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IN BRIEF

R.D. Keene Hall Opening

The Department of Music invites faculty and staff to attend the premiere performance in the new John M. Tiedtke Concert Hall on Sunday, September 18 at 7:30 p.m. This special concert will showcase the virtuoso talents of Rollins Music faculty.

Winter Park Declares Rollins Day

To commemorate Rollins' ranking as the No. 1 regional university in the south in *U.S. News & World Report's* "America's Best Colleges," the City of Winter Park will officially proclaim Friday, September 23 as "Rollins College Day."

Nursing Home Owners Charged for Katrina Deaths

Louisiana Attorney General Charles Foti charged the husband-and-wife owners of St. Rita's with 34 counts of negligent homicide for not doing more to save their elderly patients. The case represents the first major prosecution to come out of the hurricane.

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NSCS Welcomes New Members in Induction Ceremony

■ The Rollins Chapter of the NSCS inducts distinguished new members.

by Brett Heiney

asst. photo editor

The National Society of Collegiate Scholars had its new member induction on Thursday September 8, in the Suntrust Auditorium of Crummer Hall. The group of inductees to which I belong was treated to speeches by the Rollins chapter officers, the national representative, and a keynote speaker.

Everyone was very optimistic in their speeches with a great hope for the future of the NSCS at Rollins. They spoke of the service opportunities and campus projects in which they regularly partake. The officers seem to be highly motivated individuals who will contribute much to the Rollins chapter



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CROWNING A NEW STAR: NSCS Co-president Jessica Crown welcomes a new member into the prestigious society.

and to our community as a whole.

The national representative, Meghan Hertel, spoke about how she got involved in NSCS and what she does now for the organization. She, our connection to the National Headquarters in

Washington DC, is a seemingly wonderful person full of energy and a drive to help us succeed in all of our endeavors. Meghan Hertel will be a wonderful addition to our regional NSCS community.

Two distinguished

members were privileged with honorary membership to the NSCS on Thursday. President Duncan, and Dr. Jayashree Shivamoggy, professor of physics, were also celebrated along with the other inductees for

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The Relief Effort Continues in Devastated Southern States

Committees are formed to handle the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

by Lauren Kennedy

staff reporter

On September 8, 2005, the U.S. House of Representatives approved critical relief legislation to help those recovering from the disastrous effects of Hurricane Katrina. The *TANF Emergency Response and Recovery Act of 2005*, as it is named, will "reduce red tape and accelerate the availability of federal funds," according to the Committee on Ways and Means.

"It's designed to deal with immediate relief. We believe that with expeditious movement by the Senate, this will free up literally billions of dollars available to assist those people directly affected by the hurricane and those states and others who are assisting them with funds otherwise unavailable to them," said Chairman Bill



KHAMPHA BOUAPHANH / KRT Campus

WAR ZONE AT HOME: Members of the Second Marine Division conduct a house to house search for the living and the dead in the Ninth Ward of New Orleans.

Thomas of California.

This funding is necessary for much of the gulf region. Hurricane Katrina Louisiana, Mississippi, Florida and Alabama on August

29, 2005. Current estimates place the death toll in the thousands, and the damage is expected to surpass Hurricane Andrew the costliest natural disaster in U.S. history.

Over a million people are known to have been displaced, which hasn't happened in the United States since the Great Depression

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Newspaper Hoax Spirals Out of Control

■ Published articles of orphaned girl who lost her father in Iraq turn out to be false.

by **Juan Bernal**

staff reporter

The word around the Southern Illinois University campus in Carbondale, Illinois was that a little girl named Kodee Kennings had just lost her father in Iraq. This was significant because ten-year-old Kodee was now an orphan; her mother had passed away when she was five, now her father, Sergeant Dan Kennings, was just another casualty in Iraq.

Kodee had been writing letters to the Daily Egyptian, Southern Illinois' newspaper for two years. She wrote the Daily Egyptian letters on how she missed her father chasing monsters from under her bed late at night and constantly expressed her worries on how her father was doing in harm's way. When Sgt. Kennings died, Kodee's fears came true, and now she would have to become an orphan, not sure of whom she would live with. Sounds like a story of tragedy and heart-

break, right? Sounds like anyone with the least bit of animosity and compassion would be feeling sorry for a little girl like this, right?

It all started in 2003, when the Daily Egyptian received a letter from a little girl who was bothered about an anti-war protest on SIU's campus, because her father was a soldier. Student reporter Michael Brenner was intrigued by this, and e-mailed the little girl and decided to publicize her story. Colleen Hastings, the lady who Kodee was supposedly staying with throughout Sgt. Kennings' tenure in Iraq built a relationship with Brenner throughout his encounters with Kodee.

The first story was published on May 6, 2003, which only got to become the beginning of it. When Brenner was appointed editor of the Daily Egyptian, he began to publish unedited notes that Kodee would send to him regarding her father. It all ensued until the third week of August when Hastings notified the Daily Egyptian that Kennings had become another casualty in Iraq.

That's when the tables started to turn.

