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IN BRIEF

Habitat for Humanity

Rollins is partnering with Trinity Preparatory School to build its ninth Habitat Home. Members of the Rollins community are invited to the groundbreaking ceremony at the building site on the corner of Pennsylvania and Swoope Avenues on Saturday, September 10 at 10 a.m. Call x1240 for info.

Joking Around

Assistant Professor of Theatre Arts and Dance David Charles' creation, *FourPlay: The Improv Musical*, is playing now through October 1 at SAK Comedy Lab in downtown Orlando. *FourPlay* features four improvisers creating a one-of-a-kind musical based on audience suggestions. www.sak.com

Lending a Helping Hand

In an effort to help our neighbors affected by Hurricane Katrina, Rollins is launching a college-wide effort to raise money for the American Red Cross. Contact x2102, x1510, x2249, or x2276 for more information.

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Party the Whole Night Through with the Best in Basement Radio

■ WPRK 91.5 FM hosts its second marathon featuring live bands and little to no sleep.

by Kelly McNoldy

production assistant

Labor Day Weekend, the campus of Rollins College was quiet. Barely any students stayed home, and those who did were at the beach or Disney World all weekend. The campus, in short, was empty. Well, most of it, anyway, except for the basement of Mills Memorial Hall.

WPRK 91.5 FM, "the voice of Rollins College," is located there. This weekend, the stairway down to the door was always packed, the door was always open, and people were like bees, always doing something. Seventy live bands played in the library of the radio station. There were quite a few



KELLY MCNOLDY / The Sandspur

A TEST OF STAMINA: Katie Ball, one of the four DJs hosting the second annual WPRK Marathon, broadcasts from the control room. Ball is the author of "Any Cool Music," a guide to local musicians in the Central Florida area.

guests on the mike with the four DJs, Dave Plotkin, Katie Ball, Sean Hollywood Hunting, and Matt Gorney. Barely anybody got any sleep, and when they did, it was usually in the green room where sponsors kept on

bringing food.

"The marathon was basically a big giant thank you for all of our donors from the 110 Hours Marathon in January. It was also a way to bring together the community of Rollins and Orlando.

But in reality, it was just a giant party," said the underwriting director and one of the producers of the marathon, Maria Petrakos, '07.

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Chief Justice Rehnquist Dies

The long-standing leader of the United States Supreme Court lost his battle with thyroid cancer at the age of 80.

by Joshua Benesh

opinions editor

Supreme Court Chief Justice William Rehnquist died late Saturday at his suburban Virginia home. Rehnquist, 80, had battled failing health since his diagnosis with thyroid cancer in October but continued to perform the duties of the Chief Justice up until just days before his death.

The Wednesday funeral celebrated the life of the quiet conservative Chief Justice as one of advancing the planks of conservative interpretation and maintaining the utmost in judicial restraint or the narrow and relatively literal interpretation of the U.S. Constitution.

Rehnquist's career saw seven presidents come into office since his nomination by President Richard Nixon in 1972. In 1986, President

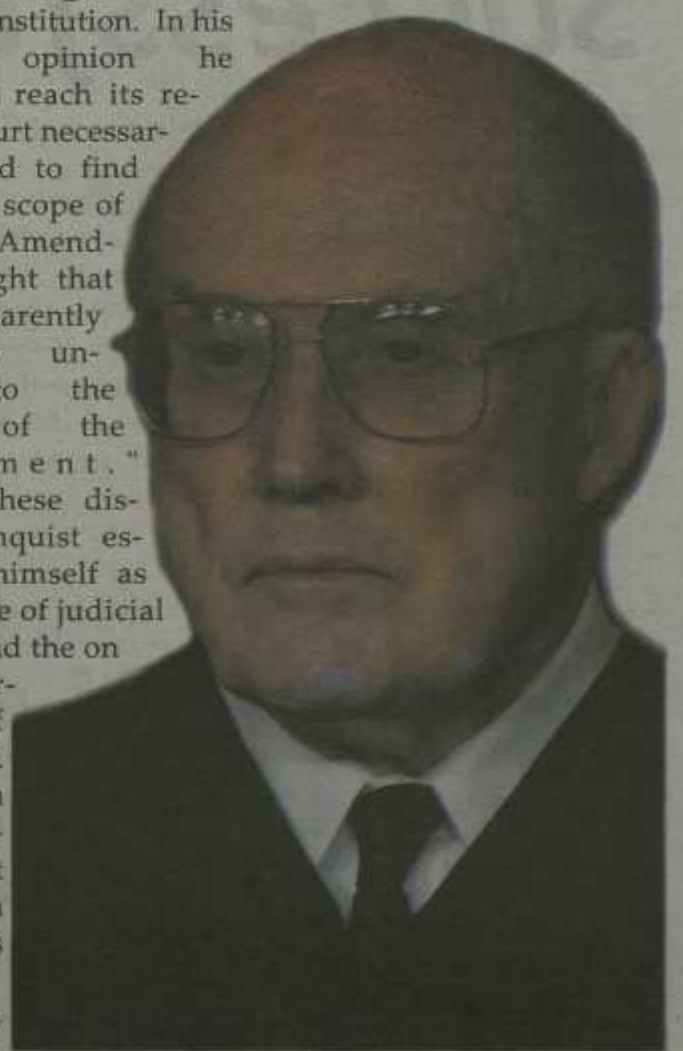
Ronald Reagan saw his nomination and installation as Chief Justice, replacing Chief Justice Warren Burger and marking only the third time in the history of the United States that an Associate Justice was tapped to be Chief Justice.

Rehnquist's legacy is one marked by the quiet advancement of conservatism and judicial restraint in both early decisions and later by his influence on the docket of cases and the processes of the Supreme Court.

In 1973, shortly after his installation on the court, he suffered what can be construed as his most significant defeat. His dissent in the case of *Roe v. Wade*, which decided the existence of a constitutional protection of a woman's right to an abortion, was based on the right to privacy within

the U.S. Constitution. In his dissenting opinion he wrote, "To reach its result, the court necessarily has had to find within the scope of the 14th Amendment a right that was apparently completely unknown to the drafters of the amendment." Through these dissents Rehnquist established himself as an advocate of judicial restraint and the on face interpretation of the U.S. Constitution and the advancement of the idea of framer's intent.

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PETE SOUZA / The Chicago Tribune

Hurricane Katrina Recovery

■ Almost two weeks later rescue and recovery teams still face an enormous task.

by Erika Batey

asst. news editor

Almost two weeks after Hurricane Katrina devastated coastline regions of Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama it seems as if the recovery is still only just beginning. With thousands of homes destroyed, downed power lines, widespread flooding, dead bodies still not found, and evacuees and homeless asking for more help, it is as if rescue and recovery teams have an impossible task ahead of them. President Bush announced that recovery "will take years," and called Hurricane Katrina, "one of the worst natural disasters in our nation's history." Yet, aid and recovery are coming, from the government, private donations, and from abroad, providing hope that cities, towns, homes, and lives will be rebuilt.

Within a few days after the storm, the Senate approved \$10.5 billion in disaster relief. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) sent 1400 medical personnel and 1800 urban search and rescue personnel

to Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama. The first priority has been to rescue those still trapped and provide them with medical assistance. Over a week later hundreds of bodies are still said to be trapped in destroyed homes or floating through the streets and canals.

There have been severe accusations that rescue work and aid has been too slow. The Director of FEMA said that initial prevention of recovery efforts were due to airports covered in debris, flooded roads, and downed power lines. He said, "This is an ongoing disaster. This disaster did not end the day Katrina made landfall...What happened is we suddenly had breaches, and you cannot put rescue people in there because of the ongoing disaster."

In the past week there has been an increase in donations and supplies. President Bush received aid from former presidents George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton. The Department of Transportation has been enlisted to bring in much needed food, water, and supplies for the survivors. Over 100 corporations have also contributed millions of dollars in relief aid. Among them are the pharmaceutical and medical products company Abbott, Albertson's, Camp-

bell Soup Company, and Coca-Cola. Wal-Mart has donated \$17 million and has established mini Wal-Mart stores in the hurricane affected areas, with free items to those in need.

Aid has also come from abroad, both from countries rich and poor. They include Australia, Canada, China, Cuba, France, Germany, Israel, Mexico, Saudi Arabia, and the United Kingdom. NATO, the UN, and the World Health Organization have also sent aid and support.

NBC has held "A Concert for Hurricane Relief." MTV, VH1, and CMT have also planned a relief campaign for September 10.

One of the most devastating effects of Katrina and one of the most difficult issues faced in the recovery is the failure of the levee system in New Orleans. The levees, only designed to withstand a category 3 hurricane, were breached and resulted in 80% flooding and water up to 20 feet in some areas. Just over a week later, the levee along 17th Street Canal was patched up with sandbags and water began to be pumped out. Water has now stopped flowing from Lake Ponchartrain into New Orleans. Yet, FEMA estimates it will take nearly 3 months for full drainage to take place in some neighbor-

hoods.

Meanwhile, recovery teams continue to search houses for victims and survivors. Within a week the Coast Guard rescued more than 22,000 people in the affected states. Over 15,000 people have been evacuated to Houston's Astrodome. The hardest task that still remains is recovering the dead bodies.

Finally, rebuilding the towns affected and the city of New Orleans is going to be the most difficult challenge. It will also take the longest. It may be years before a sense of normalcy is

restored. The question that remains is how to rebuild New Orleans. House Speaker Dennis Hastert said it makes no sense to spend billions to rebuild a city that's 7 feet under sea level. Later he said he was not advocating abandoning the city, but was referring to how it would be rebuilt and what precautions would have to be taken. He said that we build Los Angeles and San Francisco on top of earthquake fissures and they rebuild too. Many people have said they would return to live in New Orleans and along the coast, despite having lost everything.



Knight Ridder Tribune

KNEE DEEP: Many neighborhoods in New Orleans are still extensively flooded.

WPRK Marathon Successful

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Back in January, WPRK DJ Dave Plotkin attempted to break the Guinness Book of World Records record for longest DJ on air. The results need not be named, but all would agree that it brought a large audience to the station and was one hell of a time. There was a drag queen taking trumpet lessons, a wrestling match, and an amazing amount of bands. It was said that the 110 Hours Marathon was a circus.

Now, in honor of that marathon, WPRK had another one just this past weekend from 6 p.m. September 1 to 6 p.m. September 5. There was a plethora of things to do. "Paul Mitchell the school came down and cut people's hair and gave fa-

cials for free, which is so awesome," said Petrakos. "Matt Gorney, one of the DJs, played eleven chapters of the audio version of Kid's Still in the Picture between the hours of 4 and 5am Monday because there was nothing else to do. Sid Zed came up in person to perform. He's this crazy English guy who has two albums out, well, we own two of his albums as a station. He is so crazy. He actually performed. Last time we just interviewed him. He is really bizarre and amazing. That had the biggest turnout as far as the crowd."

Other things such as a wrestling match between God and Satan, a trivia game, a CD that was the biggest hit because it just had guys hollering songs,

and Yip Yip in their checkered suits and backdrop were going on. "The best event in my opinion, was Sunday night when we had the best local bands come together to perform. Three of them performed together in one big jam fest," said Petrakos, "it was amazing."

Petrakos mentioned that in a couple of month's time the staff of WPRK will start planning the next marathon. However, for the time being, the staff is relieved that they can finally get some sleep. "It was a lot of work, and I am so glad it's over. I don't mean it in a bad way, all of the work leading up to it has finally paid off and we're done with it. We can finally move forward now," said Petrakos.

Rehnquist's Legacy of Justice

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Following his 1986 appointment to Chief Justice, Rehnquist impacted all aspects of the Supreme Court environment, not only in his influence on the cases that were heard but also his attempts to streamline the institution by streamlining the judicial process, decreasing the number of cases on the docket and seeking clarity, reason and conciseness in written opinions.

The Rehnquist legacy will encompass the advancement of conservatism and the diligent practice of judicial re-

straint but will also demonstrate the "big picture" view the Chief Justice was capable of, never allowing ideology to entirely dictate a given situation and understanding the environment of the court as one where important cases should be heard. It is Rehnquist as the practical leader, able to maintain a court with a narrow 5-4 conservative margin and avoid an ideologically divided environment, that history will focus on as the Rehnquist legacy.

M.U.G. Brews Hope

■ The Intersvarsity Christian Fellowship puts on a coffeehouse to raise money for Niger.

by **Jami Furo**

staff reporter

There were pots of coffee and trays of brownies. There was fruit, tea, and honey amongst displays of linens and flowers. Strands of white lights lined the walls and jazz standards floated through the air. Students talked, did homework, and danced. In the meantime, they were collecting money for the hungry.

Intersvarsity Christian Fellowship puts on a coffee house entitled The Mug about once a month, and the premise of the event is that students come and hang out for as much or as little time as they want while depositing spare change for a certain cause. The cause changes each time the event is held. This time, the money was collected to relieve the famine in Niger.

Niger is experiencing a widespread famine currently that has left more than a quarter of the nations showing signs of malnutrition. The United Nations has stated that more than 800,000 children alone are suffering from hunger. Draught and locusts have left the nation without food or a means of obtaining it for themselves. They cannot grow food because of the environmental obstacles,



JAMI FURO/THE SANDSPUR

which also means that they have no resources with which to buy food from other nations. Fifteen percent of the nation's cereal crop and 40 percent of their livestock have been destroyed by the famine.

The organization through which the money will be distributed is World Vision. This organization has sent about 130 tons of UNIM-IX flour (which is a high-energy, nutrient rich flour mix that quickly and gently helps these starving people to gain weight and nutrients). They have dropped these many tons of flour by air, and they are not finished, yet.

World Vision is a Christian relief organization that helps people all over the planet, but it specifically focuses on children. Their efforts include emergency relief, health care, education, promotion of justice, and economic development.

The organization began in 1950 to help orphans in Asia. Since then, it has grown by leaps and bounds. It is

now on the six inhabited continents, and it is one of the largest and most prominent Christian relief organizations in the world.

One of the strongest focuses of World Vision is the idea of building strong relationships within the communities that they help. This creates a stronger community. Also, by creating these strong relationships and communities, the communities are able to help themselves after World Vision gets them started.

Other programs that World Vision is currently involved in are tsunami relief in southeast Asia, poverty and hunger in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and, of course, hurricane relief in the Gulf states. Intersvarsity Christian Fellowship holds The Mug once a month, and each time the money collected goes toward a cause of about equal magnitude. Continue to check the school calendar and your e-mail inboxes for information on the next one.

