked together. We sat outside the shopping plaza where we'd eaten and smoked together. I told him how extremely dizzy I was feeling, and he truly didn't understand because of how long he'd been smoking. He'd completely forgotten the feeling from all the years before. As I endeavored to stand, he was standing close to me, which was a good thing, as I fell onto him from my dizziness.

I think he believed my story of being dizzy after that incident.

I smoked quite a few Djarum Cherries. They tasted great. However, soon I wanted something that was a little less potent, as sometimes I would develop quite a headache from smoking them. I went into the 7-11 across the street from the school and bought my first pack of normal cigarettes that I actually intended to smoke for the sheer purpose of smoking. Ken smoked Camel Lights, so I decided that would be the best kind, because if I didn't want the whole pack or if he ran out of cigarettes, I could give him some of mine. I guess the justification isn't really what mattered. It was the fact that I bought them.

Quickly, smoking became a very social thing. I would go outside with my friends to talk and we would smoke while we talked. It was actually a lot of fun. I became very close friends with some of the people with whom I smoked. One girl, Jen, and I would sit and share stories with each other, which turned into confiding in each other while we sat outside on our bench. Whenever one of us would need to talk, we'd ask the other to go smoke.

One night, Jen and I were both having problems in our lives about which we wanted to talk. That night was my first experience with chain smoking. In about two hours, she and I had smoked five cigarettes each. We both looked at each other after the last one and agreed: we felt gross. We reeked of smoke.

I continued to smoke Camel Lights, without any excuses or justifications. I'd become a real smoker and a real hypocrite. After all the years of hassling my mother to quit smoking, I'd begun. After being upset with my sister for smoking in front of me while she was in college, I had started doing what I'd always looked down upon.

"And one pack of Camel Lights in a box, please."

That became my phrase at every Walgreen's and 7-11 into which I walked while I was dating Ken. I don't place all the blame on Ken for my smoking, although he played a very large roll. The main reason why I was smoking was because I was stupid.

After two months of smoking on a fairly regular basis, I decided that smoking was, indeed, disgusting. I was unable to stand smelling the disgustingness on my fingers after I'd smoked, and I was grossed out by the smoky smell of my hair. Each shower I took was an effort to remove the smell from myself.

My values have only changed in that I am not so condescending to people who do smoke. I was there, so I guess I can understand why others would get sucked into the trap of smoking. I am extremely glad that I didn't wind up enjoying smoking as so many do. I'm glad I'm not spending five dollars a day on cigarettes, which will only kill me a little bit faster. I guess it's like begging for your final days to be a little bit sooner. I know I don't want that, and I'm happy I was able to quit so easily.

~Rae Greco

Legally Blonde: Chrissy Goes to Washington

by **Chrissy Cardinell**
contributing writer

My name is Chrissy Cardinell, a junior political science major here at Rollins. Those who know me often tease me for having a bright pink SGA office and my fair share of "blonde moments," but at heart lies a pure passion for politics.

I have recently returned from Washington, D.C., concluding my year as a Presidential Fellow through the Center for the Study of the Presidency. The CSP is a non-partisan and non-profit organization that strives to further the education and understanding of the Ameri-

can Presidency. As part of this mission, the Center seeks to inspire and empower rising political leaders through their Presidential Fellows program.

The program invites a student from Rollins along with 60 other top academic institutions in the country to engage in a two part interactive conference in D.C.

Some other participating schools include Harvard, Yale, Stanford, Princeton, Columbia, Vanderbilt, and WestPoint. Throughout the school year, each Fellow is paired with a mentor from the greater Washington, D.C. community who assists and inspires us towards an ex-

tensive research paper we are to have completed for publication at the conclusion of the program.

During a fall conference and another in the spring, we, as Fellows, took part in a series of panel discussions, debates, and presentations surrounding prevalent issues to the Presidency today such as dealing with Wedge issues in democracy, old and new media coverage on the presidency, and the American character and government. The topic of this year's conference was "Celebrating Civility and Inclusive Leadership."

Just a few of the great minds who lead our conver-

sations were Senator Lamar Alexander, Ambassador Max Kampelman, Alexis Simendingun of the National Journal, Al Felzenberg from the 9/11 Commission Discourse Project, and Joe Leconte of the Heritage Foundation.

Through my experience as a Fellow, I was able to consider new issues and dilemmas that face modern politics from a multitude of perspectives ranging from the far Left, the far Right, and everything in between. The conference really encouraged us to stand our own ground, speak our minds, and form our own opinions.

In the end though, re-

gardless of the jokes and slander that come with any heated political conversation, a clear message resonated among us challenging division, advocating unity, and honoring true commitment to public service across the board. This opportunity has not only given me the chance to mingle among amazing politics students from schools all around the country, it also provided me with many professional contacts, should I pursue prospective political avenues in my future.

If you may be interested in participating next year, feel free to contact cmeixner@rollins.edu.



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Well, this is it. This week is the last time that a bunch of us can say that we are college students. Now, we, the Seniors, have to go into the "real world" and become what we all have known all our lives as "adults," "responsible citizens," or, the technical term, "grown-ups." But before we do that, we should all reminisce

a little, and enjoy the sweet memories of the last four years. We have much we could teach the underclassmen about how to get the most out of these short years. So here's a checklist of sorts for Seniors and underclassmen. If you're a Senior, there's a good chance you remember most of the things on this list, and if you're an underclassmen, you have your work cut out for you. Because we, the Class of 2005, have had a wild, crazy, fun four years, and we are going to be a hard act to follow.

You know you're in Rollins' Class of 2005 when you remember...