An SIU writer familiar with the story contacted the

Chicago Tribune on the night of August 17, and the Tribune instinctively sent a reporter. Once the Tribune's reporters arrived in Carbondale, they searched the U.S. Department of Defense website, but found no Dan Kennings. The next day, officials from every branch of the military confirmed that they did not have a Dan Kennings or have anyone die in the manner or time period that Hastings had described to them. On Saturday August 19th, there was a memorial service in the American Legion Hall in Orient, Illinois. Kodee and Colleen were both in tears and several children were seen in the church, as well as many pictures of Kennings sharing some good times with other soldiers. Later that day, the Tribune was informed that there were no official state records for Colleen Hastings. She couldn't produce a driver's license or a death certificate for Dan Kennings.

Turns out Sgt. Dan Kennings didn't exist. It was found that Kodee was a hoax. Colleen Hastings real identity was Jaimie Reynolds, a 27-year-old woman from Carbondale, and a recent graduate of SIU.

The Daily Egyptian got

hoaxed, tricked, zapped, punked, played, anyway you want to put it, there is really no way to sugarcoat what it did to the newspaper's reputation.

It turns out that Kodee was one of Jaimie Reynolds' family friends from out of state, and that she convinced Kodee's mother that she had movie star potential and that she was a big part of a movie that was being filmed on SIU's campus. Kodee's real identity was Caitlin Hadley, who lives in Montpelier, Indiana. Caitlin was manipulated into impersonating Kodee. She was manipulated into believing that the film was being recorded by all sorts of hidden cameras. Reynolds says that the scam was Brenner's idea, and said that he was her best friend, and that they were in love.

Brenner vehemently denies the accusations. Caitlin and her parents were recently interviewed. Caitlin's dad is now the pastor at a Nazarene church in Montpelier, Indiana. They both felt scammed by Reynolds, and Caitlin added that she felt like Reynolds betrayed her.

There are many lessons that we can learn from this story. The first thing is to check your sources. Any

journalist should look for red flags when they are e-mailing an eight-year-old kid.

Also, it is so easy to get a kid to believe anything, especially the chance to become a big time movie star at age 8, so you can't blame Caitlin for being too gullible. In journalism, part of becoming a good writer is checking your sources.

We have seen many journalists lose their jobs for falsifying for failing to provide accurate sources. As for Reynolds, it puzzles me, what she was trying to get out of this swindle. Was she trying to get back at the university for something that was done to her, or an opportunity that was denied to her? Whatever it was, ridiculing our Armed Forces like that is pathetic. The U.S. military is at war and losing lives in Iraq, so that one of the basic freedoms that we can maintain is freedom of the press. But yet, she chose to persecute that right because she thought it would be captivating to scam a student newspaper. Southern Illinois University recently published a public statement of apology, and the Daily Egyptian still tries to become a committed source of news.

Officials Work Towards Recovery

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in the 1930's.

The U.S. government is doing a lot to help the recovery effort and victims of the storm. More than 70,000 federal personnel have been deployed, 17,000 medical personnel have volunteered, and lots of supplies, including water, MRE's, and first aid materials have been delivered to the needed locations.

Recently, President Bush requested 51.8 billion dollars for additional hurricane relief. Republican leaders moved to try to contain the political fallout from Katrina, by forming a joint House-Senate review committee of senior lawmakers who will investigate the government's preparation and initial response to the catastrophe, according to the Washington Post.

Many are calling the Hurricane Katrina disaster

"third world chaos," and doubt the efforts and abilities of FEMA. Complaints have been made about the poor of New Orleans, and how they were left behind when the evacuations first began. In addition, the levee breach in the Louisiana city was simply a result of unwillingness of the government to provide resources and funding, some say.

However, it seems that the government is doing all it can by providing all the volunteers, resources, and money it is able to provide at the moment. The FEMA website includes a list of ways the government is helping, and resources for individuals who have been separated from loved ones to reunite with them.

As far as the recent recovery efforts, progress is being made, even if it is slow. The confirmed death toll is now at 337, with plans

to recover up to 25,000 bodies. States surrounding the affected areas are still housing thousands of evacuees in convention centers and temporary housing.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers have reported that they are making progress at pumping water out of the city, with pumping about one foot of water a day. It could take weeks or months to remove all of the water.

Although the mayor of New Orleans, C. Ray Nagin, has authorized law enforcement officers and military to force residents out of New Orleans, as of September 10th, it has not yet begun. Some residents do not want to leave, but a forced evacuation is considered necessary because the city is dangerous. Criminals and dangerous bacteria could cause harm to those still staying in their homes.

Rollins Welcomes Katrina Refugees

by **Jeni Hatter**

office of public relations

Rollins College joined other members of the higher education community in offering special student status to students displaced by Hurricane Katrina. Based on academic acceptability and course availability, Rollins worked with students scheduled to attend colleges and universities affected by the Gulf Coast disaster.

Rollins re-opened admission and several key departments worked together quickly to schedule students in classes, which had begun August 22. Rollins welcomed 17 students who were enrolled at Tulane University and Loyola University in New Orleans. The majority are first-year students and most of them are from the Central Florida area.

"While we are deeply sorry for the circumstance, we are pleased to be able to welcome these students into our academic home," said Rollins President Lewis Duncan. "We stand ready to help them as they start or continue their college education."

The Rollins College Crummer Graduate School of Business also accepted one student who was preparing to begin the full-time MBA program at Tulane University.

Confirmation Hearings Begin for Roberts

■ Judge John Roberts begins his round of confirmation hearings for Chief Justice.

by **Joshua L. Benesh**
opinions editor

Judge John Roberts, tapped by the Bush administration as Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, began his round of confirmation hearings with the Senate Judiciary Committee Monday. Roberts, 50, will become the youngest Chief Justice in the last 200 years, able to steer the direction of the court through its docket and decisions for the next several decades.