Remembering Ro Cheadle

■ Family and friends gather to celebrate the life of deceased Rollins Student.

by **Natalie Wyatt**

staff reporter

A memorial was held for John Roaten "RO" Cheadle III on August 28th, 2005. This young man was "loved by everyone that knew him" according to Basak Kizilisik, close friend and singer/songwriter of "Ro's Song", which played at the memorial.

"Too late found you too early. You were too young to fall so swiftly. Now, I have no way to show you how lucky I am to have known you. And I hope that you forgive me you see cause I'll bring you my sorry, soon as too late comes for me"

Ro was a true to life southern gentleman who had achieved much in his too short life. He was intelligent and athletic, achieving high marks in school and playing a variety of sports. Not only did he play hockey on his high school's varsity team, but he was a talented slalom water-skier, a wake boarder, and a golfer.

He loved Rollins; for him freshman year was an

amazing experience. Participating in Men's Novice Crew and pledging Phi Delta Theta were some of the most cherished experiences of that first year in college.

One of his greatest loves, though, was aviation. At the age of seventeen Ro earned his private pilot license. On May 16, 2005 he lost his life when the Piper Supercub he was piloting crashed shortly after take off. Friends and family gathered to remember and cherish the moments that they had spent with Ro. The brothers of Phi Delta Theta greeted and ushered in those attending the service. After the chapel bell rang and Dean Powers said a prayer, Ro's father, Mr. John Cheadle, welcomed and thanked everyone for coming.

Words of tribute came from his close friends: Katie Taliaferro, Seth Stutman, Anya Marshall, and James Coker. A Musical and pictorial salute may have been what really hit hard when "Ro's Song" played behind pictures of the full life that he had lived. "I want you to know we'll remember you. You have friends that would never speak low of you. There's a place in our hearts for your smiling face.

Memories that no one could ever replace."

How Young Is Too Young To Give Birth?

■ Controversy surrounds 14 year-old Crystal Guyer, mother of a newborn girl.

by **Jess Scharf**

contributing writer

When I was a little girl I would name my dolls after movie stars and singers. I even went so far as to say that I would name my first child Mariah. Now, at 18, I know better.

This is not the case for Crystal Guyer, who named her firstborn Samara, after the ghost child in the far-from-classic movie The Ring. In her defense, she is still in that stage, being 14 and all.

Crystal and her husband, Matt Koso, met when she was 8 years old and he

was 16 in their hometown of Falls City, Nebraska. Matt was attending special education classes for attention deficit disorder. He joined the Marine Corps after graduating high school but left after four months on a medical discharge. "He's always been friends with people that were younger," said his mother.

When Crystal was 12 and Matt 20, they began dating. One year later, Crystal's mother filed a restraining order on the grounds that "he's too old for early teens. He needs to stay away." Matt had dated younger girls in the past, but his mother claims that he was only serious with one who was under 16 and that they were never sexually active.

Despite the restraining

order, Crystal continued seeing Matt and denied being sexually involved with him until the day she and her mother went shopping for her eighth grade dance and Mrs. Guyer noticed stretch marks on her daughter's stomach.

This case has stirred up controversy in both Nebraska and Kansas. Some blame the parents, others want Matt Koso acquitted so he can keep his job and their tax dollars don't go towards welfare.

As in most states, the law in Nebraska prohibits marriage under age 17. Kansas, however, allows marriage at any age provided the parents of teens consent. Matt and Crystal wed in Hiawatha, Kansas-both of them wearing jeans. Police showed up at the Guyer's door the next day

but did not press charge until two months after the wedding.

Matt Koso is being charged with statutory rape and has been labeled a pedophile by the Nebraska attorney general: "We don't want grown men having sex with young girls. We make a lot of choices for our children: we don't allow them to vote; we don't allow them to drink; we don't allow them to drive cars; we don't allow them to serve in wars at age 13, whether they want to or not; and we don't allow them to have sex with grown men."

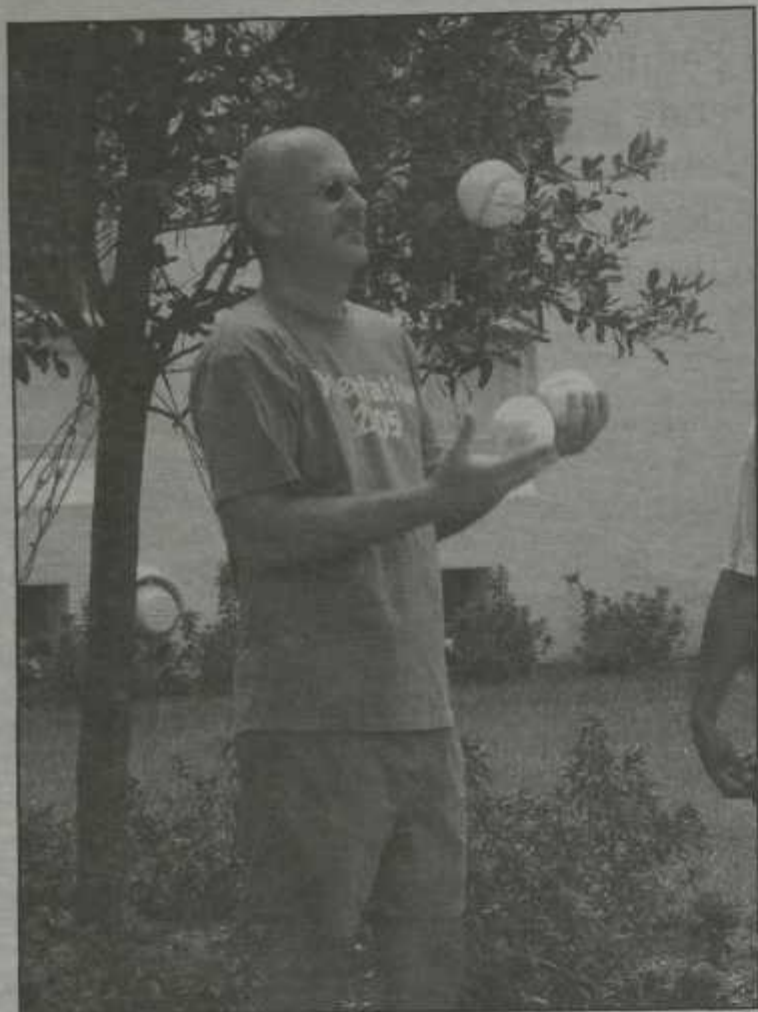
The governor of Kansas is embarrassed by the fact that the state allows children as young as 12 to marry and will propose raising the minimum age when the legislature recon-

venes in January. In Nebraska, when a 19-year-old has sexual intercourse with someone younger than 16, it is classified as statutory rape.

This scandal has also brought to light some appalling statistics: one in five teenagers have sex before the age of 15 and 150,000 babies are born each year to minors. In Nebraska, there were 25 births to mothers under 15 in 2002. In Kansas, five girls under 15 were married in 2003, three in 2002, and six in 2001.

Crystal is currently attending high school. She is in grade nine and aspires to be a nurse while also revealing that she and Matt would like to have two more children. Matt is at home taking care of their newborn while out on a \$5,000 bond.

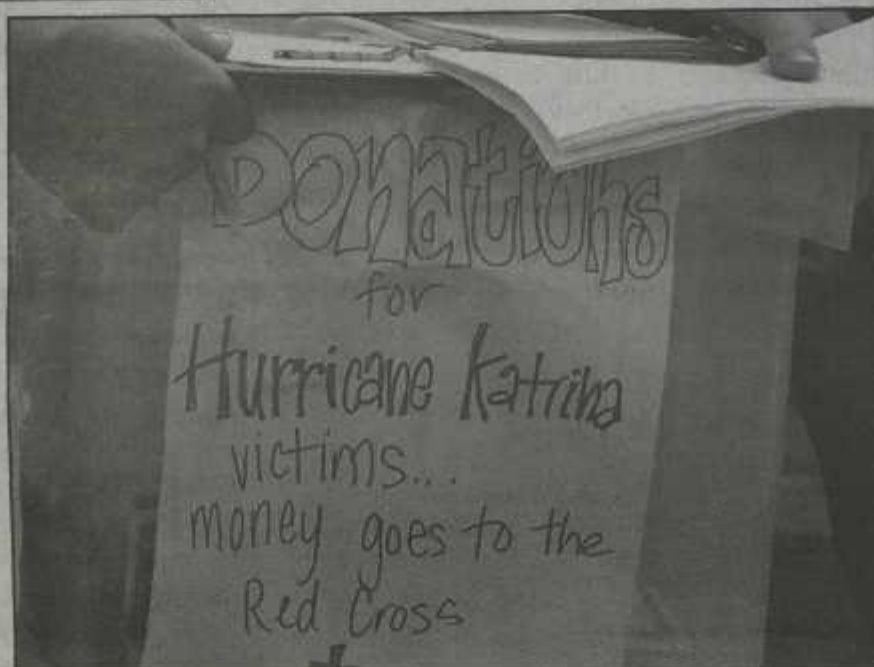
SGA Raises Funds for Hurricane Relief



Left: Dean Roger Casey juggles before dunking yet another faculty member in the dunk tank.



Right: Rollins students Claie Tuinenga, Kiersten Bakowski, and Chelsea Stonerock work on Jump-A-Thon banners.



Left: Bands turnout in support of the Hurricane Katrina cause to entertain and enliven the throngs of supporters.



Right: Donna Lee of the Multicultural Affairs Office enjoys a laugh while helping those in need.

HOLT HAPPENINGS

DEADLINES! DEADLINES!

by **Connie Holt**

director of student services

Now that the semester is underway, take a moment to look at the important information found in the online Course Schedule

(www.rollins.edu/holt.sched). The Holt School strictly adheres to important dates listed in the Fall 2005 Important Dates section.

If you find it necessary to drop a class now, you will receive a 25 percent refund. After September 12, there is no refund. If you have questions about the policy,

please contact your academic adviser.

We hope that you will not find it necessary to withdraw from a course, but we do understand that life happens.

October 21, 2005 is the last day to withdraw without academic penalty. That means, if you withdraw by October 21, you will receive the grade "W" on your transcript. A "W" does not affect your grade point average.

Please contact your academic adviser if you find yourself running into aca-

demic difficulty. You can also contact Tara Carpenter, our Graduate Assistant, who works with students in the need of help with study skills and time management.

The entire Holt School staff is here to help you succeed. There are four advisers, three peer advisers, a graduate assistant, and a career counselor waiting to hear from you. Don't wait until the last minute to seek our assistance. We want to help you achieve your goals.

Hamilton Holt Student Services: (407) 646-2232.

Motivated Students Thrive

by **Linda Carpenter**

director of marketing and communication

The Rollins College Hamilton Holt School offers motivated students an opportunity to complete their undergraduate education in the liberal arts or prepare for careers in mental health or school counseling, education, communication, or human resources. Students also can explore the liberal arts at an advanced level in the master of liberal studies program.

Pamela Spreier, 47, and her husband Steven Spreier, 53, are similar to many adults returning to college today to complete their bachelor's degrees. Although somewhat older than the average Holt undergraduate, the Spreiers are typical in that they waited more than a few years before returning to college. Thus, like other evening degree students, they were intensely focused on obtaining their long-anticipated goals.

After working for 25 years at Walt Disney World, Pam Spreier retired four years ago from her job as assistant to a vice president and enrolled at the Hamilton Holt School. With a year of college credits behind her, Spreier was determined to get her degree. She chose Rollins because "it was conducive to adult education."

To accommodate the couple's major life change, which required more time and money for college studies, the Spreier's downsized, selling her car and their spacious home in Windermere. They stored their furniture in the homes

of three different relatives and friends, pondering the time (after college) when they might want to upscale. Shortly after Pam began classes, Steven Spreier also enrolled at the Hamilton Holt School. He had nearly two years of credits from a Kansas college to transfer to Rollins.

"Steven saw I was determined to get my degree and he did not want me to pass him up," said Pam Spreier. Her husband continued to work full time at Disney where he is the manager of textile services—which includes costuming, and the food and beverage laundries.

"We were great study partners," says Pam Spreier, proudly noting that her husband surpassed her academically with his 3.96 grade-point-average. (She earned a 3.3 grade-point-average.) The couple graduated May 14th with bachelor's degrees in organizational communication.

Now that she has obtained her bachelor's degree, Pamela Spreier hopes to get a job teaching middle or high school English. After substitute teaching for a year, she believes she has found something she really enjoys. When she lands a job, the Spreier's will build a new home on property they purchased in Oakland.

Steve Spreier does not foresee any radical changes in his working life, but notes that his education changed him. "I've wanted to finish my degree for three decades, but my career took me in a different direction. Thirty-three years ago when I started at

Disney, no one asked me if I had a degree. Today if I were starting over, I would need a bachelor's degree to get an interview."

As a manager of 225 people at Disney, Spreier sought to enhance his leadership skills. "One of the traits of good leaders is they don't give up on important goals. My education has helped me be a better leader by re-energizing me and resolidifying my goals and my skills. We all have to continue to learn, and continuing education is a way of investing in ourselves."

Spreier also said his education has made him "more complete." And it introduced new opportunities for the future, such as consulting, that he had not really seriously considered prior to graduation. Spreier also set an example for others on his team. Five or six of the individuals who work with him have returned to college recently.

Another pair of intensely focused 2005 graduates of the Holt School is Catherine Swayne, 21, and her mother, Elizabeth Grimsrud, 56. Typical regarding their love of learning, but atypical among mothers and daughters, the women work at the same company, shop together, and study together. Swayne has been a marketing analyst at Massey Pest Prevention Services for five years, working full time while attending college full time.

After completing her associate of arts degree in two years, Grimsrud completed her bachelor's degree at the Hamilton Holt School in two years. She



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CAREER COACH
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TIPS TO DRESS FOR SUCCESS

Question:

Dear Career Coach, I am 20 years old and a little confused about what is appropriate for a job interview. With business casual being so widely accepted I do not want to "over dress". What advice can you give me?

Mark '08

Answer:

When deciding what is appropriate interview garb you need to first stop and think about the company. What is the culture like? What is the current dress code? What position am I applying for?

Once you have the answers to these questions you will have a better idea of what to wear.

However, a good rule of thumb is to dress "one step above" the position that you are applying for. For example, if it is a jeans and t-shirt dress code, I might choose to dress in khaki's and a polo shirt. A dress shirt and tie culture would dictate a sports jacket or suit.