The 105 Events Sure to Leave

1. Catching a flying flapjack at Al's Pancake Flip
2. Spending 24 hours (or more!) in the 24-hour lab
3. Begging an off-campus student for a ride
4. Begging an on-campus student for their R-Card money
5. Getting baptized in Chi Psi's trough
6. Warming up with a "Smooth Operator" in the dance studio
7. Finding WPRK on the radio dial
8. Finding WPRK on campus
9. Seeing a play at the Annie
10. Reading a Sandspur front to back
11. Dating an ATO
12. Swimming to the ski ramp
13. Catching a 'sticky wicket' in the Annie
14. Saying "Hi!" to Scotty at 7-11
15. Saying "Hi!" to Scotty at the Post Office
16. Saying "Hi!" to Scotty in his Campus Safety Golf-Cart
17. Finding Rex Beach's grave on campus
18. Being inside the chapel's tower
19. Flipping a collar with Phi Delt
20. Experiencing the last "Experience Rollins"
21. Seeing more of a contestant than you bargained for at KD's Mr. Shamrock
22. Getting your food groups counted by Evelyn
23. Resisting joining Facebook, thinking you're too "old"
24. Joining Facebook
25. Not doing homework to do Facebook instead
26. Bowling with X-Club (for a good cause!)
27. Circling Showalter field all night for another good cause!
28. Getting a milkshake from Mae
29. Checking out a hot Chi O!
30. Being blinded by the light of the sun after a long day in Bush
31. Singing your lungs out at Big Daddy's karaoke
32. Groaning as you roll out of bed for a fire alarm at 2 am
33. Hating the kids pulling the fire alarm at 3 am
34. Actually wearing your makeup and cute pajamas to bed for the fire alarm at 4 am
35. Ignoring
36. "Never
37. Seeing
38. Groovi
39. Squeal
40. Dancin
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43. Fightin
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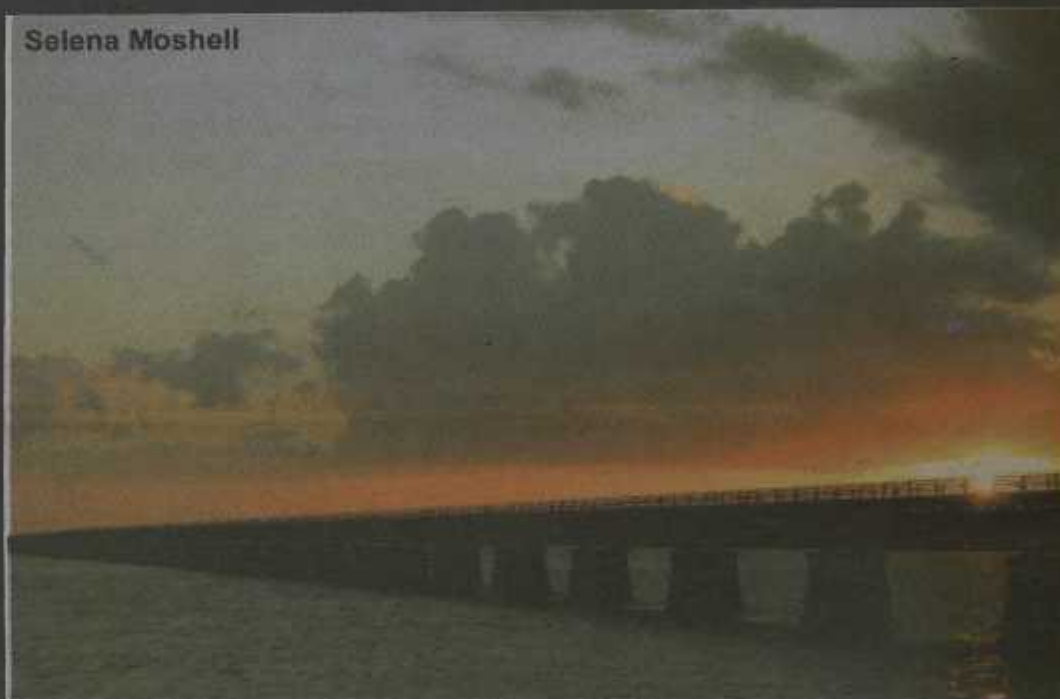
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The Lasting Impressions on Your College Memory

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 for Gavin DeGraw in the gym
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 goodbye to Rita
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 Halloween Block Party down-

53. Learning what a 'Mole' is at Mole Day
54. Pulling an All-Nighter with TJ's
55. Being 'seen' at Urban Flats
56. Welcoming AOPi to Rollins
57. Living like cave-people without the net-
work or e-mail for a month
58. Taking hideous school pictures
59. Buying a yearbook anyway
60. Convincing yourself goggle marks are a
fashionable new trend
61. Having a drink at Bistro's
62. Running (or sitting) in Rita's Fountain
63. Playing Fox Day Roulette
64. Kissing the Fox on Fox Day
65. Having Fox Day on the on the most un-
desirable day of the week
66. Wondering where the Fox's head went...
67. Sleeping in the library's pillow room
68. Laying out by the pool
69. Still going to the tanning salon
70. Staying up for 110 Hours with WPRK
71. Spiking a ball in the RCC Volleyball
Tourney
72. Singing along at Lip Sync
73. Giving Chau a hug

74. Having a hurricane party
75. Having a hurricane party, again
76. Having yet another hurricane party
77. Wearing sunglasses 3x the size of your
head
78. Thanking your professors in Professor
Appreciation Week (and forgive them
for those bad grades...)
79. Eating the world's most popular sand-
wich, a Panini Caprese, at Diane's
80. Walking to class from Sutton
81. Running to class late from Sutton
82. Circling for 20 minutes to find on-cam-
pus parking, refusing to go to the
garage
83. Saying goodbye (and thank you!) to all
the Rollins Staff
85. Getting a 'buzz' at Mocktail
86. Actually forwarding that e-mail from
"Bill Gates..." to all of Rollins
87. Going abroad
88. Being jealous of your friends going abroad
89. Getting wicked at Wicket Wednesdays
90. Going to support the Tar sports teams
91. Finding out what a Tar really is...

92. Getting a doughnut from Dr. Duncan
93. Losing a paper when the network crash-
es in Olin
94. Smuggling illegal food items past the li-
brarians in Olin
95. Add/Dropping *every single class* to get the
right schedule
96. Being shocked when you actually get the
right schedule as a senior
97. Getting nuts with Squirrels Gone Wild
98. Jumping into the fray over graduation
tickets
99. Wondering why Panera isn't on the meal
plan
100. Going to the best "hole in the wall"
around- Spats
101. Fighting hunger at the World Hunger
Concerts
102. Jumping into Lk. Virginia off Dinky Dock
103. Actually being scared in the haunted
houses for Halloween Howl
104. Actually having fun making macaroni
ornaments at Holiday Funfest
105. Getting a little nostalgic about the last
four years at Rollins



*Rollins Artists' End
of the Year Exhibition*

The Summer Heat Wave Has Begun

Summer's Hottest Swimsuits

by **Nicole Fluet**

asst. life and times editor

The trend this year: bathing suits for your body. Fashion magazines and stores are targeting different body types and providing the best suit for the best fit. Promoting a happy and healthy body, bathing suits are made to compliment the parts of you that you like the best!

Color trends: pinks and polka-dots. Across the board, fashion trends show that those are in style right now. Yellows and pinks contrast each other nicely, allowing for a more casual and cute look. Turquoise and lime green are also very popular colors.

Accessories are just as important as a perfect suit. Having a matching beach

bag, towel, and cover-ups seem to be the trend this year, as it was in recent years. Popular stores such as American Eagle



and Hollister sport swimsuits with all the matching gear right there in the store, making it easier for the eager buyer to make a purchase.

For cover garments, sweats are encouraged! As hot as it is out there, casual sweat pants to cover the bathing suit is the in-thing.

Sarongs are also very popular. Tied casually to the left or right hip, they are very fashionable.

Hats and sunglasses are another story. With the big, rounded sunglasses coming back into style, big, rounded hats are as well. Casual, yet classy, beach hats not only block out the sun from your eyes, but also allow you to walk the beach in style.



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Searching for a Summer Vacation Destination?

by **Nicole Fluet**

asst. life and times editor

There are a never ending number of places to visit in the United States. This summer, why not try out a new place you've never been before! Who needs the beaches of Florida when you can get the culture and excitement from various parts of our very own country?

New Orleans, LA

Nestled on coast of the Mississippi river, this wonderfully exciting city will fill your days and nights with millions of new things to try. Obviously, Bourbon Street is the first on



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everyone's list. Found in New Orleans's historic French Quarter, Bourbon Street is the home to many famous jazz clubs and other places to party the whole night through. The city is always busy!

Aside from the partying, the richness of the history in New Orleans will keep your days busy. Tours are available through all of the historic districts throughout the area. The first Roman Catholic Church, St. Louis Cathedral, can be seen on many of the tours, along with the famous riverboats along the Mississippi River.