While Monday's hearings were marked by the for-

mality and relative solace of opening statements by both Judge Roberts and committee members; Tuesday was filled with legal wrangling and political sparring on a variety of issues by both sides of the aisle. Among the most pressing issues asked of Roberts were his views on abortion, the right to privacy within the U.S. Constitution, civil rights and the powers of the executive in times of war.

Throughout the constant questioning Roberts maintained a calm and collected demeanor, commenting on the various issues brought forth through a lens of past legal precedent. Roberts successfully dodged specifics on issues, responding to committee members' attempts to pin him down

on specific cases and issues by saying that he shouldn't discuss the specifics of issues that might come before him as a member of the Supreme Court.

Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Senator Arlen Specter (R-Pa.) began the round of questions on Tuesday by highlighting what is perhaps the most pressing issue the court faces, that of the 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision and the legality of abortion and privacy precedent found within. When asked specifically about the decision, Roberts declined comment but added that the ruling is "settled as a precedent of the court, entitled to respect under principles of *stare decisis*."

The theme of precedent was extended by Roberts outside the analysis of *Roe v. Wade* and the later *Casey v. Planned Parenthood* which upheld the legality of abortion based on the precedent of *Roe v. Wade*. It is through this emphasis on precedent and *stare decisis*, the importance of past decisions and the giving of extra weight to such long-standing decisions, that Judge Roberts' judicial theory became somewhat divergent from his mentor Chief Justice Rehnquist and his advocated practice of judicial restraint, the strict interpretation of the Constitution and the rights within. Instead, Roberts today rejected the label of a constructionalist or originalist, responding,



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ROBERTS SWORN IN: John Roberts, nominee for Chief Justice of the United States, is sworn in before the Senate Judiciary Committee as he begins his confirmation hearings.

"When pressed I prefer to be known as a modest judge."

The day of dodging specifics and discussing precedent and influence was not free from its spars. Senator Biden (D-Del.) and Senator Kennedy (D-Ma.) both showed discontent with the style and substance of answer with Senator Biden accusing Judge Roberts of filibustering and providing misleading answers. Through it all, Judge Roberts maintained his collected manner, responded in jest to the accusation of fili-

bustering, "That's a bad word, Senator," a reference back to the recent wrangling over filibuster rules in the Senate by the two parties.

Senator Specter stated earlier that he hopes to finish the hearings by the end of the week. Upon doing so, Roberts' confirmation as Chief Justice would be subjected to an up or down vote by the full Senate allowing him, if confirmed to assume the position of Chief Justice on October 3, the start of the Supreme Court's next session.



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CONFIRMATION: Judge John Roberts answers questions from senators on the second day of his Supreme Court confirmation hearings before the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee.

Saddam Hussein Confesses

■ Former leader Saddam Hussein confesses on trial to ordering mass executions.

by **Kim Lyon**
staff reporter

Iraqi President Jalal Talabani, a Kurd, reported in an interview to a state-run news network last week that ousted leader Saddam Hussein confessed to ordering many executions, among them the Anfal massacre against the Kurds in 1998 in which thousands of Kurds were gassed and thrown into mass graves.

Talabani quoted Mr. Hussein as saying, "the orders were released by me."

Mr. Hussein's lawyer, however, claims that this confession is a fabrication of President Talabani, and that his client mentioned nothing about a confession during their meeting last Monday. Mr. Talabani's statement to the press is also coming under heavy criticism from Saddam Hussein's family. Other critics of this 'confession' are questioning whether Hussein admitted to ordering the executions or merely admitted to being head of the state and military during that time.

Hussein's defense team is outraged by "a flurry of politically motivated statements." Mr. Khalil Dulaimi claims, "There is no chance of holding a just and honest trial in such an atmosphere

and these verdicts appear to have been issued beforehand."

Amman, a top member of the present defense claims that these entire proceedings have been political gimmicks amid the constitution and the battle against insurgency. At a 'show' trial next month, the defense plans to prove that its client has been denied legal rights because a court formed while under occupation is illegitimate.

Mr. Hussein's primary set of charges are for the ordered killings of 143 Shiite men and boys after an assassination against him failed in 1982 in the village of Dujail. This first trial is scheduled to begin October 19 of this year. If convicted,

he could face the death penalty before prosecutions even begin for his other alleged crimes against humanity. Mr. Dulaimi, however, claimed that the tribunal that will be trying his client had not notified the defense team of the timing of the first trial, nor had it sent the defense any paperwork.

A new defense team is currently being assembled and is to soon be signed off by Mr. Hussein. Apparently, the high profile nature of the case created disunity among the international lawyers, all having their own agendas.

Officials from Kuwait are also now getting involved through a lawsuit, and are requesting that Sad-

dam Hussein be sentenced to death along with other former Iraqi regime members. The crime he is accused of is his invasion of Kuwait on August 2, 1990 and occupying it for seven months before a multinational force, led by the US, drove out the Iraqi troops. Other accusations include the suppression of the Shiite uprising of 1991 where 150,000 southern Iraqis were killed.

The Iraqi government is anxious to accelerate the trial, but the United States feels the government is not ready, and should wait to carry out a fair and just trial. Saddam Hussein remains in United States custody since his capture nearly two years ago.