Regardless of the culture, there are five things I would recommend that you never wear to an interview:

1. **Body piercing and tattoos** – I would recommend covering any tattoos and removing body piercing before going to a job interview. (Except for a single set of earrings for females) The only exception would be if you were applying for a position in a tattoo or piercing parlor....then anything goes!

2. **Visible undergarments** – It is important to wear undergarments... just

make sure that there are not any visible traces/lines of them.

3. **Heavy perfume or cologne** – No need to let them "smell you before they see you"! Seriously though, many folks suffer from allergies and you may end an interview before it gets started if your interviewer is having an allergy attack!

4. **Ill-fitting, revealing or form fitting clothing:** Keep low cut, sleeveless or revealing clothes for social occasions. Remember that this is a job interview. You want the focus to be on what you can "do" not what you look like!

5. **"Wild" hair or unkempt facial hair:** I would suggest that your hairstyle/color be on the conservative side and that guys keep any facial hair neatly trimmed and groomed.

Finally, in addition to the five items listed above I would always wear traditional interview clothes for a job fair. What does this mean?

Women: Suit or business dress, hose, closed toe shoes and tasteful, understated jewelry.

Men: Suit or sports jacket with pressed shirt and tie. Polished dress shoes with socks.

Remember you only get one chance to make a first impression. So make it count, give it some thought and prepare!

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

then enrolled in the master of human resources program, receiving a promotion to director of recruiting at Massey shortly after. She has worked at Massey for 10 years, entering the work force when her children grew older.

Both mother and daughter are extraordinarily disciplined and goal-oriented, character traits that served them well while working and going to college full time. Swayne graduated with a 3.85 grade-point-average and aspires to medical school.

She has applied to Columbia, Brown, Johns Hopkins, and Duke and hopes to be a pediatric neurologist. Grimsrud obtained a 3.5 grade-point-average. "I've lightened up a bit as I've gotten older; I think it's okay to get a B now and then."

Who is more disciplined of the dynamic duo? "Catherine listens better and retains everything she hears. She doesn't have to study as much as I do," says Grimsrud. "My mind wanders a bit more than hers."

"Polar Coaster" in the Future

■ The Farmer's Almanac has made its prediction, but will it hold true?

by **Lauren Kennedy**
contributing writer

According to a recent press release, the 2006 Farmer's Almanac predicts a winter with so many ups

and downs on the thermometer that it could be compared to a roller coaster, or "Polar Coaster," as it has been nicknamed.

The Farmer's Almanac was created in 1818, by Jacob Mann and David Young. In the beginning, various astronomers calculated weather patterns to make predictions for the year. The weather predictions are now made using a very

reliable formula, which is useful for many types of people and jobs everywhere.

For 2006, the Almanac, which "accurately predicted the hot,



humid summer, is forecasting a more amusing winter in the West, with an overall warmer winter prediction, but with a fair share of snow and cold periods in the country's midsections," according to the press release. In the east, predictions for the winter include "extremely cold temperatures," with plenty of snow up north. The predictions of the almanac are said to

be about 80-88 percent accurate.

Today, the Farmer's Almanac is a part of everyday life and is recognized worldwide. In addition to long term weather predictions, the Farmer's Almanac provides "entertaining short stories, good cooking, fun, facts, forecasts, timely household tips, and calendars for fishing, gardening and more."

Transportation Trouble in the Down Under

Week Two:

Following a relatively stressful first week of travel and settling in, I began to look forward to the structure of a schedule by starting classes at the University of Sydney (known as Sydney Uni) on Monday, July 18. This way, I figured, I could plan to fit in important activities like meeting handsome Australian surfers or sleeping in.

However, once I had dragged myself on the hour-long trip to the Uni, through the first long day of classes, and then back home again for dinner, I realized that I never truly appreciated living on-campus at Rollins. Now, instead of rolling out of bed ten minutes before class is supposed to start, I have to be up two hours beforehand. So, if my class starts at 9 a.m., I have to wake up at 7 a.m., be completely prepared with all my books for the day's classes, and leave my house by 8 a.m. in order to make it to class just on time. Yuck.

Then, by the time I get home, have dinner, and make some attempt at homework, I feel far too exhausted to go out anywhere. Jet lag still seems to have the better of me, and I have no idea how half of the group from Rollins has the energy to go out every night. On top of that, no busses seem to go anywhere near my suburb after 11 p.m., so I keep justifying going to bed early with the excuse that by the time I go out after dinner, I will only have an hour to stay in the city before I have to leave again. I need to figure out a better way to travel around the city without having to call a cab every night.

After just three days of this traveling experience, I felt almost ready to call the Aussie Homestay program and request to move much

closer to the campus or, if this were not possible, then I would at least prefer to be living by a beach so I would feel like the trip was worth the distance. Unfortunately, the program mandates that we do not ask to move within the first couple of weeks, and so I am stuck in Kingsford, a tiny suburb in the middle of nowhere that looks like it begins just where my map of the city ends (most inconvenient).

I was not the only one with travel complaints, though. Advertisements throughout the city this week state something to the effect of how everyone should be patient because the public transportation system is undergoing a complete overhaul of its timetables. After waiting for a bus that never showed up for two hours on Sunday, though, I am not sure that I am fully appreciating the Australian definition of "patience."

Later, after complaining about how much I miss having a car to my mum, she reminded me how difficult it was to transition from Irish society to American society when we emigrated several years ago. Using her motherly wisdom then, she told me that once I learned to accept the new culture, it was much easier to adapt to a new way of life, and so by learning to accept that transportation difficulties are a standard part of daily life here, then I will settle in quicker.

Okay, I know that it sounds like I have just complained about transportation so far, but it really is a big deal in transitioning to Australian life. Beyond this, though, I had a fabulous week trying different foods

for lunch in the city. Since everyone has a common lunch hour, we have explored some caf  s on campus, in the Central Business District (CBD), and in a bohemian-type suburb nearby called Glebe. I assumed all of the food would be British-style fish and chips, but Sydney has so many more different cuisines than are available in any one area in the United States.



On Kings Street next to the Uni, for example, the cuisines range from Turkish, Thai, Indian, Japanese, Chinese, Italian, Greek, and vegan amongst many others. There are a couple of Quizno's and Subway restaurants but, so far, I have only seen three McDonald's, and my host-dad informed me that one of them went out of business near the college last month simply because people are not interested in that kind of unhealthy food. In fact, just about everyone here seems extremely health conscience and concerned with eating fresh foods. So, my host-dad seemed shocked when I told him that there is pretty much a McDonald's at every intersection in Florida, and then a pharmacy across the road

supplying diet and heart pills to counteract the meal!

Speaking of meals, a big part of the culture seems to revolve around plenty of tea breaks. On Friday 22, most of the group took a field trip with the Physical Environment class around various beaches in the region to study the development of the region, but at least half the trip involved stopping in little towns to have tea. I seem to have found another cultural attribute that I am more than eager to adopt...I could learn to deal with tiresome transportation for better food choices and more break times.

By Saturday, then, I felt completely recharged and recovered from my jet lag, and so Sara, Andrea, and I signed up with a student travel group called Oz Experience to explore the nearby Blue Mountains the following morning. Inconveniently, we forgot that we signed up and went out on Saturday night, only to realize later that we had to get up at 5:30 a.m. on Sunday to make it into the city on time. Warning to future travelers: do not sign up for anything this ambitious when you think you may just about feel recovered from jet lag...you will not be feeling so ambitious that morning.

Anyway, the trip turned out to be well worth the early start, because by 9 a.m. I had already accomplished my goal of seeing a kangaroo in the wild. We followed this with a six-kilometer bushwalk through the eucalyptus-covered mountains (blue colored, hence the name), sandy ground, and various patches of rainforest where, when I was not run-

ning uphill and jumping over rocks to keep up with the overly-fit tour guide, I occasionally caught a glimpse of some fabulous waterfalls.

Finally, the tour guide took us on much appreciated downward climb, but when I realized that our van was parked near the top of the mountain, I began to get worried as he continued the descent further. Of course, since everyone else seemed extremely motivated about bushwalking, I decided that it was not the time to express any concerns about having to climb back up an enormous mountain. When we finally reached the bottom though, we came across this tiny train platform, where the guide assured me that it was best to sit at the very front. Again, when this rickety old train lurched into motion, I began to feel a little concerned about the tour guide's plan for us. Even more so, when I reached for a non-existent seatbelt after reading a very un reassuring sign in front that stated, "Please, keep your arms and legs inside the train. Limbs are difficult to replace." Within seconds, the train lurched again and began to creep backwards up the side of the extremely steep mountain while I sat at the front of the carriage, staring in horror as the space between the ground and the train rapidly increased. It was as if I was on Splash Mountain, but much worse, because the drop was at least ten times higher, and going backwards, so at any moment I expected to plummet into the briar patch.

Thankfully, it pulled into a train platform at the top of the mountain. Perhaps my discontent with Australian transportation is not quite at a close yet.

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License Plates: Free?

by **Natalie Wyatt**
staff reporter

Have you seen the (relatively) new Rollins College license plates that are available to all cars registered in Florida? Would you like to get one free? Well, that could be happening in the very near future for all Rollins students and is already in effect with the alumni, faculty, staff, and their family members.

Currently the system works like this: if one of the aforementioned participants goes to buy a Rollins College plate they have to pay for it up front but then can be reimbursed the twenty five dollars at a later time. Good deal, right? Currently the financial office and office of public relations are trying to work out a way that the students can also be involved in this deal.

Originally it was thought that they needed to up the numbers of license sales so that the license wouldn't get discontinued. If they don't sell one thousand plates by June, 2006 then that very well might happen. The real story isn't as desperate as it first seemed to be. I went to speak with Mr. Jed Dunstan, the Communications Coordinator in our Office of Public Relations and he told it to me straight.

"Sales from the Rollins plate go to The Rollins Fund, which goes towards scholarships, student/faculty research, and career services...

This fall you will start to see a big marketing push for the plates aimed at faculty, staff, and alumni... We want people to see the plates and make a connection, not necessarily with the college as a place but more to remember the people here."

I asked if the plates could soon be extinct and if that was the reason for the big push but he informed me that the word just hasn't been put out as much as they want it to be. They already have four-hundred and fifty plates out of the necessary thousand and that's a pretty good start for little to no marketing. They are just hoping that with the initial reimbursement (which is only for the first time you buy the plate) people will enjoy showing their Rollins College pride and continue to buy the plate.

At this time there is no reimbursement for students but it is being discussed and is a huge possibility. Today they are focusing on a communication plan to build awareness about the plate on campus, tomorrow they are giving you a free way to show pride in your wonderful school. So keep your eyes open and look out for it in the near future.

If you have any questions regarding the license plates you can contact the Office of Public Relations at (407) 646-2203 or e-mail jdunstan@rollins.edu.

The Hidden Challenges of Being an Intern

by **Kelly Castino**
staff reporter

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to work downtown everyday? Did you think that a ticket is just a problem for you? Did you know that for every ticket there are about five subdivisions that have to deal with one ticket? Did you know how much work it is for your one speeding ticket?

This past summer, I worked at the Orange County Courthouse as a High School intern for eight weeks. I enjoyed the experience of meeting a group of great new people and learning about the challenges the court faces.

I learned that a great group of diverse people work at the Orange County Courthouse. The first meeting for interns is an orientation where everyone is introduced to the other interns, high school or college. There were interns from Boone High School who had done a school year internship the year before. There were also people from UCF, Berry College, and other local Florida colleges.

One college intern was even going to St. Andrews College in Scotland. The orientation is like every other orientation. The orientation is where you learn about the rules and the aspects of the Courthouse. The most exciting part of orientation is finding out what division you have been assigned to. There are many divisions to be a part of; I was in the traffic division that mainly dealt with traffic citations. Many different people helped me learn

the ropes of being a county clerk or file clerk. My fellow co-workers would help me if I had a question or if I did not know something. At first, I was put with a complete group of strangers but as the eight weeks progressed, we got the chance to get to know each other even more. I found out that one clerk was getting married in August, and that one clerk was pregnant. I saw when my fellow colleagues got awarded for their hard work, or had a celebration for a special event. I also learned not to let the differences between a person and yourself keep you away from meeting a great person.

The experience of being an intern outweighs all of the hard work. High School interns were allowed to work a maximum of thirty hours per week. College interns were allowed more hours. My tasks in the traffic division were to type up labels on envelopes and put all paperwork in their proper envelopes. It sounds easy but it isn't when you have about 150 envelopes. I also helped filing extra workers. I would find missing files, and file papers into files. The biggest challenge for me was reaching the high files because I am so short. My other tasks consisted of punching in numbers, and doing other odd jobs that needed to be done.

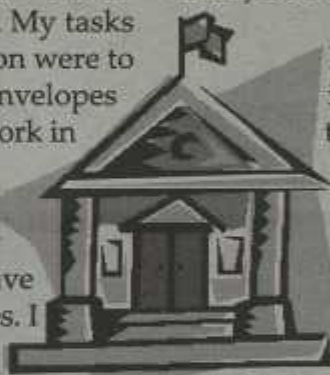
My internship was hard work that had its benefits. All interns got the chance to meet Lydia Gardner, Clerk of the County Courts. She was very kind and patient with us. Lydia invited all the interns to

an ice cream social to celebrate our starting our internship. One of the best experiences for me was being deputized. When we were being deputized, we were asked to recite a pledge to uphold all rules of the courthouse. Then we all signed a book that many before us had signed. There were signatures that were hundreds and hundreds of years old. It was like we were a part of history in the making. It was a humbling experience for all of us.

After I worked a few weeks at the courthouse, I was able to see a press conference for MY ORANGE CLERK.COM. The website is a new way to pay tickets online to make it easier instead of having to go to the courthouse. The press conference was really fun and interesting. I will bring my experiences from the courthouse to other jobs I choose to pursue.

The courthouse internship is a good way for talented young individuals to get acquainted with what the courts do. I did not know a lot about the court system until my internship started.

According to Leesa Bainbridge, an aid to Lydia Gardner, "Lydia Gardner is very enthusiastic about bringing in interns and feels strongly about the program. She also wants to help young people get knowledgeable about what we do and also tap into talented young people." This gave an intern like me the chance to have a wonderful experience by meeting new people and learning new skills.



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Ask The Fox!