If history isn't your thing, Six Flags will do the trick. With the famous Batman the Ride roller coaster soaring 105 feet at fifty miles per hour, this ride attracts many who are eager for that rush. Mardi Gras World is also a must-see museum when visiting New Orleans, allowing for the history and

fun of Mardi Gras to come alive right before your eyes!

San Francisco, CA

Shifting the fun to the West Coast of the United States, San Francisco appeals to everyone. Found between San Francisco Bay and the Pacific Ocean, historic San Fran delivers fun, excitement, and a lot of entertainment.

Tours throughout the city take you to the famous sights such as the Golden Gate Bridge and Alcatraz. No doubt you'll hear once or twice about the fire that burned for three days and the tower built in thanks for the firefighters who rescued the city. Other tours will take those interested to nearby Napa and Sonoma Valleys where wine is their specialty, or on a scenic tour of Highway 101, Pebble Beach, and Carmel.

Inside the city, there is plenty to do. Fisherman's Wharf provides shops, the Hard Rock Café, and many boat tours to occupy the day. An aquarium can be found for

those interested and tons of antiques and unique buys can be found throughout the

streets. Downtown San Francisco provides a famous ride on the trolleys, a must-do for anyone visiting the city. Market Street, where all the major corporations can be found, is also a very interesting sight to see.

Boston, MA

If "firsts" are what you're after, Boston is the place to find them. Every-

thing is a first in this wonderfully historic and entertaining city. From the first fireplace to the first restaurant where "everybody knows your name," visitors to Boston will never be without something to do. Plus, everything is in walking distance!

Historically, tours can take you around the city to the different landmarks including the Freedom Trail, Paul Revere's House, and the sight of the Boston Massacre. Boston Harbor also provides an interactive reenactment of the Boston Tea Party, allowing the visitors to partake in the famous act that was thought to start the American Revolution. Nearby Plymouth Rock takes visitors back to the first settlements, literally.

Aside from the historical groundwork of the city, places such as Faneuil Hall and Quincy Market provide over a hundred shops and restaurants in one designated area. The North End provides an authentic Italian addition to the city with many delicious restaurants lining Hanover Street. Boston Common, in the center of the city, is Boston's Central Park, with acres of beauty and relaxing walkways.

A short trip out of Boston will also take you to many places. Cape Cod, about an hour drive, can give a scenic, beach feel to your vacation. New York City is also only about five hours away!



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"Can you Handle the Truth" of our Exclusive Tom Cruise Interview?

by **Lara and Jess**

arts and entertainment editors

He made dancing in your underwear cool, he brought aviators from the Navy to the fashion runway, and he stole our hearts with a single line, "you complete me." But this actor is more than a cute smile and a witty line here and there.

Any college journalist would kill for the chance to interview a celebrity - let alone an internationally respected actor starring in films such as *Risky Business*, *Rain Man*, *Jerry Maguire*, *Vanilla Sky*, *The Last Samurai*, *Mission Impossible*, and now *War of the Worlds*. You must now know that we are raving about Tom Cruise - one of our personal favorites and our interview of the year. That's right - The Sandspur entertainment editors rocked the house with Tom last Friday. On a conference call along with college reporters from across the country, we got the chance to hit Tom with some tough questions about his new film!

Cruise's latest blockbuster is *War of the Worlds*.

Inspired by H.G. Wells' novel, it is a story of a dead-beat dad (Ray Ferrier) facing the challenges of fatherhood in the midst of an alien attack! As Cruise battles aliens for his own security, he must also protect his children from mass destruction. Contrary to Ray Ferrier, Cruise views himself as a different man. "He is not taking responsibility for his family or the future. I am very much the opposite. I always wanted to be a father... I understand Ray because I have lived in those kinds of blue collar areas growing up," he commented.



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Rising star Dakota Fanning (Rachel Ferrier) plays his daughter. When asked about what it was like to work with the child actress he said, "Dakota is enormously talented and I think if they want to work, I absolutely feel very protective not only of her but of all artists getting into work because I know the ups and downs, the ins and outs of this business."

Although it may seem as if Cruise has transitioned to a sci-fi action star, the trend is purely coincidental. After filming *Minority Report* with Steven Spielberg, they teamed up to create yet another masterpiece. "I think he is without a doubt our greatest storyteller in cinema, certainly if you look at how prolific he is. The two of us together, it is a creative combustion," Cruise said.

Despite the last H.G. Wells novel turned film disaster (*Time Machine*), Cruise wholeheartedly believes that this picture was made well and will thus translate well on the screen, "it's the best first draft of a screenplay that I have ever read in my ca-

reer."

Even though the film seems surreal as Martians attack planet Earth, Cruise trusts the public will enjoy the picture. "I hope this film resonates with people. It resonates with me as a human being, as a man, as a father, I know as a parent, and as a person here on Earth. It is a film that is pretty scary. It is going to be intense. It is just an intense movie. I think if something is done well it will translate to an audience. All I can do is make a movie that I believe in... But I most definitely enjoy communicating to audiences. I make movies for audiences."

Well what about aliens? Does Cruise really believe in them? When asked his opinion on the existence of extraterrestrial beings he said, "I believe what I know empirically; what I have seen myself and can observe. I think that it is truly arrogant to think that we are the only living sentient beings in all the universes for infinity. I think



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that is a little unreal. Aliens? I have no idea," Cruise said.

On the phone, Cruise was eloquent yet personable showing an obvious enthusiasm for his new film. Believing *War of the Worlds* portrays a timeless theme, Cruise empathetically said, "I hope you dig it." Prepare for Earth going to war when the film hits theaters June 29.

An avid movie watcher himself, he is excited for the upcoming summer movie lineup including *Star Wars*, *Batman* and the *Fantastic Four*. Looking for other blockbuster hits to catch up on this summer? Cruise recommends *Napoleon Dynamite*, "I laughed...I saw that film three times. Great movie. 'Idiot!' I thought it was just hilarious."

Men Missed Out on Matching Genes

by **James H. Burnett III**

syndicated writer/krt campus

For many American men, being told you do anything "like a girl" is considered an insult.

Throwing. Hitting. Running. You get the idea.

But fellas, if you haven't figured out yet what makes for a hot wardrobe, it's about time you learned to shop... like a girl or better yet, a woman.

While many women understand the concept of buying clothing, mixing and matching items to create multiple outfits, many men shop by mannequin - purchasing outfits that don't work with other clothes.

Following the plastic guy's lead is not always a bad thing if you're stumped, says our expert, Clinton Kelly, co-host of *The Learning Channel's "What Not to Wear"*, the show that helps the hapless dress to fit their bodies and ages.

Kelly suggests you follow these tips:

Shop for pants first. "Start on the bottom. Generally men's trousers don't come in as many colors as

women's. They tend to come in neutral colors, like black, charcoal gray, khaki. If you stick with neutral on the bottom, that's gonna make your life 100 percent easier, because with a neutral color as a foundation, you can wear something more colorful on top."