Egyptian President Reelected

■ Hosni Mubarak wins by a landslide in Egypt's first democratic election.

by Adam Hynick

staff reporter

On September 9, Egypt's first democratically held election resulted with winner Hosni Mubarak receiving immediate protests from voters and opposing parties. Mubarak led his National Democratic Party to victory with over 88 percent of the vote, while the closest runner-up Ayman Nour of the Al-Ghad (Tomorrow) Party lagged far behind with just 7 percent of the vote.

The third place finish went to Noman Gomaa of the liberal Wafd Party with

just 2.9 percent of the vote. The election was the first ever in which Mubarak faced a competitor after years of being re-elected in "yes-no" referendums in which he was the sole candidate.

Soon after the election results were officially announced, Nour claimed that the ballot boxes had been stuffed with votes for Mubarak by citizens voting multiple times in areas outside of their jurisdiction. Nour even stated that non-voters were persuaded to vote for Mubarak with cash payments provided by Mubarak's National Democratic Party. Human rights groups and election monitors admit that 10 to 15 percent of Mubarak's votes may have been fraudulent, but this issue would certainly

not affect the outcome of the election because of Mubarak's huge victory.

Furthermore, Mubarak officially received more than 6.3 million votes, while Ayman Nour only gathered 540,000 votes. Nour remained adamant, however, concerning the fairness of Egypt's first election. "This is the height of duplicity, the height of rigging. That has produced improper elections. Vast numbers of ballot papers were added for Mubarak ... There was a direct (ballot) stuffing operation," he added.

Officials from Mubarak's winning NDP agree that the election was not perfect, but was "better than past elections..." This statement seems slightly inaccurate for the sole reason that no real election in Egypt has taken

place, at least not with any other candidates on the ballot. Mubarak has ruled Egypt for the past 24 years and has only issued referendums to allow citizens to evaluate his performance while facing no opposition whatsoever.

Despite this prior lack of freedom in participatory elections, the Egyptian people continue to support Mubarak due to his stable nature and his solid relationship with President Bush and the United States. The United States, however, has been quick to express concern over the state of Egypt's democratic election.

Protesters of the election saw it as a sign of foreign consumption and Mubarak's supporters beat protesters of Mubarak himself in the streets. Additionally, only 23

percent of the 32 million registered voters cast their ballots for the election. On the flip side, this election is a mark of progress for Egyptians at least in their new ability to vote for a different party and their respective leaders.

Unfortunately, the "free and fair" theme of democracy appears tainted from the results of the election. People were bribed into voting for Mubarak, others may have simply been afraid to vote for a new party due to the lack of supervision and secrecy. And with such a low voter turnout, one could argue that the Egyptian population is still not fairly represented. For the moment, it looks as though the land of the Great Pyramids is still struggling along the path to a greater democracy.

Rollins Holds Senate Elections

by Madeline Obler

contributing writer

The Rollins Student Government Association elections took place on campus September 7th-9th. Students voted on their fellow students running in their prospective residence halls. The prospective Senate candidates campaigned the entire week before putting up posters and talking to students all over campus. Steve Miller, one of the candidates in McKean resident hall, made a promise that if elected he would figure out the pronunciation of McKean; Is it "McKeene" or "McKane"?

Many students were clueless about the actual tasks a Senator undertakes. An SGA Senator represents their constituents in their residence hall. They are the link between the students and the Student Government. If a student has a bill they wish to pass, the Senator presents it to the Legislation of the Student Senate. If the Legislation ap-

proves it, they sign the bill and pass it on to the president, Caitlin McConnell. Each residence hall Senator is also put in a different committee such as Finance and Services, Academic Affairs, Student Life, and more.

The students voted, and obviously not everyone could win. One Senator was elected to every residence hall, except for Sutton, Ward, McKean, and Elizabeth Halls, where students voted on two Senators. Appointments will be made for the residential districts that did not submit qualified applicants.

Congratulations go out to all the students who won the elections. The students on campus are looking forward to the changes that are bound to happen. Upon finding out he won the election Steve Miller said, "I will work diligently to make the wildest dreams of all the members of McKean, especially those who voted for me, come true." With a promise like that, the upcoming year should be great.

New Members for the Rollins Chapter of the NSCS

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contributions over the last academic year. Unfortunately both were out of town and could not make it to the ceremony, but congratulations to both.

The keynote speaker, Dean Powers, gave a wonderfully inspiring talk. In his very gentle yet powerful manner of speaking he told us about achieving his higher education at Duquesne University and what it means to get a doctorate degree. He then told us about going to Africa and helping build homes with Habitat for Humanity, showing us a picture of a former Rollins student holding a homeless African child about to get a perma-

nent place to live.

What Dean Powers had to say was inspiring and compelling, wanting us to use the practical knowledge of college and graduate level degrees to help find answers to the world's problems. He wants us to be the people who do, those who act, and those who think about what needs to be done to alleviate suffering and promote peace.

Dean Powers' speech seemed to be almost a call to arms; he wants us, as NSCS members, to develop what we need to make that connection between our education and helping the world. The NSCS is an organization designed to help those strong academically develop into

brilliant and socially conscious members of global society.

The induction of new members to the NSCS marks a new beginning for those inductees to become involved in an intellectually stimulating environment lead by such motivated and good hearted people. With their guidance and Dean Powers' challenge to us, we are sure to find ways of connecting our education to the needs of our communities. As we begin having regular general meetings of the Rollins chapter of NSCS, we surely will keep our obligation to the community in our thoughts so that we may soon start positively affecting Rollins.