Dear Fox,

My boyfriend and I have been dating for four months. I know it's not long, but he means the world to me. I think I'm in love with him. I haven't said it to him yet, but I want to. The problem is, he said it once on AIM and always says "luv ya" in text messages. I don't know if that means he loves me, or if he's trying to say something else. I feel like I'm in high school or something, playing guessing games with this guy. I want to just be forward and say it, but I've never said "I love you" to anyone before. What should I do?

~Tongue Tied

Dear Tongue Tied,

First, congrats on finding someone that you are excited about being with and want to profess your love to.

In my experience, if you want to tell someone you love them, then you should. However, I understand your nervousness since you've never said it to another before. So, you have to go about this the right way.

I would wait until the perfect moment, when the words are bursting inside your heart and you have to get them out. Arrange a romantic date. You could set up a picnic for just the two of you on the beach, possibly a breakfast/sunrise picnic if you're willing to wake up that early and drive over there. You could

also do the traditional dinner and a movie, but make sure you create a chance for the two of you to be completely alone. Then, tell him.

About the AIM and text message instances, I don't know why he's doing that. My only guess would be that he wants to tell you in person but is also scared. Do you know if he has ever told anyone before? If he hasn't, that's probably the answer to your question right there: he's nervous too.

That having been said, I think it's a good idea if you say it first. Obviously he wants to get the words out but can't quite figure out how to do it in person. Your relationship is a two way street, if he can't seem to say it in real life, then you should do it if you feel it and want to say it. Traditionally, the girl usually waits for the guy to say it first, but tradition only works for some people. You need to do what works for you and what makes you happy.

Saying "I love you" is a very important part of your relationship. You're going to remember the first time you say it forever, so you want it to be special and meaningful. Love is a confusing thing, but it is also very wonderful. Just remember that love is not only a feeling, it's an action. It's something you do for another. That's something to keep in mind for a healthy relationship.

~Daisy Fox

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

The Hiring of Online Grads

by Rochelle Siegel
contributing writer

The times are changing rapidly, and as our world becomes more technologically advanced more and more college students are logging into virtual classrooms rather than attending an actual classroom, interacting with other students, and listening to a professor lecture. From the years 1995 to 1998 the number of students who were enrolled in online courses doubled and is still expected to continue to grow at a phenomenal rate. According to a 2004 report, more than 2.6 million people had logged on to at least one online class during the fall of 2004.

Distance learning nothing new actually. For years schools have been offering students the opportunity to attend lectures by closed-circuit TV's or by video and then mailing course material to their professors. The new thing is being able to receive a degree by taking only online courses.

Why has the amount of students logging into a virtual classrooms grown so much? It is because it is convenient for almost everyone.

Whether you have a family to support or you are a college student with a part-time job, online classes give you the opportunity to do your schoolwork and studying based around your own schedule.

Who would hire someone who received their degree online? Many companies, including Wal-Mart, Intel, and Southwest Airlines, said that they would employ anyone with an online degree as long as they attended a well-known and accredited university program. The spam that pops up on your computer offering you the chance to earn your bachelors degree in 30 days is probably a scam and would not get you very far in the work field. Vault, a job-search service and publisher, surveyed about 300 managers who were hiring and seventy-seven percent of the managers said that online degrees that were earned from well-known schools were in fact more valuable than those from online-only institutions. Job seekers in the technological field, the

government, and the military are offering many resources to online learning, and possible employees with experience in online learning are very highly looked upon.

Evan Jacobs of Columbia University believes that as the number of online students increases, employers will become more and more welcoming to those with online degrees. There are many people highly qualified for certain jobs who have received degrees online and job seekers are not going to turn away those who are qualified even if they did not attend a traditional college environment. Also if students attend a school that offers both campus-based and online courses the diploma they receive will not even distinguish whether they were sitting in front of a computer taking a class or listening to a professor lecture for an hour, due to the fact that most online course are identical to courses taken on a college campus. The content of the class is what is important and they are both the same. But it is also important to remember that job employment truly comes down to the individual.



Online Graduate Myths

by Rochelle Siegel

The lack of face-to-face time makes online learning impersonal.

Answer:

While this may have been true in correspondence courses, this is not the typical response for online learning. Many learners experience a type of intimacy that is unique to the online environment. As Brown states (p. 3, 1998), "I believe this intimacy results from a sense of shared control and responsibility, commitment to collaboration and dialogue, and increased willingness to take risks in communications with others online". In addition, the amount of communications in the online environment via email and bulletin boards offers more opportunities for students to learn more about each other than one would experience in a time-limited lecture course. (Brown, B., Digital Classrooms: Some myths about developing new educational programs using the Internet. T.H.E. Journal, 26, 56-60).

Online learning is de-motivating.

Answer:

While some may share this point of view, I believe Clark summed it up best by saying "we only learn when we want to" (Clark, 2002, p. 600). It is true that online learning is not for everyone, but if one is not driven to learn, the format of the course nor the environment it is offered in will change that fact. As Clark points out, autonomy and the degree of control the learner has is often a motivating fact as well. Examples of such control would include self-paced courses and individual choice of media (2002). Finally, teachers in the online environment need to take on a supportive role for the learners and "may best serve the needs of the learners by motivating them rather than delivering repetitive stand-up training" (Clark, 2002, p. 600). (Clark, D., Psychological myths in e-learning. Medical Teacher, 24, 598-604).

Online education is not as credible as traditional education.

Answer:

Increasing numbers of older students are participating in online courses or seeking full degree programs online. These programs are an attractive alternative as they help busy adults balance hectic schedules. As the numbers of interested students steadily increase, the number of colleges and universities providing these online programs also continue to rise. According to recent statistics, over 90 percent of traditional institutions provide or plan to provide some kind of program through distance learning. Despite concerns, acceptance of online degree programs is on the rise. Many corporations are hiring applicants with online degrees, or providing tuition reimbursement. As more traditional and quality institutions begin to offer these programs, they will become more common and widely accepted. (Retrieved Oct 2, 2003, from <http://www.back2college.com/onlinedegrees.htm>).

Internationalization at Rollins College

by **Jami Furo**

staff reporter

Rollins has put a new and stronger focus on internationalization. The focus is on expanding international programs for Rollins students beyond western cultures and expanding into southeast Asia, the Middle East, and Latin America, among others.

The plan to increase internationalization is part of a five-step plan of quality enhancement for reaccreditation. The steps include citizenship, social and academic integrity, increased retention of students, diversity, and, of course, internationalization. In an interview with Dr. Duncan, he explained his approach to this process and the meaning behind it.

Dr. Duncan states that it is

our responsibility to develop a stronger voice on the meaning of internationalization. He says that the "international world of the 21st century" includes more than the western hemisphere. It includes Asia, South America, Latin America, Africa, and the Middle East.

"It's not that we're turning away from 18th century art and literature," Dr. Duncan said, clarifying that he is not criticizing western culture. "But rather expanding to other parts of the world that are important for 21st century education."

Dr. Duncan talked about the importance of studying certain areas of the world for particular disciplines. For example, if a student is a religion major, it is important to study the Middle East, among other

areas. If a student is studying emerging and developing nations, Africa is the best place to look. If a student is studying economics, students should look to China. The best way to study these places, of course, is to travel there and see their systems of government, economics, and culture in person.

In order to accomplish this, Rollins is using funds to stimulate faculty to increase international trips and programs. Many of these trips will involve groups of faculty in various fields led by a faculty member with an interest or focus in a particular area of study. That faculty member will lead the group through the nation in which they are staying as they work together to study the culture or structure of the nation.

A pleasant side effect of this venture is that many faculty members who normally spend very little time together will be able to form academic and personal friendships that will benefit their study.

"It's inevitable that if you spend a week or two in a group of 12 or so faculty that ideas will emerge for interesting ideas for multi-disciplinary international programs."

This project is not just for the benefit of faculty, however. International programs for students are also a high priority, and faculty are encouraged to create international programs for students. Several prototype trips have already been developed, including trips to the Middle East and China in spring and early summer.

Dr. Duncan says that

there are no ground rules for participation except that all faculty has the opportunity. When faculty members choose a location for study, they are encouraged to choose a nation that will "enforce a new and broadening experience."

Dr. Duncan makes it very clear that he is not criticizing American culture by expanding student's and faculty's view to other cultures. He clarifies that Americans, however, must learn to compete as global citizens and not just as Americans.

"You can't know what it is to be an American until you know what it is to not be an American," Dr. Duncan explained.

Dr. Duncan encourages students to make known their opinions to him.

Redheads and Cancer?

by **Nayelah Sultan**

contributing writer

There is little doubt about the propensity of redheads' skin to readily sunburn, and its direct correlation to higher rates of skin cancer in redheads. However, new research from Duke University chemistry professor John D. Simon, PhD, indicates that sunburn may not be the only reason these pale-skinned, light-eyed, and light-haired individuals are at high risk of cancer; according to Simon's new research, the pigment that colors their skin, melanin (which darkens with sun exposure to provide either the bronzed Hollywood look or the Strawberry shortcake freckle look), may also be a cancer stimulant, even if the person does not sunburn.

Simon presented his findings at the 230th national meeting of the American Chemical Society in Washington, D.C. Though the theory is not new, this is the first time a direct correlation has been made between melanin and cancer risk. He proved his supposition by experimenting with a broad base of naturally black and red hair clippings. The sample base was derived from wigs, and students at Duke who were paid for their contribution. Melanin from skin was not used because it is extremely difficult to separate melanin from human skin; but the pigments in the hair are the same, so it is still possible to study the effects of melanin on skin. He then exposed both types of hair samples to

Class A ultraviolet rays, which are associated with sunburn, or Class B ultraviolet rays, which can penetrate the skin even without a burn. The reaction was studied through a special laser and microscope, and the results confirmed his theory. Both types of ultra violet rays caused a photochemical reaction with the redheads' pigment, called pheomelanin, which created an oxidative stress, where oxygen molecules called free radicals are formed. Over time, these molecules can accumulate to stimulate cancer. On the other hand, only UVB light caused that oxidative reaction with the pigment from black hair, called eumelanin. Though blondes have some of the same pigmentation as redheads, their reaction was similar to that of people with dark hair.

Sunburn and cancer risk is a major problem for blondes, redheads, and brunettes alike. So, always keep in mind these pieces of advice as you go on about your day: First, ultraviolet rays are present year-around, so keep sun protection tactics even after the scorching summer sun is no longer a reminder to keep the SUV on. Also, be sure to wear sunglasses with total UV protection, with protective gear against the sun's blazing rays. Also avoid going out during peak radiation hours of 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Foster skin cancer prevention habits early on because 80% of a person's lifetime damaging sun exposure is acquired before age 18.

Cancerous Chips and Fries

by **Kristina Aronson**

contributing writer

Acrylamide, a cancer causing chemical has recently been linked to French fries, chips, and crackers. Food and drug administrations around the world are up in arms, challenging fast food and snack giants with concerns about the possible health threats posed by the chemical. Sweden's National Food Authority has done the most extensive research on the production of acrylamide, concluding that it is produced when starchy foods are baked or fried at high temperatures. California Attorney General Bill Lockyer has led the United States' attack on fast food

corporations, suing the giants while also calling for new warning labels to be placed on items containing acrylamide, so that consumers might have the opportunity to make informed decisions regarding their food choices.

Critics cite lack of scientific evidence for a link between cancer in humans and acrylamide as reason enough for lawsuits to be dropped. Even the most adamant anti-acrylamide lobbyist will admit that such a link does not exist - at least not yet. An emergency panel established by the World Health Organization has conducted research to evaluate the health threats of acrylamide since 2002, but no solid con-

clusions have been reached.

Many other foods have been found to contain asparagine, a naturally occurring chemical that reacts with heat and starch to create acrylamide; spinach, asparagus, dairy, poultry, and eggs are among the asparagine containing foods. This recent discovery has led critics to further question the legitimacy of Lockyer's and others' claims, and muse that the FDA simply is on a hunt for a scapegoat, and money from giant food corporations. Consumers' ability to make educated decisions regarding food may be hampered by the battle about to ensue, but Americans will most likely continue their usual fast food consumption.

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Always a delicate conversation, it's usually best to hit them up before grades come out. Requests are best preceded by observations like "It's so cold in here I can see my breath" and "Wow, I'm just wasting away from hunger."

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Aries (March 21-April 19): Take it easy during the beginning of this week, there's no rush. Start looking for some excitement this weekend, you've got an overload of energy that needs someplace to go. Single: Don't commit to one plan early this week, keep your options open for the weekend. Attached: You've been awful good lately, let your honey spoil you this weekend, you deserve it.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): This week is all about working and keeping your ahead above water. Don't worry, there will be someone there to support you just when you need it, just be sure not to turn them down. Single: Love is just around the corner, but not this week. Stay collected and get everything else together before you go looking for love. Attached: Missing that special someone? Call them up, it

doesn't matter that you just talked to them, let them know you care.

Gemini (May 21-June 21): You need to get that act together. Don't be fooled by your overabundance of work this week, you need to bring your personal life into balance or everything will fall apart. Single: Take a chance on love this week, but don't get overwhelmed by emotions. Take it slow and easy. Attached: You and your honey need to sit down and talk things out this week. The problems aren't going to fix themselves, so stop putting it off and work it out.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): You've been working way too hard lately, you deserve to party. Cut loose and go find some fun. Single: Don't go looking for a relationship to jump into this weekend, go have some fun and play the field. Attached: Take your love out this weekend for some feasting and fun.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Does it feel like you hit the jackpot lately, maybe you have. Single: Go looking for love this week, when fate is on your side you should take full advantage of it. Karma is in your favor. Attached: You've caught a good one, so make sure you spoil them. Take them out, show them off, and make them fall in love with you all over again.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You are all over the place emotionally this week. You need to take it easy and calm down.