Look for neutral-colored pants with a little flair. "You can do a navy pant - a neutral color - with a pinstripe... a lighter blue pinstripe, for example. You can take your cue from the pinstripe, and maybe wear a light blue sweater or shirt. You have to take your cues (for compiling outfits) from the garment itself. Maybe it's a windowpane pant with a little red in it. Look for a red shirt or sweater to match."

Buy business suits with mixing and matching already in mind. "The idea of breaking up a suit is so easy to do. Get a neutral suit; get it tailored to fit you. And simply take your cues and wear the pants with a nice colorful sweater. Take the jacket and wear it with nice jeans and a T-shirt."

Make your fabric patterns complement rather

than clash with one another. "Women have a little more difficulty than men, because there's so much more color and pattern out there. They're more likely to buy something really colorful on the bottom and then have a tough time finding a good top to match. Guys have a tough time mixing and matching pattern, period. The thing for guys to learn is you want one pattern to be more dominant than the other. If you wear a pinstripe on the bottom, you can do a bold check on the top."

Be bright. "Every single designer showed bright colors (during New York's fashion week). I think aqua is a great color for guys, like a turquoise. It's a color most guys are really comfortable with and should try to wear in really bold solid shirts."

Go preppy. "Try something like a 'Great Gatsby' look, something like a cable-knit deep-V-neck sweater with contrasting trim."

Rough it. "A great denim blazer would also be good this spring, to sort of dress down a nice outfit from the top down. And then there is

the safari-looking jacket with pockets on the front of the chest."

Air out your feet. "The average guy might not wear a sandal, but a safari-looking sandal, leather with lots of hardware, would be a good item."

Jazz up your jacket. "A favorite look of mine is pocket squares. They add a

little bit of elegance, a little pizzazz to a sport coat."

Don't waist your midsection. "The bold belt buckle is continuing for men. Get yourself a nice thick belt and bold buckle for casual looks, in jeans, etc."

Cover your eyes. "The aviator sunglasses - not going away. It's such a classic look for guys."

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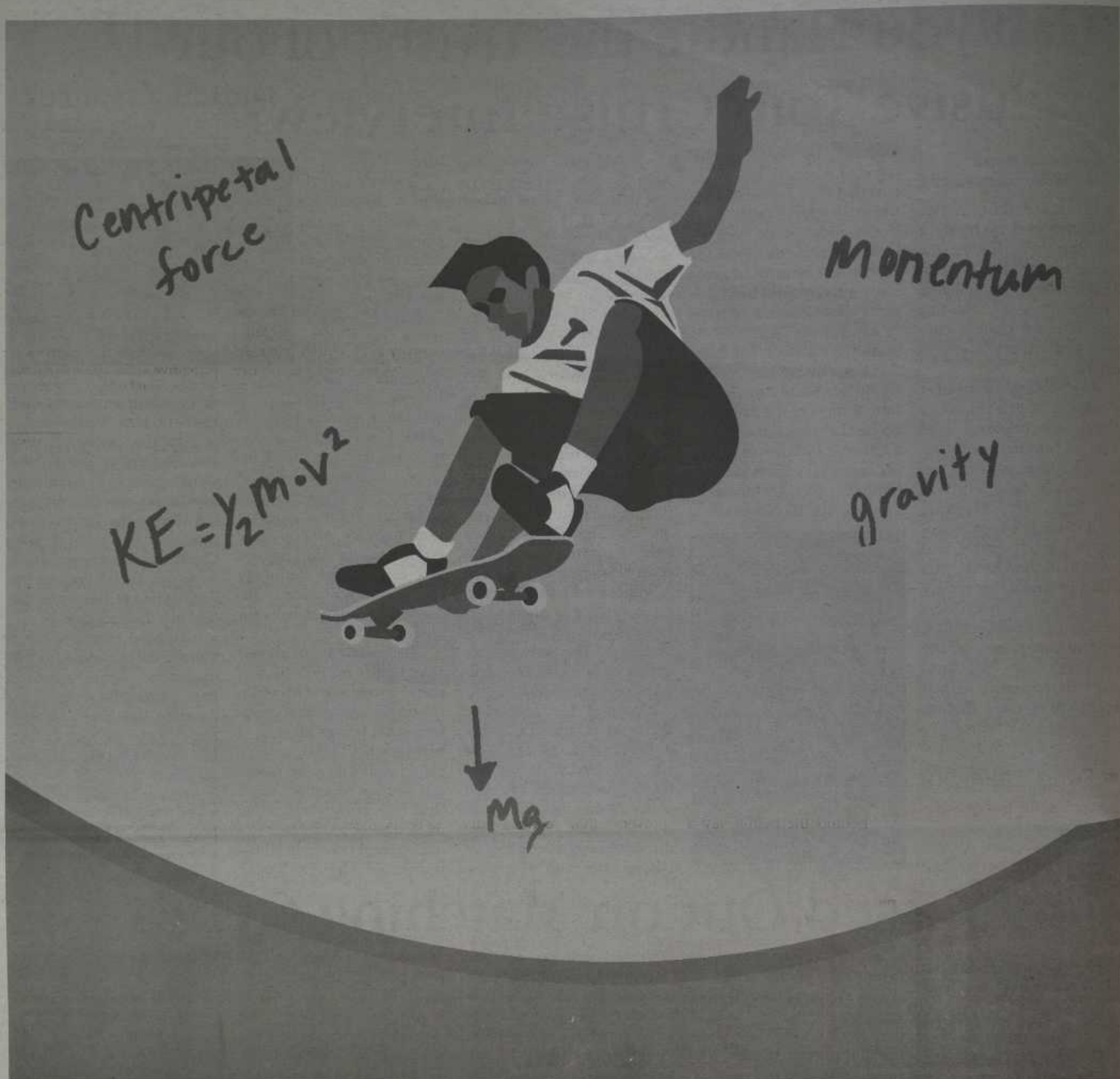


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No More Relativism, Please

■ Is acceptance in our near future?

by **Jami Furo**

staff reporter

There are some things that just need to be said—no matter how unpopular they are.

Over the years, our society has developed significantly when it comes to tolerance and acceptance of other cultures, races, religions, and ways of life. However, racism, sexism, and other forms of discrimination have not been eradicated, I'm sorry to say. But, when comparing our society to the America 50 years ago, we have come a long way.

That being said, we have a new problem at hand, and the beast's name is moral relativism. We as Americans, in our search for tolerance of all peoples, have come to accept

tolerance of all ideas. We have come to accept the idea that truth is relative and that each person decides their own moral code—like existentialism, I suppose. I never liked existentialism.

It is our responsibility as human beings to accept all people of different religions and cultures. However, it is also our responsibility to *not* accept their beliefs if they contradict our own. By accepting beliefs that contradict our own, we are denying our own beliefs. By saying that everyone is right, we are betraying our own sense of truth.

For example, how I can say that I do not believe that abortion is right. However, if I say that it is right for you even though it is not for me, am I not saying that it is right? Am I not condoning it? Am I not saying that it is moral even though I do not believe that it is a moral decision for me?

This mentality has changed our definition of tolerance. Tolerance used to refer to accepting people and their right to believe what they want. However, just because people have the right to believe what they want (which they absolutely should), that does not mean that we have to believe that what they believe is right.