POWERFUL ADVICE: Dean Powers gives an inspirational message to the new NSCS members about how to connect higher education to solutions to world problems

ELECTION RESULTS

Corrin Hall	Susan Frantz
Gross Hall	Tara Nelson
Elizabeth Hall	Tyler Joey Betts and Sharon Riegsecker
Fox Hall	Kali Herf
Gale Hall	Eric Fraser
Hooker Hall	Denard Ingram
Holt Hall	Samar Sultan
Lyman Hall	Marissa Germain
Mayflower Hall	Megan Hession
McKean Hall	Nadia Johnson and Steve Miller
Pinehurst	Sheena Walia
Rollins Hall	Whitney Bassarear
Strong Hall	Pierce Neinken
Sutton Apartments	Nick Reynolds and Carly Rothman
Ward Hall	Zachary John and Alex Winfree

HOLT HAPPENINGS

IT'S STUDENT APPRECIATION WEEK

by **Matthew Sayti**
academic advisor

As campus begins to bustle again, the Hamilton Holt School's office of Student Services wants to take the opportunity to recognize you.

Holt Student Appreciation Week begins on Monday, September 19th and continues through Thursday, September 22nd. Members of the Holt School staff and the Hamilton Holt School Student Government Association will be delivering bags of candy kisses to the classrooms all week.

On Wednesday we will have tables between Bush and Crummer and also between Carnegie and the Rice

Family Bookstore, serving you cookies and lemonade.

"This is just a small way that the Holt School administration can show the students and the faculty how important they are to the college," says Connie Holt, Director of Student Services. We at Student Services want to make your Rollins College experience the best it can possibly be and hope that a sweet beginning to the semester will ensure your success.

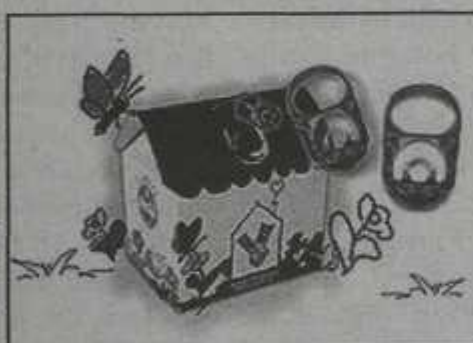
Enjoy the candy and please drop by the tables on Wednesday, before or between class, for a glass of lemonade, a cookie, and an appreciative smile from us. Have a wonderful semester!

Pull For The Kids

by **Brian Hernandez**
production manager

In its continuing effort to providing enrichment opportunities for students both in and out of the classroom, the Hamilton Holt Student Government Association is kicking off a fundraising campaign with a twist—an aluminum twist that is.

Beginning this week, Holt SGA will be collecting beverage



COURTESY OF THE RONALD McDONALD HOUSE

tabs on behalf of the Ronald McDonald House of Orlando. Those little aluminum tabs are recycled and used to help with operating costs that would otherwise be passed on to those staying at the facilities.

According to the Ronald McDonald House, over 52 tons have been collected in Orlando since December 1996 – which equals more than 133 million tabs. Those funds help the Ronald McDonald House provide temporary housing facilities for families of critically ill children receiving medical treatment in Orlando area hospitals.

Families staying at the House are charged only \$15 a night, but the operational

expenses far outweigh this income, and that's where you come in. Located throughout campus are small white cardboard houses with the Ronald McDonald House Charities logo on them that will serve as collection boxes.

Each time you partake of a frosty beverage in a can, pull off the pressurized top on a tennis ball container, or feed your pet from a pull top can, twist off the aluminum tab and deposit it in one of the collection houses.

On December 3, the Holt SGA will be holding its Community Service Day by preparing dinner for the families staying at the House that evening. On that day, Holt SGA will collect all of the tabs deposited up to that point and deliver them on behalf of the Rollins community.

Those tabs may seem insignificant, but know that your efforts combined with thousands of others can really make a difference in the life of a child, and the families that are able to be near them in their time of need.



STRATEGIES FOR INFORMATIONAL INTERVIEWS

Dear Marian:

"One of my friends met with you and now tells me that I need to conduct 'informational interviews.' Can you tell me more about this strategy? I am getting a degree in Organizational Communication and I am not sure how this might help me."

~Jennifer '06

Dear Jennifer:

Conducting "informational interviews" provides an individual the chance to get insider information on a particular career path. It is simply a chance to talk with people who have experience in the profession that you are interested in. Some practical reasons why you might conduct informational interviews include:

- It provides you with the opportunity to explore careers and clarify your career goals.
- Talking with professionals allow you to expand your professional network. Since three out of four jobs are filled through networking, this is particularly significant.
- By talking with seasoned professionals, your confidence will be increased for both the job search and future job interviews.
- It is a great way to supplement some of the other recommended career research. Nothing replaces "real world" experience and advice.
- Informational interviews will allow you to assess your professional strengths and weaknesses and determine if you need to focus on developing any particular set of skills.

How do you schedule

it? You can schedule an informational interview by either a phone call or letter. Either way, it is easier if you start out by talking with people you know and are comfortable with.

Once you are comfortable with the process, you can branch out to other professionals. Typically, I recommend asking for no more than 20 - 30 minutes.