Try taking a new path, you'll still get to your destination, but the change of pace will do you good. Single: You're not going to meet anyone just doing the same old thing, change it up. Attached: Your significant other is still going to be there when you get done figuring out your own life. Don't worry, they're with you all the way.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You need a new perspective on life. You're young, go out and smell the roses. Just be sure to avoid the sulphur water. Single: Stay single. Life is too short to get attached just now, go enjoy yourself. Attached: Advocate some space in your relationship, you'll both feel better for it.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Be on top of your game this week. Without an enthusiastic attitude you won't get anywhere, and you have a lot going on just now. Single: Go for love this week. If you aren't bold you won't make it. People like to be swept off their feet. Attached: Remind your sweetie why they chose you in the first place. Romance them all over again and make them feel amazing.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): If you're having a rough week don't worry, smooth waters are ahead. Life is always hectic at the beginning of the school, but it will get better, just have hope. Single: That special someone is out there for you, just not right this moment. You probably already know them, just let things

flow naturally and things will go right. Attached: Depend on your honey for support this week. They can help you out more than you think.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Things are finally starting to come together for you this week. You're on your way to success, just keep on trucking. Single: If you're looking for love you're going to miss it, try doing something else and let love come to you. Attached: No matter the distance you and your love are going to make it. If you need some space this week, that's ok, it will all work out.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You're a water sign, so you're supposed to be flexible. Don't lose sight of that this week or you'll find yourself in deep water. If things start looking difficult just search for creative solutions and things will go easier. Single: Go with the flow, love comes to those who can sit by the beach and relax. Attached: If you're honey is having some problems this week then be there to remind them how to relax and enjoy themselves.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Love is in the stars this week. If you haven't been paying attention to those around you then start looking for a new interest. Single: The love of your life is probably right next to you and you're just not realizing it. Wake up and fall in love. Attached: If things are going to work out it's up to you, so work on your relationship this week and make things real.

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X-Box 360: The Next Generation in Gaming

■ The next generation of gaming consoles is about to hit the market and score!

by **Max Remer**

staff reporter

Say goodbye to your Playstation 2. Microsoft's next generation behemoth is ready to outdo everything else on the market this holiday season. Microsoft is slated to be the first of the big three, Sony, Microsoft and Nintendo, to release its next generation system upon the US. It will be competing with the upcoming Playstation III and Nintendo's newest gaming system in the year to come, but it will be the only new console available for purchase this holiday season. Microsoft entered the home gaming market first with the Xbox.

The Xbox revolutionized gaming with its built in broadband capabilities, on-board hard drive and awe inspiring graphics. This combination along with an add-on ability to double as a DVD player helped Microsoft to grab hold of some serious market share. No longer being the new kid on the block, Microsoft is ready to launch their newest creation, the Xbox 360. Slated for release sometime in November, the Xbox 360 will become the most powerful home gaming system yet.

Originally unveiled on May 12, 2005 on MTV, the hype for this system has continued to grow steadily. Microsoft is pushing the Xbox 360 not simply as the most

advanced gaming console to date, but rather as an entire home entertainment system. The Xbox 360 will be able to link up to your MP3 player so you can listen to music. It will also have the ability to store that music onto its 20 gigabyte hard drive. If you're looking for more than an expensive CD player the Xbox 360 like its predecessor can play DVD movies and thus removes the need of standard DVD player. The Xbox 360 also comes ready with three USB 2.0 ports and two additional memory ports for any additional hardware that Microsoft already plans for release. These include upgradeable hard drives, wireless network adapters, headsets and remotes.

Truly what gets most gamers excited however is the ability to render beautiful graphics. This system coupled with a HD ready TV and s-video should blow away anyone watching what it is capable of. The only downside to this system is the price point. Microsoft has also broken records with its newest asking price for this system. What Microsoft labels as its "core" system will fetch \$299.99.

This system, however, will disappoint most gamers as it contains no hard drive and no wireless controllers. Although the wireless controllers are more a luxury item than a true necessity, such is not so with the hard drive. The hard drive could possibly be the most important feature missing as it allows gamers to all their favorite Xbox games on the Xbox 360. This hard drive is

slated to be price around \$100 (the exact difference between the Xbox 360 Core System and the Xbox 360 Standard System).

The Standard System pricing in at a whopping \$399.99 includes the 20 gigabyte hard drive, a wireless controller, a headset and for a media remote. Although this package is significantly more, it is by far the better deal.

Either way good luck trying to get one of these systems this holiday season as gaming systems are notorious for running scarce during their debut. Many stores are already starting waiting lists for their second round of incoming shipments. If you intend on buying one of these systems this holiday season be sure to get on a waiting list early because game stores and online stores begin running out of gaming consoles the first two weeks of December.

The anticipated games for the new system look to more than meet the expectations of anxious gamers. The console and its upcoming games should be well worth the wait and the money required. If you do however, end up owning an Xbox 360 this holiday season you should not be disappointed as it looks to be a great next step for home entertainment.

Upcoming Titles:
Madden NFL 2006
Full Auto
Quake IV
Ghost Recon III
Call of Duty II
Test Drive: Unlimited
Elder Scrolls IV
Gears of War
Halo III
Kameo
Perfect Dark
Zero
Project Gotham Racing 3
Dead to Rights II
OutRun 2
Fight Night: Round 2



THE HOT SPOT TATAME

You enter Tatame around 9pm, it's the opening of your artist friend's exhibit. It takes about five minutes for your eyes to adjust to the darkness. Everything is dimly lit, only the photographs of your friend are really lit, and even then it's pushing it. There's a large white couch in the shape of a horseshoe to your left with a very modern-looking coffee table sporting a candle in the center of it. Behind the couch are two long tables about a foot and a half to two feet wide with black backless stools. But those aren't what make you want to lie down, relax, and drink some of Orlando's best sake and tea. To your right, on a raised platform are more of those modern coffee tables, but with Japanese mats. To you, after a long hard day of studying and walking around campus, they look like big comfy pillows with the perk of bubble tea, or if you're over 21, sake.

Tatame opened in the late February of this year, but the grand opening was in late March. Maggie Lee, 22, the founder and owner of Tatame had been working on establishing it for over a year. Lee's plan was to introduce sake to the city of Orlando but at the same time find a place for an artist and tea drinker like herself. "Around March 2004, my 'plan' was to get a laid back job (at coffee shop) where I could drink tea, and write music all day. Not able to find this 'perfect' job, I began to envision what I would love to see open. As an artist, I wanted a stage...A big stage to play anytime without booking. As a student, I wanted free wireless internet, in a lounge full of my paintings. As a Chinese girl, I wanted tea and not coffee. As a management major, I wanted my own business," said Lee.

Every night there is something going on at Tatame. It can even be rented out for private parties. Mostly though, there is live music and showings of local artists' and Lee's own work. "I sing and paint. I just wanted my own stage to sing in and own art. I wanted a simple, easy gallery for local artists to show their art. It is so hard for new artists to be discovered, so that's why I display art here. Rollins students are always welcome," said Lee.

Tatame is best known for its bubble tea and sake. Lee did not want just the normal, everyday sake, a Japanese alcoholic beverage distilled from long-grain rice and black koji, and the menu proves that. There are at least ten different types of the sake, all with fruit juices fused into it. The bubble tea is tea with cream and thick spheres at the bottom. Ari Johnson, a senior at Winter Park High School, said, "The bubbles at the bottom of the tea taste like warm gummi bears."

Tatame is located at 233 W Fairbanks Ave in Winter Park. Their website is sleepattatame.com, and the events calendar is posted on there as well. Tatame is a great place to sit back and relax or to go out on a date to. And if you aren't enticed by any of this, just seeing the paintings of the cute mascot in his little red ninja suit carrying a sake glass and tea kettle should get you out of bed.

KELLY McNOLDY



GETTIN' HAPPY, JAPAN STYLE: Tatame features a wide variety of Japanese teas and liquors.

The 40 Year Old Virgin: Get Some and Go Back For More

by **Natalie Wyatt**

staff reporter

This is a movie that could have easily become another crude joke that only a small fraction of the frat population liked, but instead it turned out to be a good-hearted buddies helping buddies movie that was full of insight and laughs for a wide range of audience members.

Forty year old Andy (Steve Carrel) leads a fulfilling life. His humble apartment is filled with collectable action figures, a plethora of video games, his own karaoke machine, and many others things to keep him busy. Andy watches survivor with the elderly couple upstairs and on his most interesting weekend we can find him making egg salad. But there is certainly something missing—companionship.

Previous experience (or shall I say inexperience) with the ladies has kept Andy a Virgin for 40 years! People that he works with think he's probably a serial killer and it doesn't look like anything will ever change. Until one night Andy goes to a poker game with his buddies from

work. David (Paul Rudd), Jay (Romany Malco), and Cal (Seth Rogan) soon discover that Andy, thinking that breasts feel like bags of sand, has never been with a woman. The three friends have great comedic chemistry as they try to lead Andy from the path of boy to man.

The quest then begins to find Andy a suitable lady friend. Talks of runnin' ho's before he calls the girl he really likes and crazy schemes like speed dating ensue.

This was a cute and highly, highly quotable movie. It even had it's moments of originality. Sure, some parts of it were in tune with the set rules of storyline and it wasn't the most mind boggling movie out there, but it was good. Who doesn't want to see a grown man get his chest hair waxed? "Dude, you look like a man-o-lantern"

There are too many jokes to see and hear for anyone to pass up this movie. If you really hate the stupid-funny movie then you probably shouldn't see it. But if you get in that mood or are always in that mood then it is a must see.

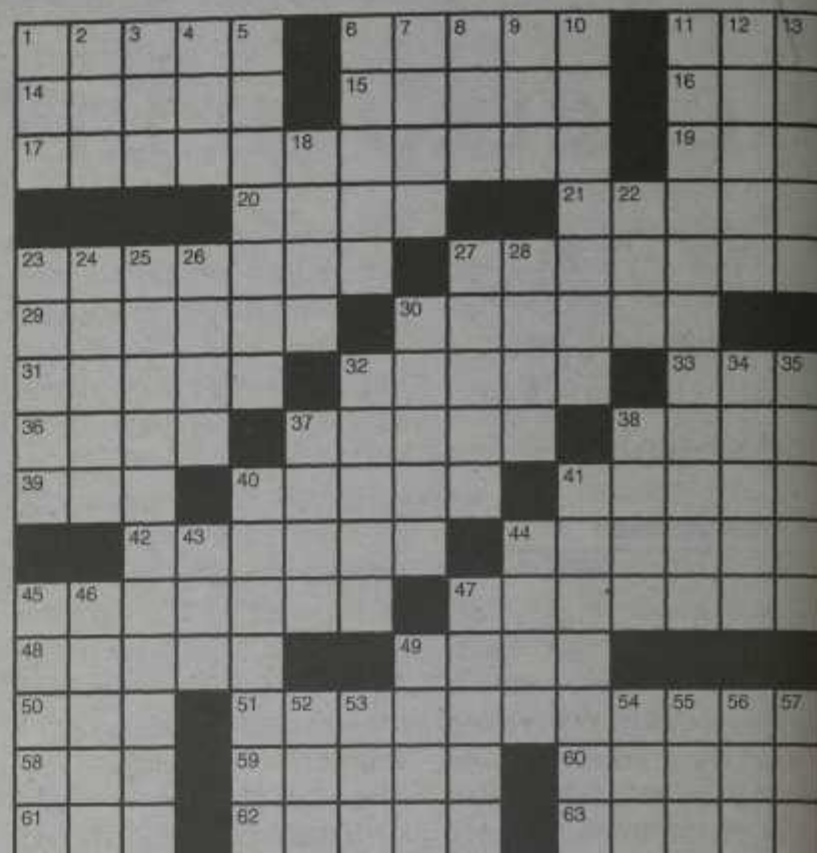
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"At that moment Doug realized that any bungee jumping company that offered coupons probably wasn't a good choice."

Kanye West's Newest CD: Late Registration

■ Filled with catchy lyrics and thought provoking messages, this cd has great style.

by **Lauren Kennedy**
staff reporter

Kanye West may be considered egotistical, but with his new release, *Late Registration*, he has every right to be. The album is filled with fresh rhythm and brilliant collaborations, with artists such as Adam Levine of Maroon 5 to Jay-Z to Brandy.

West exploded onto the scene with his debut album, 2004's *The College Dropout*. Prior to this he had become wellknown in the hip-hop community for his ability to create hypnotic beats for Rock-a-fella artist such as Jay Z. Having established a high level of credibility in the hip-hop community his first album was hugely successful. With over 2 million copies sold, he had many wondering if he could do it again with *Late Registration*.

So far, West has really proved himself. Singles that have already topped the charts, such as "Gold Digger" and "Diamonds" are just a sample of the truly unique tracks on the latest release.

Not only is *Late Registration* filled with catchy lyrics and thought provoking messages, but is inimitable with its infusion of common beats with layers of horns, strings, and pianos. Clever uses of songs on the release, such as the use of Ray Charles' "I Got A Woman" in the popular single "Gold Digger" featuring Jamie Foxx. Gold Digger fast the remix of Shirley Bassey's James Bond theme, "Diamonds from Sierra Leone," are just another way that West's lyrical genius is shown.

Other songs on the album include a tribute to his mother, called "Hey Mama," and a song about his grandmother's hospitalization, "Roses," which criticizes the state of healthcare.

The musical spectrum is enhanced not only with use

of original orchestration, but with the fresh accompaniment of artists like Common on the track "My Way Home," Lupe Fiasco on "Touch The Sky," and the successful Cam'Ron, who continues his lyrical witticism alongside Kanye on the track "Gone." Jon Brion, the former co-producer for Fiona Apple, helps West transform his bouyant personality and appetite for the grandiose into the orchestral and lyrical masterpiece that *Late Registration* is.

Kanye West's unique personality and reputation is made up of his original ideas and confidence. His personality is vital to his sound, which provides a sui generis option for listeners today.

For anyone who enjoyed Kanye West's debut album, I strongly recommend *Late Registration*, which provides a variety of styles and smart lyrics. The contradiction of a general hip hop outlook and a true voice on today's issues on provides nothing short of pure entertainment.