As convoluted as that sounds, it is actually fairly simple. We can accept a person without accepting their beliefs. We can accept a person's right to a belief system without accepting that belief system. I believe that people should have the freedom to practice whichever religion they choose—or do not choose, as the case may be. However, that does not change the fact that I believe my religion to be the correct one. If you practice a different religion than I do, I hope that you believe that your religion is correct. We do not

have to agree. We must only accept each other as people and our right to practice our own beliefs.

Truth is not something that we decide. It is something that we perceive, and two contradictory truths cannot coexist. We will always disagree. However, in order to establish peace among us, we do not need to compromise our beliefs and accept all truths. We must simply accept each other. As long as we treat each other with love and respect, it is okay to believe in one universal moral code. In fact, we it is necessary. He who believes everything actually believes in nothing.

Have a good summer, Rollins. Thank you for reading. I know you may not always think that I'm right. In that case, I don't think that you're right. At least we agree that there is a right and there is a wrong. It's a step in the right direction.

The Flame in Plato's Cave

■ Plato's allegory still carries relevance.

by **Issac Stolzenbach**

photo editor

Ya'know, I had a tough time deciding what approach I should take in writing my last article as an undergraduate at Rollins College. Should I dig into the pith and dredge up the negative aspects of Rollins in an attempt to wipe those Panglossian-grins off the uninformed-faces I see across campus, or take the greater challenge, and make the vain attempt to say something inspirational . . .

While working on my graduate school admissions essay, I came across a pretty cool/terrifying analogy: putting Plato's *Allegory of the Cave*, from Book VII of *The Republic*, in modern terms:

Plato presents his audience with a simile where the whole of society is analogous to a cave. Within this cave, citizens are bound by the throat, hands, and feet to the floor (*viz.* A *Clockwork Orange* during the "reprogramming" scene sans toothpicks); forced to witness and accept what is put before them as Truth. Inside Plato's cave there are lines of people shackled to the floor, forced to face one direction,

shadows appear on the wall in front of them.

Behind the people lay a fire and a roadway above the exit from the cave, where "they" (in this context "they" refers to the hegemonic entities that control the means of production and economy, or more informally . . . *they*, the powers that be) walk back and forth in front of the fire with wooden cutouts. The action of people walking across the roadway with cutouts in front of the fire casts shadows on the wall in front of the citizens bound to the floor.

The interesting point here is that while "they" march back and forth along the roadway holding up a wooden cutout of a *donkey*, for instance, they shout out that the symbol is an *elephant*. The fire projects the image of a donkey to the society bound to the floor, but what the marchers of the roadway tell the citizens is that they are looking at an elephant. Behind the bound individuals lay the exit from the cave, which emits a soft light. Though arguable, I believe the light in Plato's cave represents the light of knowledge.

To put this age-old story into modern context, imagine the people walking across the roadway are government officials; the fire is the media; the wall of the cave is a television;

we are bound to the floor. The government, or *they*—the powers that control discourse—choose what the media will illuminate before the public. A current example of this in action was the Theresa Marie Schiavo case last month. The discourse was presented to the public that President Bush was so concerned over the case that for the first time in his presidency, he came home early from vacation to sign a bill to extend her life. But the truth of the discourse is much more intricate. The guy that came home early to sign a bill and rally the Crusaders is the same guy that made a point to sign a bill ending the life of people who couldn't pay for health care while serving as governor of Texas in 1999.

How is this simile relevant to your everyday student here at Rollins College? Well, our motto is *Fiat Lux*, or in English, "Let there be light." If we are to embrace one of the core values of our school in the modern day, then I suggest that we look at our motto in context of Plato's cave. What will the graduating class choose to shed light on? What *they* put before us and call Truth? Or will we challenge ourselves to dig into the sinew, presenting discourse in a different light?

I encourage each of us, the Class of 2005, to serve tenure as the Flame in Plato's cave before setting our sights on the permanent exit. Plato said the greatest challenge of the philosopher is to see some of the light (gain some knowledge) then return to the floor of the cave and try to release some of our brethren. I posit there is a greater challenge. Gain some knowledge and then take a position amongst the Flame, the foundations of your morality will be challenged time and again whilst you try to remain objective. This is a real-world education.

Living in a time when scripted plays are presented as journalism, we should take note that the flame is under siege. From such outrages as scripted town hall meetings with the president of the United States, to the Department of Education paying a journalist to say what they want (*viz.* Armstrong Williams made \$241,000 to help promote President Bush's No Child Left Behind policy) we all must challenge ourselves to put forth a critical eye.

Do not stand for the corruption of the media, Rollins; question the nature of discourse on a daily basis. *Fiat Lux* Rollins—be the light—be the catalyst—be the Flame—

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I would like to comment on the misguided article written by Mr. Stolzenbach concerning the outrageous assertion that Pope Benedict XVI is in any way a fascist who is going to ruin the Catholic faith. It is unfortunate that the unfounded stories the news media has been reporting, about the newly elected pope's past as a Hitler Youth, are now starting to adversely affect the opinions of many. There are several points on which I would like to contend Mr. Stolzenbach's assertions.

I would first off like to state that I am a practicing Catholic, and I do not attempt to hide my bias in defending my faith. Because I am a practicing Catholic and one who takes interest in the faith to which I belong, I believe that some aspects of this article are obviously wrong to one who understands the Catholic religion. I do not contest the fact that many Catholics in the United States are upset about the newly elected pope, yet the

US claims only 4% of the world's Catholics. This means that the US, while important in global politics, is only an extremely small contributor to the Catholic faith. And, as a US citizen, I find it extremely undemocratic that so many believe the will of such a small minority should way more heavily in the operations of the Church.

Another misconception about the Catholic Church, easily found through brief research, is that what is happening to the Catholic faith in the US is found throughout the world. The simple fact is that the highly publicized scandals that have plagued the American Church over the past several years are largely an American anomaly. The sexual abuse scandal in the United States is exactly that, in the United States. And another issue that has come up lately is the lack of priests, and this lack is located in the US and only a handful of European nations. The troubles we face in the United States, as Catholics, are not too widespread a phenomenon as

some like to think.

Though it is true that most of the Cardinals who voted for Joseph Ratzinger are European, Europe only claims 25% of the world's Catholics. Therefore, it would be folly to suppose that the Cardinals are only concerned with Europe, and disregard the other 75%.

One plays a dangerous game when extrapolating too much from the Pope's childhood in Nazi Germany. Joseph Ratzinger was born in the year 1927, and was only six years old when the Nazi party gained power. By the time young Ratzinger joined the Hitler Youth at eighteen, it was compulsory. As reported by the New York Times, the new pope's brother George Ratzinger said that he, his father, and brother secretly listened to Allied radio broadcasts to hear the truth, and both brothers drew strength from the faith to which they were so devoted. Ratzinger covertly resisted Hitler's regime. Pope John Paul II lived his young adulthood in Nazi occupied Poland, yet

he is lauded for passively and secretly resisting the Nazis. Why is this not the same for our new pope? Ratzinger secretly and passively resisted the Nazis even while he was an unwilling minor participant. This seems to be an unfair double standard.

It seems unfair to say that one cannot escape the general sentiments of one's environment. It is not impossible for Ratzinger to feel differently than many of his fellow Bavarians. His family environment was not sympathetic to the Nazis. I am not quite sure what was meant by calling the pope the German expletive form of excrement friendly but if it is in reference to the regularity of his bowel movements, I most certainly hope he is. The references to him being a false prophet, and covering the three sixes on his head are just deplorable insults that have no grounding and just seem to be a means to inspire the readers in the absence of facts.