Preparation is the key for informational interviews. Remember, you are asking for the appointment...be prepared to manage the time effectively and ask specific questions. Typical questions include:

- Describe a typical day in your role?
- What do you like best about your job?
- What are the current challenges in the industry?
- What advice would you give someone who wants to get into this type of work?
- How does a person progress in your field? What is a typical career path in this field or organization?
- What is the best way to enter this occupation?
- What are the advancement opportunities?
- What are the major qualifications for success in this occupation?
- What were the keys to your career advancement? How did you get where you are?
- What skills are most important for a position in this field?
- What particular skills or talents are most essential to be effective in your job? How did you learn these skills? Did you enter this position through a formal training program?

Finally it is important to remember the one cardinal rule: "NEVER, EVER ASK FOR A JOB IN AN INFORMATIONAL INTERVIEW!"

The whole purpose is to seek information. And, while I have seen informational interviews lead to a job offer, it is important never to cross the line!

Before wrapping up an informational interview, there are a few final steps to remember:

- Thank the person for the time. If they ask that you stay in touch, make sure you have their contact information. Hopefully the informational interview will lead to a long-term business relationship. Foster it by following up with the person if they request it.
- Ask if there is anyone in the industry that he/she would recommend that you speak with. If they recommend a person by name, ask if they would mind if you used their name when you called. This is one effective way to expand and build a network.
- Always send a follow-up thank you letter to the person. Express your appreciation for their time and advice.

Still have some questions about this process? Email me and we can schedule a face-to-face or phone interview to address any of your concerns. With practice and commitment, you will be able to turn this strategy into an effective part of your job search!

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.

**Hamilton Holt SGA
General Meeting
Cornell Science Center
Room 170
Monday, September 19
5:30 PM**

"More than a school...It's our community!"

Rollins Career Services:

Getting Out of College and Stepping into the World

■ An in depth look on how Career Services can help with jobs and internships.

by **Steve Miller**

staff reporter

Located in the Andrew Carnegie Building, the Office of Career Services is just one of many great departments dedicated to helping Rollins students. The office's mission is to assist students through, well, you guessed it—the career development process. However, just as there isn't only one way to skin a cat, there are many ways that the office accomplishes its mission. Career services employs (pun intended) many different strategies and programs in the process of preparing Rollins students for employment and graduate work. The programs that a Rollins student might use depend on their location in their Rollins' career. This office provides many different programs applicable to all students, and specific career advising services for seniors.

One word to describe the Office of Career Services would certainly be accessible. "Making an appointment at Career Services is easy and free," explains Assistant Director Jennifer Browning. "While at other, larger schools you might wait a week or two for your appointment, at Rollins, you can often get in the next day." These appointments are for Rollins students and alumni of any status and often involve discussion of career goals, job placement, internships, or graduate school. "A common misconception," says Browning, "is

that your undergraduate major must relate directly to your career." She went on to explain that one's undergraduate major—especially at a liberal arts school like Rollins—might have little to do with getting a good job after graduation. Instead, meaningful and relevant work experience, whether through part-time employment, volunteerism or internships, is often the key to job success after graduation.

The Office of Career Services also serves as the starting point for obtaining an internship. While only juniors and seniors may complete an internship for college



credit, students of any standing can, and are encouraged, to intern as much as they so desire. Internships need not only be taken in a field relating to their particular major. Career Services encourages students to explore their interests, and participating in an internship can do a lot in helping them decide whether or not a particular profession is a path that they want to pursue further. The office maintains a collection of internship opportunities and often interns students with Rollins graduates.

In addition to offering individual appointments, Career Services also offers several workshops and classes throughout the year. The topics of these workshops cover a full spectrum

of employment topics and include résumé writing, internship information, and a senior success orientation. These workshops can really make the difference in obtaining the information necessary to get that first job or internship and are often small enough for one on one attention. From October 17-28, the office will host "Grad School Days." This program will include many special activities for students considering graduate work and will include information on the various graduate school options, practice graduate testing opportunities, and financial aid seminars. During both semesters, Career Services also offers an eight-week, one-credit class designed specifically to help first and second year students assess their own skill sets and to consider future career possibilities.

As connectivity with the student body is very important to Career Services, the office sends out a weekly email to the entire Rollins community called "Future Focus." The memo contains important information on upcoming events and seminars and is really designed to keep students up to speed and in tune with the happenings and offerings of the Career Services office.

The staff of Career Services is truly passionate in its quest to help students in the job arena. For Browning, getting to know different students and different personalities and discussing their hopes and dreams, internships and trips, is the most rewarding part of her job. It's never too early (or too late) to get to know the knowledgeable staff and the programs offered at the Office of Career Services.

Hottest Market Employers

by **Kelsey Field**

contributing writer

Unsure of what to do after college? You've graduated, you can go anywhere in the world...yet most of us go back home, working at the same menial jobs until we find something useful we can apply our degrees to. Sound like you? Well you're in luck, as Fortune has just published its list of the Best Employers in the Hottest Markets through AOL.com. And although I don't have space to include them all, here are some of the companies that got the highest marks in some of the greatest cities across the US from DC to Seattle. Fortune begins by naming off Washington DC as one of the best places to go work, with only a 3% unemployment rate (which is the lowest rate of all the country's large metropolitan areas).