Fall Concert Schedule

by Angela Gonzalez

September:

- 9: Against Me! in Tampa/\$10/7pm
- 11: Foo Fighters w/Weezer in Tampa/\$27.75-37.75/7pm
- 13: Motley Crue @ TD Waterhouse/\$37.50-69.50/8pm
- 14: Coldplay w/Rilo Kiley in Tampa/\$70/7:30pm
- 14: Mashin, The Spill Canvas & This Day & Age @ The Social/\$10/7pm
- 14: Marc Anthony, Alejandro Fernandez & Chayanne @ TDW/\$45-95/7:30pm
- 16: Less Than Jake w/ Rory & Dave Melillo @ House of Blues/\$14/7pm
- 16: Drew Carey & the Improv All-Stars @ Hard Rock Live/\$45-60/6pm & 9pm
- 17: Journey @ in Tampa/\$20-45/7:30pm
- 17: Paul McCartney in Tampa/\$50-250/8pm
- 18: Days Away, Lovedrug, The Goodwill & The Juliana Theory @ The Social/\$12/6pm
- 19: The Rolling Stones w/ Joss Stone in Tampa/Look on eBay/7:30pm
- 20: Hidden in Plain View @ The Social/\$10/5pm
- 21: Yerba Buena @ The Social/\$15-17/8pm
- 23: Pennywise @ HOB/\$14.99-15/6:30pm
- 28: The Toasters w/The Supervillians @ The Social/\$10-12/7pm
- 28: The Decemberists @ HOB/\$15-17.50/7pm
- 28: Alice Cooper @ HRL/\$35-65/7pm
- 30: John Mayer Trio @ HOB/\$39/7:30pm

October:

- 1: Daddy Yankee @ TDW/\$35-75/8pm
- 2: Blues Traveler @ HOB/\$25-27.50/6pm
- 2: Summerbirds in the Cellar @ BB/\$7/6pm
- 2: Stellastarr @ The Social/\$12/8pm
- 2: Lewis Black in Tampa/\$39.50/7:30pm
- 6: Matt Nathanson in Ft. Lauderdale/\$9.99/7:30pm
- 7: Liz Phair @ HOB/\$15/7:30pm
- 11: My Chemical Romance w/Alkaline Trio & Reggie & the Full Effect @ HOB/\$20.50-25/6pm
- 12: Kanye West @ USF Sun Dome/\$39.50/7:30pm
- 13: Stephen Lynch @ UCF/Not on sale yet
- 15: Anna Nalick @ The Social/\$15/6pm
- 18: Fall Out Boy w/The Starting Line, Motion City Soundtrack & Boys Night Out @ HRL/\$24-26/6pm
- 19: Audioslave w/Seether @ HRL/\$35/7:30pm
- 23: Neil Diamond @ TDW/\$42.50-75/8pm
- 25: Nine Inch Nails w/ Queens of the Stone Age @ TDW/\$37.50-45/7:30pm
- 25: Rob Thomas @ King Center/\$45-65/7:30pm
- 27: New York Dolls @ HOB/\$23.50-52/7:30pm
- 30: Breaking Benjamin w/Smile Empty Soul @ HOB/On Sale 9/10/6pm
- 30: Death Cab for Cutie @ HRL/\$22/7pm

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The "Right" Answer



by Jami Furo

political columnist

THE REAL ISSUE
BEHIND KATRINA

New Orleans breaks my heart. I can't turn on the television any more because I can't help but weep for them. I just remember last year when we went through those hurricanes and complained for days because our power was out. Never again will I complain about that. Never again.

The words and actions of several celebrities, however, (most notably Kanye West at the telethon for hurricane relief) have come to my attention and absolutely sickened me in the process. Kanye West, at the telethon, openly criticized the Bush administration for their work in New Orleans.

This is not about whether or not Kanye West or others are right because that is debatable. It's about appropriateness. To criticize the work that others are doing at the telethon that is designed to help them is in poor taste and does not accomplish anything.

First of all, those of us who are not in New Orleans and Mississippi, in the pits pulling people out of buildings one by one, cannot possibly understand if they are or are not working efficiently, and we cannot criticize what we do not understand. They might be working as fast as they can. They might not. Either way, unless we have seen it and done it for ourselves, we are not in a position to criticize the hard and painful work of others.

More importantly, what use is it to get on a political soapbox in a situation like this? Our fellow Americans are in trouble, and our other fellow Americans, as well as people of other nations, are down their in the bacteria-infested water helping them.

This is not about politics. This is about people.

This is about people that lose everything and give of themselves to help others in their same situation. It's about the people who stole food from a grocery store that was completely destroyed so they could set up a soup kitchen in the street to feed not only themselves but hundreds of others. It's about a woman who was spared by the storm and went to a fast food restaurant to purchase dozens of hot meals to pass out to people in the streets. It's about the man in the Coast Guard that spent hours trying to save one paraplegic man who had to be cut out of his roof and airlifted.

It's only natural that we think of September 11 in a case like this. I can't believe it was four years ago. It seems like yesterday. I remember that Richard Gere spoke at Paul McCartney's concert for New York. He took that opportunity, in front of six thousand cops, their families, a city, and a nation that was devastated, angry, and afraid to say that it was not the time for war, but for peace.

Whether or not he was right was irrelevant. He was booed off the stage because all of those people were personally effected by the event, and he undermined that by talking about politics. They wanted to drop bombs until they caught the people that did this to them. Were they rational? Or course not. It did not matter. The setting was not appropriate, and the sentiment was irrelevant to those who needed help. In a time when a nation needs to unite, it is inappropriate to divide it.

To speak of politics, approval ratings, administrations, and governments is to undermine the devastation of hundreds of thousands of people. It's not about getting our message across. It's about getting them money, food, shelter, and medicine. It's about taking care of our fellow man. Shut your mouths. Open your wallets and your hearts instead.

Study Abroad, Study in
Chaos: International
Programs at Rollins

■ The struggles of two students as they face the unnecessary rigors of study abroad.

by Angela Gonzalez
and Kelsey Field

staff reporters

Studying abroad is truly one of the most enriching things to do in college. For most of us, we have never ventured to another country, without parental guidance, to learn things on our own. It's scary; it's invigorating; it's one of the best times of your life.

We studied in Spain last semester and although it was a great experience, the mishaps made it one of the most frustrating experiences as well.

Many things can go wrong during a semester abroad and language/cultural barriers don't make it any easier. But that's what International Programs is for right? We go to Rollins, an upstanding school with pretty fat pockets and a pre-existing program, they'd take care of us right?

Once in an abroad program, you have about two months to get your life ready to move. This is one of the most stressful times because for us, we had never lived anywhere outside of the US. We needed a letter to our host parents stating any special requirements we had like illnesses, allergies or in Kelsey's case, being a vegetarian.

You have a *Crossing Cultures* class. What we call an "over-analyzing-cultural-differences-to-freak-you-out-and-get-grant-money" course. Past Asturias students told us things about Spanish life like "no short skirts", "no flip flops", "only short showers" and "refusing offers the first time". We found out later none of these things were true.

Getting a visa was another obstacle. Since some students were not Florida natives, they were supposed to apply in person at the Spanish Consulate nearest to their hometowns. Kelsey's from Seattle, meaning she was going to have to

fly to San Francisco for her visa all on her own dollar. She mailed her application to the consulate in Miami and got her visa sooner than most.

Our tickets were provided for us. However, we left out of Newark, the supposed "International Hub" and we had to get there on our own. I'm not a travel agent but I'm positive there are flights out of Orlando or Miami to Madrid and they cost less than \$1500. Angela's flight for some reason was not connected through to our final destination so in Madrid she had to claim her baggage and make her way alone through the airport and re-check-in before the next flight left. Luckily she's a good runner and we all made it to Asturias, jet-lagged and nervous.

We met our host families the next day and began our new lives. It was all fairly painless for most of us but remember those letters we wrote? Well they never reached our host parents, so Kelsey's madre didn't know she was vegetarian and actually had requested not to be paired up with vegetarian/vegan students. Needless to say her madre was furious with the program, and took it out on Kelsey. Imagine being in a foreign country and on the first day your host mom yelling at you because you had an "eating problem".

Part of our *Crossing Cultures* course was to go on mandatory pre-selected outings as a group, which were paid for by our tuition. There were 7 students that went last semester and it cost each of us about \$19,000 for the semester. I guarantee we did not use anywhere near that much but we also didn't see any extra funds. We also learned that students previous semesters were able to travel places other than the required outings and were funded by Rollins and also received special "scholarships" from IP. When we requested the same, we were told that it wasn't cultural and funds were limited, even though each student has an equal amount allotted to them for outings.

Registration for fall se-

mester was during Spring Break and we all had plans to travel. We emailed Student Records and International Programs to see if we could register at a different time since some of us didn't know if we'd have computer access. Their reply was that they couldn't make exceptions since we were abroad (with a Rollins program) because it was unfair to other students. We all managed to register on time by making searching for internet cafes part of our vacations.

While in Spain, our flights changed and we received no notice from International Programs. We only found out when one of the students changed her tickets and was told her confirmation number was incorrect.

When returning home, Angela again was unable to check-in all the way to Newark and a re-check-in was required in Heathrow. Unlike the last time however, she missed her connecting flight. Luckily the British are very helpful people and they got her on the next flight to JFK with no extra charge.

Upon making it to Newark/New York City, we both had the pleasure of sleeping alone on the airport floors because Newark closes at 8pm and there aren't flights out of JFK to Orlando after 7pm.

You'd think that once we were home the issues would be over right? We were told we'd receive our grades mid-summer but they came only about a week ago. This meant that one student wouldn't get accepted into his transfer school because he didn't have enough credits and he now is at Valencia for a semester.

Finally, in order to receive the other credit from *Crossing Cultures* we have to write a 5-7 page essay reflecting on things we went over a semester ago and experiences we left behind nearly 3 months ago.

So beware, future travelers, you can't believe everything will be taken care of and if you are prone to heart attacks or other illnesses caused by stress, maybe you should think twice before taking on a semester abroad.

Information Filtration: Ban It All Or Not At All

■ The hypocrisy of opinions and personal information in America today.

by **Natalie Wyatt**

staff reporter

So the United States Air Force wants to discourage its leaders from incorporating public prayer into official functions. According to the Associated press, a draft of the new guidelines pertaining to these matters of public religion only ask commanders to be sensitive about personal expressions of religious faith. Is there anything to get upset about here?

The government sees absolutely nothing wrong with asking their employees to keep their personal opinions to themselves in many cases. Those who might be upset with this ban on being openly religious in official settings certainly must not mind some of the other bans that the military puts on people.

Neo-Nazi's should not be allowed to openly recruit and discuss their philosophy

with their military comrades, should they? That is certainly a personal belief that should be banned, right? Homosexuals cannot serve openly in the military or they will be discharged, most likely dishonorably discharged. That's acceptable in many people's eyes.

Our military has a certain control over those that join it. These people have signed away four or six years of their life, maybe more if they so choose. They sign away some of their most basic rights to get free training, free school, a basically good life spent serving their country because of their patriotic beliefs or even just because they needed the job for the money.

Is it right for the military to ban personal rights and beliefs? Their reasoning is along the lines of this: if something might cause controversy or discord among a group of people who have to work under extreme circumstances then it should not be talked about. It should be banned. But is that right?

There are grey areas. Racism, most everyone will agree, should certainly not

be accepted and should not be tolerated. If you are serving in the military and you are extremely racist then you should not be allowed to share those views in an open forum, especially not if you are in a position of leadership. Because of the diverse group of people who join the military, racism would certainly cause problems in many situations.

Don't Ask, Don't Tell allows the military to ask homosexuals serving in the armed forces to hide their sexual preference. It seems that, coupled with a staggering amount of homophobia that is found in many members of the military, the slightest bit of open homosexuality would cause discord among soldiers staying in close proximity with one another in difficult situations.

In the same way, religion can cause people to be divided, especially right now. What if there was a soldier who openly practiced their belief in the Koran? Wouldn't that cause major problems? Wouldn't some people not want to hear that? Well, those Wicca's, those Atheists, those Buddhist people that

are in serving this country — they don't want to have to be involved in a prayer to the Christian God. Those who have different religions may not be the majority but they deserve respect.

If you can ask people to hide their political beliefs and their sexual preference because it may cause a rift among co-workers, then why not ask them also to keep their religious preference to themselves? I would love it if everyone just knew that racism was wrong, homophobia was stupid, and that one's own religion could be talked about but not forced upon someone else without needing bans on certain things, but it just doesn't seem to be panning out that way.

Currently we cannot find harmony with one another unless some things are banned. You cannot ban some big issues from the public forum but allow others. I wish it could be different, and one day it might be, but for right now if you ban anything that might cause discord you have to ban it all, whether or not it is for or against the majority.

Is Pat Robertson Crazy?

■ Has Robertson crossed the line in his threats to President Chavez of Venezuela?

by **Jean Bernard Chery**

staff reporter

Surely Rev. Robertson has been talking crazy for a while; he compared Christians suffering in America to that of the Jews under Nazi Germany.

He knows exactly what he is doing because the mission of his Christian Coalition is to mobilize Christians-one precinct at a time, one community at a time, until Christians take control over America.

This is like the mission of Muslim extremists in respect to their countries. The missing piece that kept him and his mission one step short of radical extremism was: recourse to murder.

Not anymore with Robertson's calling for Presi-

dent Chavez's assassination.

One of the Ten Commandments says "You shall not murder or kill." But Muslim extremists use their own interpretation of the Koran to commit murder. They promise these suicide murderers a place next to God in paradise. Ludicrous! How could one promise things they do not have? But some people believe it as true. This is the bad side of FAITH.

Now, Rev. Robertson is using his own interpretation of the Bible to lead Christians to the same path-with promoting terrorism on national television.

People thought that "The 700 Club" was going to be focused on spreading the word of God, but they were being fooled.

Rev. Robertson advocates Christian political ambition more than the kingdom of God in his program.

Rev. Robertson and the Christian Coalition's greater involvement in the last presidential election should sig-

nal their closing on accomplishing their stated mission: Rule the country.

Muslim extremists want all Muslim nations to be under Muslim laws of their own interpretation, and now Christian extremists want America to be ruled by Christian laws likewise.

During his presidential bid, Rev. Robertson said he will bring only Christians and Jews to the government. Was the Jews were mention just for cover? I bet you it was. Thanks God that did not happen because who knows what he would have done with his opponents.

One way trip to another planet? Too expensive!

Extermination? Perhaps! Cheaper, isn't it?

Oh...yeah! Like assassination is cheaper than war, huh. I did not say it, Robertson did.

Now why should he not be prosecuted for advocating terrorism on television? If Janet Jackson's "wardrobe malfunction" was worth a

whopping \$550,000 fines, so what should be his fines?

So far the FCC has yet to intervene, and the State Department characterizes the statement as "inappropriate."

But when a museum displayed a painting depicted President Bush with a gun to his head, FBI and Secret Service agents were there within minutes. Is this double standard or what?

Imagine if that was Michael Moore making the same statement of Prime Minister Blair; he would probably be sent to Gitmo, Cuba as enemy combatant or for the least, giving aid to the enemy.

During the past six years those on the right of the political spectrum in America get away with almost anything-from leaking of CIA agent's name to outrages terrorist threat on national television.

The left could not have been that fortunate!

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Letter to the Editor: Lost in the Headlines

■ Insight on crime victims, minorities, and activist response.