This article, though colorfully written, is a work of in-

sulting fiction devoid of fact. If everyone cared to research the truth, such unfounded sentiments could be avoided.

Brett Heiney



Dear Mr. Heiney,

First and foremost, I will relent here and apologize for allowing emotion to enter my writing. Second, the German expletive I used if directly translated looks naughty, but, having lived there, I learned a little slang—it means two-faced, or friendly in a poopy way. Finally, I meant no harm, but I am deeply troubled that the Catholic Church has taken the conservative turn, and left me on the periphery. Thank you for your submission. ~Issac Stolzenbach

Academic Freedom

The recent editorial regarding Academic Freedom and a controversial bill in the Ohio legislature prompted me to point out that there is a similar bill in the FLORIDA legislature right now. Under the provisions of this bill, HB0837, students could sue their professors and/or colleges for presenting material with a point of view contrary to a student's beliefs. For example, a fundamentalist Christian student could sue because the "Intelligent

Design (creationism)" origin theory isn't given equal billing to evolutionary theories regarding the origin of species and the like in a science class.

So, such a bill should encourage more open academic discussions, no? And protect students from the "academic tyranny" of crazy, overzealous radical professors. Right?

Well, what if a student buys into a conspiracy theory that claims the moon landings in the 60's were all a hoax and the "evidence" of

the landings was faked in the Nevada desert? Some people actually believe that, you know. So, If a professor doesn't give that point of view serious classroom attention, that student is entitled to sue under this statute. What if I believe fervently that the earth is flat? Can I sue for having my viewpoint belittled and discriminated against? YES, if this bill passes.

Do note that this particular bill in Florida would not affect Rollins directly, because the bill's authority

would only extend to the public schools, like UCF. Lawmakers included that in the bill so that religious institutions that indoctrinate students with radical right-wing political beliefs can continue to do so with impunity. Nevertheless, are we willing to allow government officials and lawyers to dictate the curriculum in classrooms, under the guise of "protecting academic freedom?"

Read the text of the bill, with its blatant doubletalk, and write your Florida legis-

lators to weigh in on the subject.

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Britain Takes a Step Back on Immigration

■ Europe should keep its borders open, not recoil with xenophobia.

by John Ferreira

managing editor

The election in Great Britain will be held on May 5, something that has received little attention here in the United States. Tony Blair's Labour Party has a slight lead in the latest opinion polls, but it is clear that Blair's support has slipped during this last term and this election will be no walk in the park.

One of the most contentious issues in this elec-

tion has been one we discuss often here in the United States, the issue of immigration. This is a great example that democracies all around the world are dealing with the same difficult issues. Just as Americans are dealing with problems that arise with immigration, the Brits are struggling for ideas on how to deal with immigration.

The two main parties in Britain are offering to take a step back by offering immigration controls. The Tories are suggesting annual refugee and immigrant quotas, bonds for temporary workers, compulsory health checks, offshore asylum processing centres, new border

police, and quitting UN refugee convention. Labour is proposing much the same by suggesting that they will reduce asylum numbers by tougher rules on settlement and more deportations, having electronic register of all crossing borders and establishing skills-based point systems for permanent immigrants.

It is laughable that while Europeans claim to be the most accepting of people and look down on racist America, they are taking a step back on immigration. Instead of opening its borders for those who want honest work, these new rules in Britain will be a great economic retrogress. This hint

of xenophobia can be felt in France, too. In the 2002 French elections, Jacques Chirac had to face off against anti-immigrant xenophobe Jean-Marie Le Pen, who wanted to close French borders and expel Muslims. America has been known for its anti-immigrant ideologies, notably Pat Buchanan who believes that immigrants dilute the purity of American values.

Immigration is an integral part to any strong nation. Democracy is grounded on the ideal that it can accept people with different ideals, upbringing, and values. It is sad when the dominant British political wind is telling people outsiders that

they are not welcome in their nation. There have been many eastern Europeans and Muslims who have moved to Britain and made themselves productive citizens. Western nations should not close their boundaries to anyone who is willing to make an honest living, because it sets a terrible example for budding democracies around the world. While the Muslim world continues to be mostly closed, new ideas are pouring in from those who return to the Middle East after living in Europe.

Europe should stay open so that it can disseminate its ideas and show everyone the beauty of democracy.

When I Grow Up...Dean Hybl's Farewell

Do you remember as a kid being asked what you wanted to be when you grew up? To a seven-year-old, the future is one of limitless potential. I remember thinking that I was going to be either an astronaut or the President of the United States and truly believing that I would have the choice.

I'm sure all of you had similar thoughts. Whether you thought you would be a fireman or a doctor, a teacher or a football player, you truly believed that anything was possible.

Well, how have things turned out?

For me, I recently met an astronaut and have been to Kennedy Space Center, but that is about as close as I have come to going into space. I am now old enough to be the president, but that is one job that was much more appealing at age seven than it is now for me at age 37.

How about for you?

It is my sincere hope for all of you that you have either reached the career aspiration you had for yourself as a young child or are in the process of doing so, but I am willing to bet that in most cases what you are doing today, or will do once you finish school, is not exactly the answer you gave when asked that question as a child.

But that isn't at all bad. In fact, for me while I haven't flown in space or spoken in

front of congress, I have had many wonderful opportunities and experiences that I would not trade for anything. I have learned that having a successful and happy life and career isn't necessarily about grandiose achievements. Rather, I have realized that you can achieve success and fulfillment without being known internationally.

That last revelation has become particularly obvious to me during my nine years here at Rollins. While at Rollins I have met and seen in work many people who are virtually unknown outside of this Winter Park Community, yet in their own way have made a gigantic impact on the lives of the students on this campus. I don't have to name any names for you all to know some of the people I am referring to. These are the people whose friendliness and genuine concern for every student makes Rollins special and helps homesick 18-year-olds feel like they are not alone.

I am very proud of what is being achieved at Rollins. It has been said and written many times in recent years that as a country we are falling behind the rest of the world in the education of our young people and are creating a leadership void for the future.

While as a nation we certainly must improve the overall infrastructure and

focus of our educational system, I disagree with those experts who contend that the young people of today either don't care about becoming the leaders of tomorrow or are not capable of doing so.

To the contrary, I believe that American colleges and universities in the dawn of the new millennium are focusing more than ever on creating citizens who will have a vested interest in



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shaping the future of our country.

I just think that what confuses the so called "experts" is that the leaders of the next generation won't necessarily have all the same methods and goals that spurred the baby boomer generation. But that doesn't mean that they care less about this country than generations that have come before them, or that they will be less successful than their predecessors.

In my nine years as a

member of the athletic department staff and three years as advisor to The Sandspur, I have seen firsthand many of the future leaders of our country.

When I came to Rollins, some of the athletic teams here had enjoyed success, but there were many others that were below average and barely competitive. The grade point average of the student-athletes was okay, but nothing special.