Fortune cites Arnold & Porter and Marriott International as the best companies to work for in the capital which is home to 5 millions people. Next on the list is Atlanta Georgia, which is expected to have a 13% job growth by 2008, and has been given Fortune praise for Alston & Byrd, HomeBanc Mortgage and Simmons for those looking for great places to work. Both San Francisco and Oakland, California boast a median salary of \$38,620, and included for employment bliss was Morrison & Foerster.

With a population of 3.7 million and an expected 9% job growth by 2008, Dallas, Texas had 2 of the 10 companies statewide praised by Fortune, which embraced TD Industries and Texas Instruments. Or maybe you like Texas but not Dallas? Austin hosts a population of only 1.3 million, and is Fortune-recognized for National In-

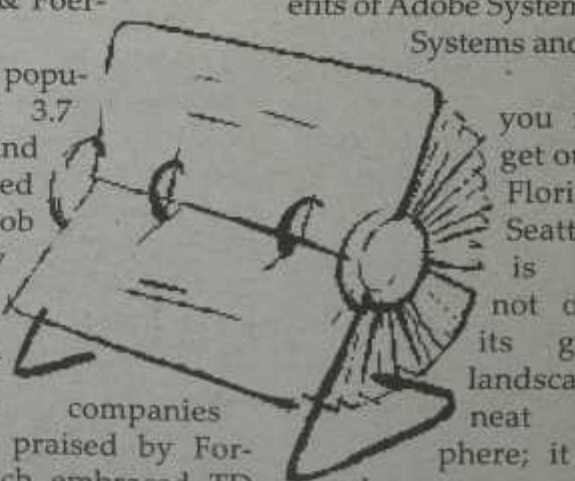
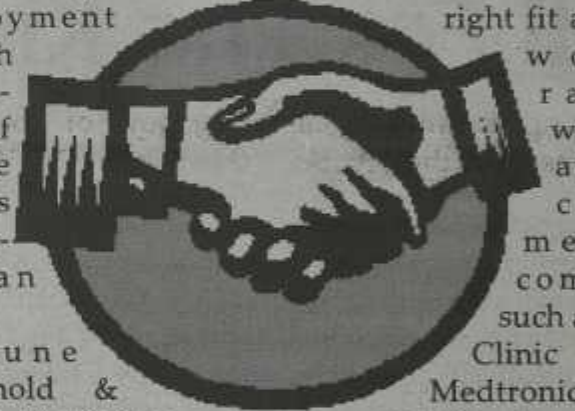
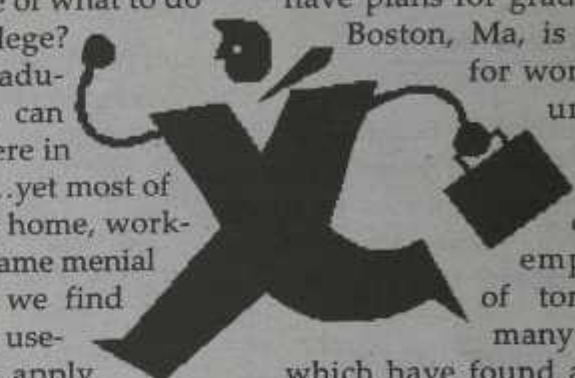
struments and Whole Foods Markets.

Perhaps after Rollins you have plans for grad school. Boston, Ma, is famous for world-class universities that produce the employees of tomorrow, many of

which have found a happy home in Bingham McCutchen. In fact, MIT graduates have started up over 5,000 companies, 1,000 of which call Massachusetts their home. It could be that you racked up some tuition fees and you need to pay them off before moving onto graduate school. General Mills in Minneapolis, MN, reimburses up to \$6,000 in tuition per year, a privilege granted even to the newest employees.

Decide it's not the right fit and you would rather work for another company, such as Mayo Clinic or Medtronic? General Mills does not require you pay them back. Moving back to California, San Diego entices employees with salaries for engineers that start at \$94,396 and unsalaried start at \$49,883. Fortune has named Qualcomm Company in San Diego another great place to work for. San José, Ca, is considered a melting pot of culture; in 2000, Indian and Chinese entrepreneurs ran 3,755 companies, which accounted for \$23.1 billion in revenue. There you can enjoy the benefits of Adobe Systems, Cisco Systems and Xilinx.

Perhaps you need to get out of the Florida heat. Seattle, WA, is famous not only for its gorgeous landscapes and neat atmosphere; it is also home to great companies such as Nordstrom, Perkins Coie and Starbucks. So take some time out after college, check out the complete list on AOL.com, and get on with your life already.



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Upcoming Resume Writing Workshop Dates:

Monday, September 19, 2005 @ 3pm

Thursday, September 22, 2005 @ 4pm

Tuesday, September 27, 2005 @ 12:30pm

Wednesday, September 28, 2005 @ 3pm

Monday, October 3, 2005 @ 1pm

Good Roommates? They're Out There!

by **Kristina Aronson**
contributing writer

Every college student has heard or experienced the horror stories of roommates who's sleeping habits truly are those of a nocturnal animal - and they seem to think everyone else's are too. There are roommates who are like shadows, wanting to do anything and everything with you. Then there are those roommates who are just downright irritating. Unfortunately, freshmen are not in a position to easily avoid such situations, but for other students, roommate hunting is an opportunity

that is looked forward to, although it can be challenging. What questions to ask and what costs to factor in when searching for a new roommate can be tough to determine.