Dear Editor,

I find Tanisha Mathis' thesis statement about media coverage of Natalee Holloway's disappearance very disturbing. I cannot call it racially slanted because I do not know if Mathis is white, black, yellow, red, or a mix of colors.

I am white, 61 year's old, gainfully employed, and a former student of Organizational Communication and English in the Holt School. At my workplace I have prepared and delivered many federally mandated Separate Emphasis Programs, honoring and celebrating diversity, especially concerning Women's History, Women's Equality, Black History, Native Americans, Employees with Disabilities, and Veterans issues. I am very respectful of all races, all cultures, and all religions.

As a single mother for 18

years, I raised my daughter to respect and see the best in all people. She married a dashing young Puerto Rican airman named Jose and additionally has other Puerto Rican and Cuban ties created by her father's subsequent marriages. I feel I do not have a problem with diversity. Unfortunately, Mathis is probably right that the young, rich, white, blondes get more media attention when something bad happens. However, I can only see this tragedy from her mother's viewpoint. Her daughter went on an after graduation adventure to a foreign country and disappeared from sight. She was seen leaving a bar with three men, probably under the influence of the date-rape drug, and although there initially were confessions and over 20 conflicting stories by these three individuals, her mother's worst nightmare came true: they all got off free to continue their questionable lives. Even though evidence showed their established pattern of picking up foreign women before their

departures from Aruba and claims of rape of young girls by these three men, they are today walking free and we will probably never know what happened to Natalee.

My heart goes out to her family, especially her mother. My heart also goes out to Evelyn Hernandez, Alexis Patterson, Tamika Huston, LaToya Figueroa, Elizabeth Smart, Laci Peterson, Lori Hacking and all the other thousands of missing women, children, and men who have mysteriously vanished.

Can you comprehend the horror Laci Peterson and Lori Hacking faced as their husband's murdered not only them but their unborn children? I don't know if there is enough psychiatric counseling to ever let Elizabeth Smart live a completely normal life without recurring nightmares.

My heart goes out to ANY victim of violence against women and children. Many of their fates will never be known; that certainly does not diminish their value as human beings

of worth, or show that nobody cares. As for the police, sheriff, FBI, attack dogs and shiny equipment showing up if a white girl is five minutes late for class - well, in my experience when I was late, class started on time, and no search party was looking for me.

I personally never knew a student who carried a Prada bag to class, and unless it had flashing neon lights reading "PRADA," I wouldn't know what it was. In spite of the popular belief that the majority of Rollins students are wealthy in either the day classes or the Holt School, many are not. There are many cases of your fellow students who have survived poverty, abuse, racial injustice, incest, and many other deplorable situations. Their aim by studying at Rollins is to improve their own lives and help others.

I hope you will turn your journalistic passion in a direction that will produce positive results for the women, children, and some men, who are victims of do-

mestic abuse and violence against women and children.

The Rollins experience teaches students to read, write, think, analyze and make decisions. I wish you well in your journalistic pursuits. You are on the right track: not afraid to tackle issues or speak your mind, and you are truly passionate about your beliefs - now, go that extra mile and see what you personally can do about effecting positive change.

Together, we women can make a positive difference every day. So much has changed in my lifetime concerning racial, women's, and human rights. There is still MUCH work we need to do, but we are getting there.

I think a great place for you to concentrate on is the current national tragedy, especially in New Orleans where the black, the poor of assorted races, the ill and infirm have been without help for much too long. This should never happen anywhere, especially not in the United States of America.

Lydia Julia Henderson

Deflection, Deceit, & Dippidy Ole Dubbya

■ Why can't "Turd Blossom" keep his bucket head off the front page?

by **Issac Stolzenbach**
asst. opinions editor

Last year, my first opinion piece (on the Bush/Kerry/Skull & Bones connection) warranted a death threat. Why should this year be any different?

Drunk with power after plunging headlong into my occupational disease of journalism—trying to change the world—I return to you after the summer a changed man... a graduate. Whether this is for good or ill will be determined long after my death. In the meantime, grab a drink and smoke. We have much to discuss—brace your bowels—you might just make a Jackson Pollack in your shorts after this one.

Karl Rove, President Bush's chief political advisor, is lovingly referred to by the president as "Turd Blossom." Why would you call him that Mr. President? Is there some distinguishing feature about Mr. Rove that merits such a title? Is there something you need to come out of the closet about? Oh wait, I get it he can make

even a turd smell good, right? Clever, but like my father told me at graduation, "It doesn't matter how much you polish up a turd, son, it is still a turd."

I agree, and I think you are going to start smelling Bush if Rove cannot stay out

not the issue, whatsoever.

Rove will escape prosecution for two reasons: First, because the law specifically states that a crime has been committed when someone reveals an undercover agent "by name," which Rove did not. The second reason is a



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of the headlines.

I understand the bumper sticker now—*Mass Media Breeds Ignorance*—because much like a neutered dog, the media just doesn't get it. If you will reflect on the whole Valerie Plame & Karl Rove fiasco over the summer, the media focused their airtime on whether or not Rove committed a crime: This is

bit more illusive. Deputy Attorney General James Comey, the one in charge of Patrick Fitzgerald's leak investigation, left the White House and took a position of "general counsel" at Lockheed Martin. So who's up for the open Deputy Attorney General position? I hope you took my advice and had that drink and a smoke....

Associate Attorney General Robert McCallum is poised to replace Comey in an interim capacity who—brace your bowels—is a card-carrying member of Yale University's Skull & Bones! Ahh, I love it when a conspiracy theory comes full circle! Thus, I predict the case will never make it to trial.

What the media should focus their attention on is the fact that the single thread connecting Iraq with WMD's was eliminated with Plame's husband, Joseph Wilson's, visit to Niger. The sole document connecting Iraq with yellowcake uranium was a forgery.

I think the media should report extensively on the timeline between Bush finding out there was no connection, and his State of the Union Address telling the nation we needed to go to war. Better yet, how's about documenting the deflection practices Rove uses each time heat hits the White House.

Just to take a snapshot, let us look at the past several weeks. Rove gets into the headlines, and then they name John Roberts of the new Supreme Court pick—two weeks early—to get

Turd-boy out of the spotlight. A week later, Rove starts appearing on front pages across the nation again, then the White House releases that they will not disclose any of Roberts' past memos, which made the Democrats flail around, thus changing the headlines, again.

Katrina hits the Gulf Coast and the media focuses on the fact that Bush stayed on vacation an additional two days after the storm hit; the White House announces (eerily soon and on a national holiday) that they recommended John Roberts to replace Rehnquist. Are you noticing a pattern? "They" walk across the walkway in Plato's Cave, and the media dances their flame against what is offered rather than what is in darkness.

Are we asleep at the wheel people? How did this happen? How did some half-bright primate, dancing at the end of that fat waterhead boy's marionette, lull the nation along in this suicide dance? Because we do not fact check the scripted town hall meetings the president holds, nor the excrement mass media feeds us, that's why. But chin up, only three years to go!

An Introduction to the New Rollins College Ultimate Frisbee Team

■ Rollins welcomes a new club frisbee team for the 2005 fall semester

by **Sean Weigold**
staff reporter

Rollins College is well known for its athletics. From golf, to soccer, to crew, to volleyball, despite its small size, Rollins has been able to consistently win state and national championships. Despite the many varsity sports available, there is a large portion of the student population that will not participate this year. For these students, there are other opportunities in clubs, intramurals, and even unorganized games on the lawn.

As of the 2005 fall semester however, there is a new club sport available to all Rollins students. Ultimate Frisbee. Ultimate Frisbee is a relatively obscure sport, but has small and committed player base. The rules of the game as defined by the Ulti-

mate Players Association (<http://www2.upa.org/>) are simple.

The Field: A rectangular shape with end zones at each end. A regulation field is 70 yards by 40 yards, with end zones 25 yards deep.

Initiate Play: Each point begins with both teams lining up on the front of their respective end zone line. The defense throws ("pulls") the disc to the offense.

A regulation game has seven players per team.

Scoring: Each time the offense completes a pass in the defense's end zone, the offense scores a point. Play is

initiated after each score.

Movement of the Disc: The disc may be advanced in any direction by completing a pass to a teammate. Players

may not run with the disc.

Change of Possession: When a pass is not completed (e.g. out of bounds, drop, block, interception), the defense immediately takes possession of the disc and becomes the offense.

Substitutions: Players not in the game may replace players in the game after a score and during an injury timeout.

Non-contact: No physical contact is allowed between players. Picks and screens are also prohibited. A foul occurs when contact is made.

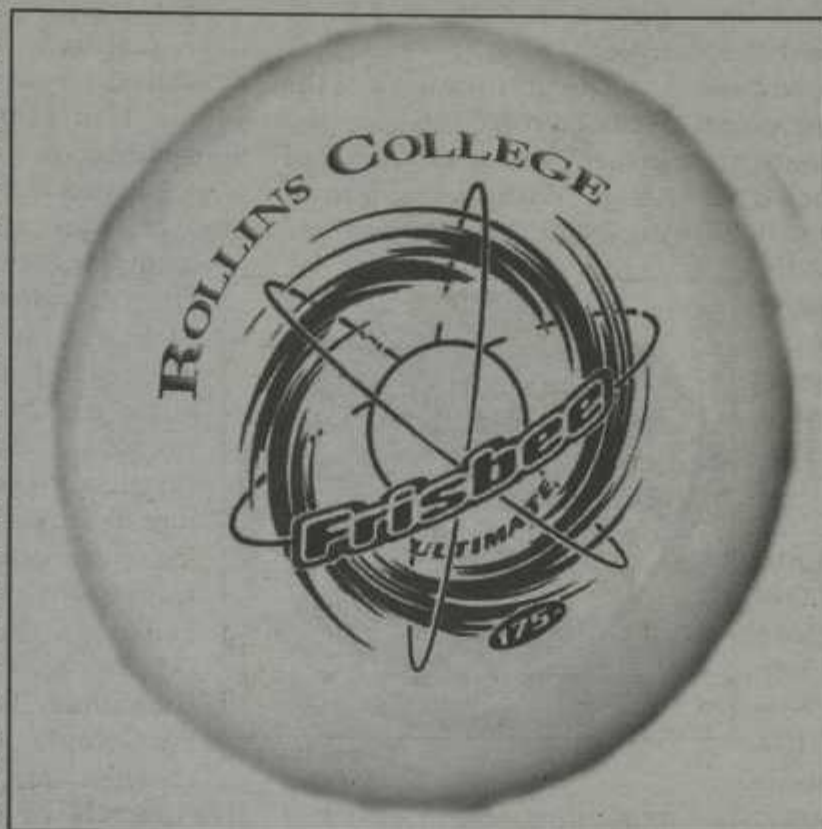
Fouls: When a player initiates contact on another player a foul occurs. When a foul disrupts possession, the play resumes as if the possession was retained. If the player committing the

foul disagrees with the foul call, the play is redone.

Self-Officiating: Players are responsible for their own foul and line calls. Players resolve their own disputes.

Spirit of the Game: Ultimate stresses sportsmanship and fair play. Competitive play is encouraged, but never at the expense of respect between players, adherence to the rules, and the basic joy of play.

Despite its initial simplicity, Ultimate is a challenging game that is easy to pick up but nearly impossible to master. Although it is not an official Rollins club yet, there are several dedicated players working hard to make this possibility a reality. Until then, players meet nearly everyday on the Mill's Lawn at 5:00 for pick-up games and to teach newer players the finesse of throwing a Frisbee. If you are interested in playing a game of Ultimate, or learning how to play, feel free to e-mail sweigold@rollins.edu, or simply show up at 5:00 on the lawn.



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2005 College Football Season Kicks Off

■ College Football's 2005 Opening Weekend full of hard-hitting, big match-ups.

by **Juan Bernal**

staff reporter

It seems like the start of the 2005 season had more questions that the normal fan would care to ask. Could USC three-peat as national champions? Could Oklahoma make their third consecutive appearance in the BCS title game? How would Steve Spurrier and his "fun 'n' gun" offense fare at South Carolina? Would Charlie Weis lead his alma mater Notre Dame back to the prominence it's been lacking since the Parsegian Era? How would Urban Meyer's west coast offense make out at Florida? Not to worry, all those questions were answered, now it's up to you to make the judgments.

The season's first game featured Steve Spurrier's long awaited debut at South Carolina. The UCF Golden Knights were supposed to play guinea pigs to Spurrier's first exhibition of the fun and gun offense. The Knights, who came into the game with a 15

game losing streak (the nation's longest) were anything but that. Despite falling behind 24-3 after three quarters, UCF Quarterback and Winter Park native Steven Moffett bought the Knights back in the fourth quarter. He led one touchdown and one field goal drive, and they were within a dropped pass of making it a four point game with 2 minutes to go, but on 4th and Goal from the two yard line, UCF could not punch it in, and ended up losing 24-15.

The season's opening weekend opened with a couple of surprising upsets. TCU (Texas Christian University) walked into Norman and ended Oklahoma's season before it even started as they pulled out a 17-10 upset victory. TCU held Heisman candidate Adrian Peterson to 63 yards on 22 carries and forced the relatively inexperienced Oklahoma offense into four turnovers. It was Oklahoma's first loss in September in the Bob Stoops era, and TCU's biggest since 1959.

The Auburn Tigers came into their opener versus Georgia Tech with a 15 game winning streak, the

nation's second longest, but they opened the season ranked 16th. Auburn, who felt like they got snubbed from last year's national championship game, had something to prove. Instead, the Yellow Jackets intercepted four Auburn passes en route to a 23-14 upset.

The performance of the week belonged to Clemson kicker (yes, a kicker!), Jad Dean. With Clemson trailing 24-22 with two seconds



Courtesy of NCAA.org

remaining, Dean knocked in a game-winning 35 yarder to give Clemson a 25-24 victory over 17th ranked Texas A&M. Dean finished the night 6/6.

Charlie Weis' debut as the new Notre Dame Head coach was a successful one, as he went into Pittsburgh's Heinz Field and defeated the 23rd ranked Pitt Panthers 42-21. Quarterback

Brady Quinn ran Weis' new offense (the one that helped the New England Patriots win three championships) to perfection. Pitt, under new head coach Dave Wannstedt, was less than impressive as their defense failed to improve.