During the last nine years the athletic teams at Rollins have improved to the point where every team is competitive within the conference and most are national contenders. Last year Rollins finished sixth out of nearly 300 Division II schools in the national all-sport standings. This was achieved despite the fact that Rollins was the smallest school and the only private school in the top 10.

Academically, the improvement has been just as dramatic. The student-athletes at Rollins have now achieved a semester grade point average above a 3.0 for seven straight semesters and have actually surpassed the 3.1 mark for each of the last three terms.

This has all happened through the efforts of an excellent coaching staff and administration, combined with the hard work and determination of the student-athletes. Student-athletes at Rollins are not satisfied with

just being good, they believe they can be great and work hard enough to achieve that level.

I have seen the same determination to be successful in the students who comprise the newspaper staff at The Sandspur. It was not that long ago that the paper did not publish every week and when it did, barely anyone noticed.

Over the last three years, a group of students who believe in the importance of having a student voice have turned The Sandspur from something good only for wrapping fish into an important campus publication that everyone at Rollins can be proud of and utilize as a true student voice.

Just for the record, I still don't know what I want to be when I grow up and am beginning to realize that I may never actually have to decide on one thing. I recently left my job with the athletic department and this is the last edition of the paper for which I will serve as advisor. The long hours of the athletic department were becoming too much to handle as I have a young daughter and a baby boy due in August. I am now working for the Orlando Regional Chamber of Commerce and am enjoying the new challenges of that job as well as my added time with my growing family. I'm still not an astronaut, but I am now a Dad, and that is even better.

The Second Annual 'SPUR AWARDS

by **Mark Bartschi**

editor-in-chief

At last, here we are at the end of an academic year, and after twenty-five issues, I still have just a little bit of hair left. The Sandspur has continued to grow and mature, becoming the best that it's ever been.

Each of our staff members contributes something

unique and essential, whether it be a tendency to bounce off the walls, a light-hearted sense of cynicism, a consistently dependable work ethic, or outstanding quality journalism. It has been an honor and a privilege to work with these individuals, and it is my pleasure to present our brightest and best with these awards.



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Smith Goes First in Draft

by **Jake Kohlman**

sports editor

It seemed to take forever, but last weekend the NFL conducted their annual draft. The first three rounds on Saturday went on for hours as teams had 15 minutes to make selections in the first round and 10 minutes in subsequent rounds.

Alex Smith, a quarterback from Utah, was the first pick of the draft. Smith was selected by the San Francisco 49ers who were looking for a franchise quarterback to turn around their dismal team. The 49ers had hoped to trade down to gather more picks, but were unable to entice another team to make a suitable offer.

Notable in the first round was the selection of four players from one school, Auburn. The selection of Auburn running backs Ronnie Brown, second overall to Miami, and

Cadillac Williams, fifth overall to Tampa, was the first time two running backs from the same team had ever been selected in the top five of the same draft. Teammates Carlos Rodgers, a cornerback, and Jason Campbell, a quarterback, were taken with the ninth and twenty-fifth overall picks respectively; both by the Washington Redskins.

Andy Stokes, a tight end from NAIA school William Penn, was the 255 selection of the draft, by the New England Patriots, and therefore is the 2005 Draft's Mr. Irrelevant. Each year a party is held to honor the Draft's last pick.



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NUMBER ONE PICK: New San Francisco Quarterback Alex Smith is introduced.



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A Goodbye Message from the Sports Editor

Well boys and girls, we've had a good run, haven't we? With this issue, the last of the semester, I bid you all a fond farewell. With this issue my reign as Sandspur Sports Editor will come to a close.

Before parting let me say that I sincerely appreciate the hard work of everyone

who wrote for the sports section this semester; yes, both of you have been invaluable. Natalie Wyatt has covered softball like it's her job, and, without the versatile and prolific Erica Tibbetts, assistant sports editor, there would be no section.

I hope in the future more people will become involved

with the section and the newspaper in general. It's an enjoyable experience and you meet good people. Don't just complain about the newspaper; do something to help out.

With that I say goodbye. Keep on, keep keepin' on people. Farewell,

—Jake Kohlman

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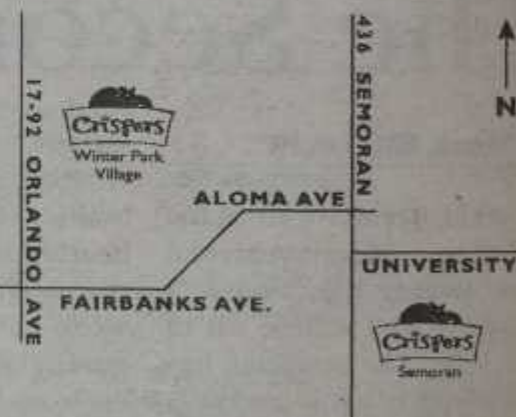
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A Brief Rollins Sports Recap

by **Erica Tibbetts**

asst. sports editor

The Rollins athletic teams had an..... interesting year in 2004-2005; there were conference champions and runners-up, teams made it to the NCAA Division II finals and teams travelled hundreds of miles to compete. There were exciting wins and disappointing losses, easy victories and crushing defeats. I guess you could say everything you can always say about sports this year, but a few performances and performers stood out.

During the fall, volleyball, soccer, and cross country had their main season. Volleyball finished their season with 20 wins overall and 14 losses. This was only the second time in 9 years that the team has won 20 matches. They finished fourth in the Sunshine State Conference. Julia Carner broke the team record for assists, attacks and digs. She racked up 1537 kills, 508 digs, and 1421 assists. The volleyball team is not graduating any seniors so the team should be strong next season.

Women's soccer won 9 of their 15 games, finishing fourth in their conference. They went on to win the semi-finals and quarter finals in the SSC tournament, beating rivals Barry in a grueling game that went to double overtime and then penalty shootouts. The lady Tars ended up losing in the final against Tampa, but all in all had a good season. Senior Keri Dye was named to the 2004 Coaches Association's All-South Soccer Team. She was the only senior to graduate.

The cross country team didn't have the best season; a lot of their meets were cancelled due to hurricanes. They only managed to race in three. The first meet was at St Leo and the Lady Tars finished third, the second was the ERU/Smoothie king Cross Country Classic and the Tars finished eighth. At the SSC tournament the Tars came in fifth.

During the winter season, basketball (and their cheerleaders) and swimming had their seasons. Women's basketball had a very inconsistent season, going on numerous winning and losing streaks. They ended up with a record of 21-10, finishing fifth in the conference. They went to Barry as underdogs in the tournament, but they ended up beating both the first and

second seeds, winning the tournament and advancing to the NCAA tournament. Unfortunately they went in seeded last and lost their first game against the number one seeds.

The swimming team had one of their best seasons ever, taking second in the Sunshine State Meet. Sophomore Trevor Hughes led the Tars men, hitting the NCAA B cut in both the 100 and 200 fly events. He took second in both events in school record times of 50.66 and 1:56.37. He also teamed with Bill Burris, Bear Defino and Kyle Gold to take first in the 200 Medley Relay. Their time of 1:34.12 was just .7 seconds off an NCAA "A" cut. Corie Kelly had a big weekend for the women, notching two school records and hitting the "B" cut in the 100 butterfly with a time of 59.05 seconds. She was also part of two record setting relays as the Tars took second in both the 200 and 400 medley relay.

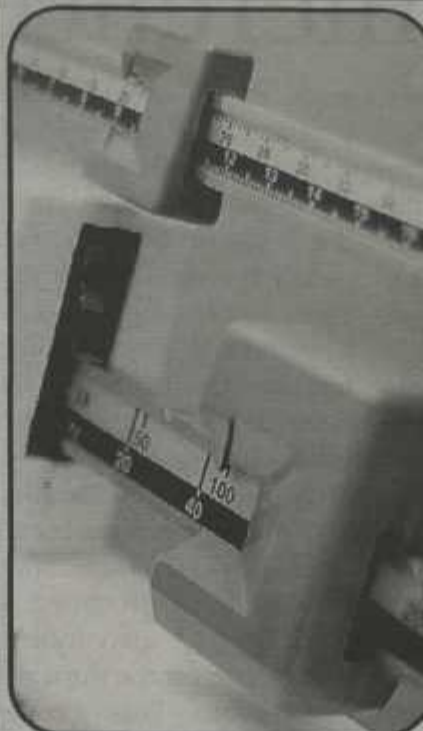
In the spring softball, tennis, sailing, baseball, and crew have their seasons. Last weekend saw the women's tennis team in action at their SSC tournament in Melbourne. The Tars were seeded third going in after finishing their season 14-4 (6-2 in conference play). They played second seed Barry in the semifinals, and were handed a tough 5-2 loss.

The softball team won't be done with their season until next month, but as of now they have done reasonably well over all with a 30-15 record. They have struggled against conference competition though, losing 12 of their 18 matches. They have had standout performances from pitcher Jamie Elam who pitched a no-hitter last week against Tampa, and has won 19 games so far this season.

The crew team had an up and down season, winning few races, and losing most of their women's team. They made up for it at the SIRA championships in Tennessee though, winning gold in the novice four and the varsity 4. The season isn't over for the crew team though, they travel to Pennsylvania in May, for the "Dad Vails" Regatta.

And last but certainly not least, the women's golf team captured their third straight SSC title this season. Congratulations to all the Tars athlete's for their amazing accomplishments this year.

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Men and Women's Tennis Teams Compete in Conference Tournaments

by **Erica Tibbetts**
asst. sports editor

It was a tough weekend for the tennis teams last week, as they traveled to Melbourne (Florida, not Australia, in case you were wondering) for the semifinals of the Sunshine State Conference tennis tournament. Play began Thursday and ended Saturday for both the men's and women's teams. Both teams had an up and down season, with the women winning some tough matches against teams like the University of Utah, Georgia College & State University, and Tampa (it's always nice when a Rollins team beats a team from Tampa). The men faced up against rivals from BYU Hawaii, Kalamazoo and Florida Southern, and came out on top in 15 of their 20 matches (4-2 in conference

play) and went into this weekend seeded third.

The women's team finished the season 14-4 overall, and 6-2 in conference play. They entered this week's tournament also seeded third.

Both teams faced #2 seeded Barry in the semifinals, and both teams struggled. The men, who have been strong throughout the season in doubles, failed to win any of their pairs' matches. Matt Umbers and Jono Gomez, who have been ranked as high as seventh nationally, fell to Thomas Hipp and Patrick Rittenauer in a very close match, losing 8-6.

Daid Tafur and Jeffery Birse lost in an even closer match; the final score was 9-8, while the third doubles team of Michael Schwartz and Mike Compton lost 9-7. All the matches could have

gone either way, and were pretty tough loses for the Rollins men who then had to try to make up the deficit in the singles matches. Unfortunately it wasn't meant to be. Tafur lost his match 6-2, 6-2. Birse played another nail biter, that could easily have been a Rollins victory, but ended up losing 7-5, 6-4. These losses gave the Barry men enough of a lead to take the day, and the other matches were left unfinished. On Saturday the men took the court again for the third place match against Eckerd college.

The doubles teams struggled again, but the number one pair, Umbers and Gomez, managed to save the day by winning their match 8-4, while the other two pairs fell to the Eckerd two and three teams. Singles went much better for the Tars, they won all their matches, leav-



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THIRD PLACE: The Rollins Women's Tennis team took third place in their conference tournament as did the men.

ing two unfinished.

The women faced Barry in the semis as well, and only managed to win two of their seven matches. The two wins came from Tricia Gehret in singles, and Tasi Purcell and Marnie Mahler in doubles. They too played for third place on Saturday, but didn't

have quite as smooth a day as the men. Their opponents, fourth seeds Florida Southern, played hard till the end, but the Tars ended up winning 5-4. Kat Hamlin and Marnie Mahler came through for the Tars in singles competition, while all three doubles teams won their matches.

Elam Picks Up Nineteenth Victory of the Season With No-Hitter Against Webber

■ Softball improves to 30-15 on the season with two game sweep of Webber.

by **Nate Weyant**
sports information director

In game two against Webber International, Jamie Elam threw a no-hitter as the Tars swept the Warriors 2-0, and 8-0, picking up two non-conference victories.

The Tars' (30-15, 6-12) bats got hot early in game one as Tiffanie Toner was walked to lead off the top of the second inning. She advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt by Kiley Seiffert,

and was sent home by Elam who blasted a triple to deep right field putting the Tars up 1-0.

Toner knocked a lead off single to start the fourth inning and moved to second on another sacrifice bunt by Seiffert. Elam hit a single to put Toner on third. Randi Weiss continued the Tars' effort and slammed an RBI triple into centerfield, but Elam was called out at home to end the inning, as Rollins' led 2-0.

The Tars 2-0 lead would hold steady throughout the game as they picked up the victory. Elam was 2-3 with one RBI. Ingrid Schumacher picked up her 11th win as she threw seven innings,

giving up four hits, and striking out two.

Both teams were slow to start in game two, but the Tars ignited in the fifth inning as Kelly Cruz nailed a lead off single. She stole her twenty-fifth base of the season to advance to second after stealing in the third innings. Cruz needs just four more to break the single season record of 28. Lauren Starcher walked following Cruz. Stacy Sanders reached first on a fielder's choice moving Starcher to second, but Cruz was thrown out at third for the first out.

A Webber error put Toner on first and advanced the other runners. In the

next at bat, Seiffert reached on an error that advanced the runners and scored Starcher to give the Tars a 1-0 lead. Elam continued on a roll, slamming a two RBI double to score Toner and Sanders, putting the Tars ahead 3-0. With only one out, Weiss followed with an RBI single to score Seiffert and Kallie Jones hit a ground out to score Elam, giving the Tars a 5-0 lead.

The Rollins sixth saw Starcher hit a single with one out as Sanders followed with a single. Toner nailed an RBI single in the next at bat to score Starcher. Rollins would not be able to send anyone else home but ended the inning with a 6-0

lead.

Still going strong in the seventh, Weiss reached first on a Webber error, and moved to second on a single by Lauren Bice. Both runners moved on a passed ball by the Warriors, and were sent home as Cruz blasted a two RBI double. The Tars would end the inning with an 8-0 lead and take a game two victory.

Cruz had a big day at the plate going 4-5 with two RBI. Weiss and Sanders were both 2-4 with one run scored.

Elam's no hitter was her nineteenth victory of the season. She threw for seven innings, walking just one batter and fanning 10.

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