Saturday's game of the day featured the 13th ranked Georgia Bulldogs versus 18th ranked Boise State Broncos. Boise St, who finished last season as one of four undefeated teams, was pumped up for this one. Jared Zabransky, who entered the season as a dark horse for the Heisman candidate, watched his candidacy crumble before halftime. He threw four interceptions and was benched just before halftime. Meanwhile, D.J. Shockley who finally assumed the reigns to the Georgia offense was flawless as he threw

five touchdown passes and rushed for another. Georgia had no problem with Boise St. as they cruised to a 48-13 victory.

The game of the week featured the state of Florida's longest lasting rivalry, the Miami Hurricanes and Florida State Seminoles. Miami marched into Bobby Bowden Field at Doak Campbell Stadium with a

six game winning streak versus the Seminoles. The game lived up to its billing despite its offensive deprivation. FSU took a 10-0 lead on a two yard TD run by James Coleman and a FG by Gary Cismesia 37 yard FG. The Canes' answered on a Ryan Moore 34 yard TD reception.

The difference in the game was clearly special teams. Miami, who had a clear advantage on special teams in this game and throughout the rivalry which included two missed field goals, two dropped punt returns, a punt that was blocked and the potential game tying field goal was botched by holder Brian Monroe, after QB Kyle Wright led the Canes' on a 16 play 89 yard drive. FSU clearly took advantage, and intercepted Wright twice to hold on to win the game 10-7 despite mustering only 170 yards of total offense to Miami's 313.

Matt Leinart's first game went pretty smoothly as USC romped Hawaii 63-17. Leinart had 332 yards and three TD's and led the Trojans to their 22nd straight victory. Vince Young, another Heisman contender was sold in Texas 60-3 smashing of Louisiana-Lafayette.

Gaming Competition Hits Winter Park

■ Battle for cash, prizes and bragging rights at upcoming Halo 2 tournament.

by **Brian Hernandez**

production manager

Think you have what it takes to battle the best Halo 2 players in the Sunshine State? Then the Professional Gamers League of America (PGL Elites) has a challenge for you.

On Saturday, September

"What better way is there to support a charity than by lobbing plasma grenades at each other."

Jay Marrero

President, PGL Elites

24, the PGL Elites \$1,000 Halo 2 for Xbox Tournament, will be held at the MegaGamez LAN Gaming Center in Winter Park (Located in the Albertson's Shopping Center on University & Semoran/RT 436).

The tournament benefits the March of Dimes of Florida and is sponsored by Liquid Ice Energy Drink.

The Winter Park event is a regional qualifier with the top champions moving on to Miami for the finals and a chance to win cash and prizes. As Jay Marrero, president of the PGL Elites explained, "This is a great opportunity for gamers in Florida to meet-up with others who share their passion for Halo 2 and compete. What better way is there to support a charity than by lobbing plasma grenades at each other."

The competition fee is \$35 per person and is open to competitors of all ages

and skill levels. Families are also encouraged to join in on the carnage and obliterate each other on their way to victory and bragging rights. Who knows maybe

you'll make it to the finals in Miami and be dubbed, "The Slayer of All Who Dare Challenge You," or better yet "Big Money Champion!"

Spots are limited so register online by September 17 - Each registered competitor receives a FREE videogame. For information & registration go to: www.thepgl.org.

**Still Think
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Politically Correct Mascots

■ Sounding off against the NCAA's phasing out of Native American team mascots.

by **Juan Bernal**

staff reporter

The Florida State Seminoles, Illinois Fighting Illini, Central Michigan Chippewas, The North Dakota Fighting Sioux, what do all these nicknames have in common? Supposedly they have names or mascots that are offensive to Native Americans. The NCAA however, is not proposing a permanent ban on the nicknames; it is only for post-season competition. In total there are 17 schools that have been asked to change their mascots. I find this ludicrous, asinine, and just another one of the NCAA's antics. With more student-athletes getting arrested for crimes ranging from stealing \$42 worth of stuff from Wal Mart to DUI. With universities paying coaches \$2 million to resign. It raises the question; does the NCAA not have anything else to do?

The NCAA has plenty of issues that they could be settling right now instead of worrying about something that doesn't offend the majority of Native Americans themselves. But in a nation which is more politically correct than ever, if it offends one, it offends all. But offending Native Americans isn't the only topic that supporters of replacing the mascots have been advocating. They think that USC should remove Trojans, because it is sexually suggestive. Others say that the University of Florida should banish the "Gators" nickname, because it promotes the banishment of endangered species. "It's all part of this 'politically correct' movement. I myself considered it a joke that they asked FSU to change the name" says Ken Rowland, a FSU student. FSU has been the only school so far to receive amnesty from the NCAA. FSU President T. K. Wetherell is considered a hero on campus and throughout the nation, and rightly so, for his stance on why they the school should keep Seminoles as its mascot. As a matter of fact the NCAA amended FSU before their appeal was sent in. Chief Osceola, which is the

acting mascot at the games, traditionally takes a ride on his horse and plants an arrow at midfield before the start of every game. The Osceola tribe and Florida State University have had strong connections over the years, so the tribe is OK with that.

If Indian tribes or reservations really did have a problem with the college nicknames, they would have protested a long time ago. In a 2001 survey, 87% of non-activist Native Americans were fine with the nicknames. We're not offending anyone if 87% of its own people say that it's not offensive. The only Indian name in sports that any Indian tribe has spoken out on is the Redskins, which is the NFL team from Washington. Colleges and universities designated those nicknames to honor the Indian tribes, not disrespect them.

I find it encouraging that we have streets, schools and mascots named after Native American ancestors. I feel that it is a cherished tradition; it reminds people on what qualities the Native Americans brought to society such as courage and bravery. I can't believe the NCAA is concerned about kids stereotyping Native Americans just because of the mascots. In schools, public or private they give an articulate and complete description on what the Native American culture is about. Many young kids have come to embrace, not discriminate, against Native American tribes due to their mascots. It also shows a complete lack of cultural diversity, something that Rollins and other schools and universities strongly promote; if you remove the Native American nicknames you will not be promoting appreciation for Native American tribes.

If the NCAA does decide to change all of the 17 Native American nicknames, it would be doing itself and its member schools a huge mistake. A series of alumni members from various universities stepped up and said that they would

stop contributing money if the schools were forced to change their nicknames. Also, the schools would not get as much concession revenue. Believe me, if money comes up in this issue, the mascots will uphold. Many boosters at schools like FSU and Illinois, two perennial



Courtesy of FSU.edu

athletic power-houses would be annihilated. My advice to the NCAA is this, instead of causing an unnecessary ruckus about insensitive nicknames, they ought to research each individual mascot and investigate why they use it. Also, look at the supporters (which are the majority) and not just a small group of people who deem it to be offensive.

Baseball's New Addition

by **Angela Gonzalez**

staff reporter

Rollins has been experiencing a lot of renovations recently and the Athletic Department staff was no exception. We were all sad to see Coach Bob Rikeman leave to pursue a coaching job at Newberry College in South Carolina but we had to find a new, strong leader to coach the Rollins Baseball team this season. Coach Jon Sjobren will fill Coach Rikeman's shoes as the team attempts to make it in the NCAA post-season tournament for the fourth time.

Coach Sjobren comes from a 15-year career as head coach at Bryant University in Rhode Island. During his college career there, he achieved many awards in baseball like All-Conference and All-New England honors before graduating from Bryant University in 1988. Sjobren then landed an assistant coaching position at the

University of Rhode Island. In 1991, he returned once again to Bryant but this time to become head coach. He finished his master's degree from Rhode Island College in 1993 and later in 1998, completed his doctorate at Boston University. While coaching at Bryant, Coach Sjobren led the Bulldogs to three NCAA tournaments, three NE-10 regular season championships and one conference championship. Among other awards earned during his time as coach, Sjobren was named A.B.C.A. Northeast Region Coach of the Year in 2004.

The Rollins Tars have been performing phenomenally in the past few years, making their way to three post-season tournaments and earning a conference title in 2004. We need a strong leader to keep the momentum going and bring home more titles. Luckily we've seem to have the right guy for the job.

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Volleyball's Weekend Play at Home

■ The Tars split two matches in First Round of Florida Southern Classic.

by **Juan Bernal**
staff reporter

The Rollins College Girls Volleyball Team hosted the first day of the Florida Southern Classic at the Alford Sports Center on Friday. In this round-robin their opponents were the Golden Lions of Dowling (Brookhaven, N.Y.) and the Trojans of Mount Olive (North Carolina).

The Tars opened against Dowling, fresh off a straight set victory over Mount Olive in the day's opening match. The Tars opened the match strong, taking the first set 30-24, despite Dowling pulling within two points at one point. In the second set, the tables turned as it was the Golden Lions who opened strong possessing a 14-7 lead. After a timeout by Rollins, the Tars showed resiliency and tied the match at 18. The teams traded points for the next 14 points.

With the match tied at 25, the Tars showed they were the better team and

pulled out a 30-27 come from behind win, to go up two sets. The third set was a knee-knocker, with the teams trading points, and neither team taking a lead by more than three points. With Rollins facing set point, Dowling appeared to have the set won, but an amazing shot by Kim Cline allowed the Tars to preserve hope of winning the set. But it was all for not, as Dowling pulled out the set, 36-34. In the fourth set, Rollins regained the form that they showed in the first and most of the second set, and took the set and match by the score of 30-24, 30-27, 34-36, 30-22. Lacey Malarky led the Tars with 50 assists and 7 digs, preserving her streak of five straight matches with at least 50 assists. Julia Caner had 27 digs and a .412 hitting %. Lorena Orlandini contributed 16 kills. Kim Cline led the defense with 22 digs.

Less than an hour after their four set victory the Tars had to bounce back and play the Trojans. Coach Sindee Snow said before the game that Mount Olive "was a very good team". The Trojans showed why they were worthy of such a comment, displaying powerful kills



READY AND WILLING: Rollins frontline readies its defense against a Mount Olive block.

and seemingly unmatchable aggressiveness to open the first set.

Rollins did take the lead 8-5, but after freshman setter and assists leader Lacey Malarky left briefly with an ankle injury. Mount Olive took advantage and was victorious in the first set 30-27. In the second set the Tars opened strong as they ran their game. But the momentum didn't last long as Mount Olive made a comeback and took a 10-8 lead. It was a lead they would never give up as the Trojans took the set 30-25, even though Rollins made numerous efforts to come back.

In the third set, Rollins

opened strong, and unlike in the first two sets the momentum went their way, and Mt. Olive was unable to master a comeback. The fourth set was a suspenseful nail-biter. It had the foreshadowing that the Tars going to make an amazing comeback from two sets down and bring home a W. With the set tied at 13, the teams split the next fourteen points, evening the score at 27. The most critical point in the match resulted in a mental error for the Tars as they let a ball drop in. They came back to tie the score at 30, but the Trojans prevailed, giving the Tars their first setback of the season; 27-30, 25-30, 30-16, 30-32.

The loss dropped the Tars record to 5-1 and it was the Tars first setback on their stomping grind.

"In the first game we ran our offense well and we played consistently. But in the second game we couldn't counter or neutralize Mt. Olive's aggressiveness on offense. Their outside hitters and middle blockers were real good. We made a good comeback and showed great resiliency, but bad luck and some mental errors cost us," said assistant coach German Del Valle after the match. The Tars' next home match is on September 21, vs. conference rival Florida Southern.

Tars Suffer a Tough Soccer Loss

by **Erica Tibbetts**
staff reporter

The Rollins soccer team knows all about hurricanes, and the chaos the storms cause. Last year's season was disrupted 3 times due to Charlie, Frances and Jean; games were cancelled and practice was rescheduled. Although Florida has remained unscathed so far this season the Rollins team hasn't.

The Tars were scheduled to play Thomas University, of Georgia, on August 27, but the game was postponed

until next season due to possible weather complications. The Tars' next competition was put in jeopardy by hurricane Katrina, but ended up being played anyway. The team traveled to Alabama, where they played two tough matches.

On Friday the Tars played Alabama-Huntsville. The first half seemed to be going in favor of the Rollins men, who recorded 7 shots to the Chargers 3. Unfortunately the tars were unable to capitalize and the Chargers managed to draw first blood in the 21st minute, as

Duncan Keane scored on a pass from Fernando Pingitore. The Tars were unlucky to score on two corner kicks from Juan Kusnir, who found Tres Loche's head on both attempts. Unfortunately Loche was unable to put the ball into the back of the net.

The second half saw a brief improvement in the Tars' luck, as freshman Dennis Chin got on the end of a pass from Ryan Dodds, and put the ball past the Chargers' keeper and in to the goal. The Tars continued to fight, but were caught out on a

counter attack in the 86th minute that gave the Chargers' the lead. It was too late for any last minute heroics, and the Tars were handed their first loss of the season.

On Sunday the Rollins Men played the University of Montevallo. Once again the Tars suffered a heartbreaking defeat, losing 2-1 to the Falcons. All the scoring came in the first half, with the Falcons' John Markey scoring in the 5th and 40th minutes. It wasn't completely one-sided though. In the 10th minute a shot from Chris Chaffin rebounded off

the Falcons' keeper, and landed at the feet of Ryan Dodds, who didn't hesitate to pound it into the back of the net.

The second half was hotly contested, but the Tars failed to even the score. The Rollins men had their fair share of chances, putting 14 shots on goal, but it wasn't their day, and the score remained 2-1.

The Tars will be looking to snap their losing streak this Friday. They are back at home at the Cahill-Sandspur field and will be matching up against West Florida.

ROLLINS COLLEGE - CAMPUS CALENDAR

Friday 9-9	Saturday 9-10	Sunday 9-11	Monday 9-12	Tuesday 9-13	Wednesday 9-14	Thursday 9-15
Arts & Sciences Senate Elections Campus Center All Day	Rollins Sailing South Points #2 All Day	Women's Soccer vs. Armstrong - Atlantic, 1 p.m.	Caribbean Student Association Meeting Chase Hall 3 p.m.	Yearbook Pictures Darden Lounge 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Women's Soccer vs. Embry-Riddle 7 p.m.	Cultural Action Committee Warden Dining Room 5:30 p.m.
Women's Soccer vs. West Florida 5 p.m.		Men's Soccer vs. Flagler 4 p.m.		Peace Corps Info. Olin Bib. Lab. 5 p.m.		Black Student Union Meeting Warden Dining Room 7 p.m.
Men's Soccer vs. West Florida 7 p.m.		Rollins Sailing South Points #2 All Day		Sandspur Meeting 3rd Floor Mills 6:30 p.m.		

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