Upon beginning a search for a new roommate, - or roommates as the case may be, it is important to get in touch with as many potential roommates as possible. This way you can better determine what you really want to look for in a roommate, or even more importantly, what you want to avoid. When you meet your potential roommate, it is important to discuss your living habits

openly - that way the other person will be more likely to do the same. Some questions to consider are whether you're looking for a best friend, or simply someone to split the rent with. Consider 'what if?' scenarios revolving around things such as privacy, guests, music, parties, sleep schedule, food, household chores, etc. It is important to consider that stress will often magnify a person's reaction to things as well, beyond what they might imagine it to be.

When renting a house or apartment, one person is required to be the leaseholder, which places the responsibility

of any damage on him or her. Often it is acceptable to give this person a break on rent, but it does not necessarily have to be monetary - being creative with discount perks or extra payments can make balancing costs less stressful. The size and placing of rooms are another element of rent that should usually be adjusted per person, although utilities are generally evenly distributed. Additional costs that must be divided in some manner are food, furniture, cleaning supplies, etc. If you are buying an unfurnished apartment and money is an issue, working together with

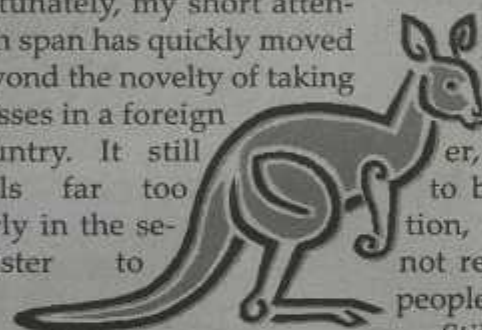


your roommate(s) in determining your

wants what, versus what you need is an element that will generally require quite a bit of compromise. Finally, before signing the lease be sure to check references. Ask your soon to be roommate to provide you with a list of former landlords or other individuals who could vouch for their character. The transition into living with a new roommate will not always be smooth, so remember that compromise is essential, and good luck!

Getting Involved in Kangaroo Country!

This marks my second week at Sydney Uni but, unfortunately, my short attention span has quickly moved beyond the novelty of taking classes in a foreign country. It still feels far too early in the semester to



start taking advantage of allowed absences though. So, after my overly ambitious (translation-dumb idea) bush walking weekend, I dragged myself to yet another field trip on Monday morning for history class, noting in horror how many more museums and nature trips my syllabus says I have to attend this semester.

Taking the trip to the first Government House was not such a bad idea for this particular Monday's class. Upon returning to the Uni, I discovered that it was no longer deserted; instead, the campus was now populated by the more than the slightly intimidating figure of 55,000 students, approximately thirty times the size of the Rollins arts and sciences program.

After living at Rollins, I had no idea how to begin to navigate through huge crowds of loud students, many of whom were actively petitioning for their organizations all over the bustling campus. Thankfully, though, most had finished classes for the day by the time I arrived back on campus and, since very few live on campus, most had already gone home.

Halfway through the week, school began to get a little better. I was used to my schedule by now, and starting to make friends within

the group. Prior to the trip, I had the misconception that everyone might be joining the program with other friends from Rollins; however, most people seemed to be in a similar situation, one where they did not really know too many people either.

Still, I experienced my first bout of homesickness this week. On Wednesday night, I spent almost forty dollars calling home to family and friends in Florida on my cell phone because the crossing culture course I took in the spring made it clear that using home lines causes a considerable source of tension between the student and the host family. By this point, I had also decided that the happy honeymoon period with my host family was officially over (more on this story soon), so it did not seem like a good idea to initiate any more "tension" in the house by requesting to use a calling card over my host mum's phone line.

By Thursday morning then, my homesickness completely disappeared, and I was determined to make a conscientious effort to become more involved in activities at the Uni. Now, I have already mentioned that the campus is "bustling" with ac-

tivity...well, that is slightly an understatement. Apparently, the Student Union (currently mandatory for all students of the Uni to belong to, and it costs approximately four hundred dollars each a year) became so active in politics during the recent Parliament elections that they used the Union fees to campaign to put the left-wing Labor

houses in Parliament, in addition to controlling their government's executive position with John Howard as Prime Minister. One of the new governments foremost aims now, is to make Student Union membership voluntary (VSU) by proclaiming that it is corrupt to use union membership fees for political purposes. This will weaken the political power of students while, concurrently, depriving many underprivileged students of valuable resources, such as subsidized meals and child-care, that the membership fees typically cover.

Now, I'm thrilled that my Australian Politics and Economics course helped me to somewhat comprehend the politically active students railing against the world all over campus (okay, so I could understand the flyers they were holding up, the accents and slang are a different story). I decided to join the students' Labor Party organization. Unfortunately, both these meetings, as well as the meetings for two other organizations that I signed up for are all held during the Uni's common hour, noon; whereas, the Rollins program's common hour is at 1

p.m. So, not only do I not have any classes with Australian students, but I also have no opportunity to meet other students in the most active and interesting organizations because I have class every day at noon. There are tons of other organizations on campus but, since they are all student-run with no faculty supervision, it was either too difficult to get in contact with other members to join or, since the Australian school year places the first semester from January-May, the clubs were not seeking new members for the second semester. This was just getting far too frustrating.

However, I was determined to check off joining a club and meeting Australians from my all-important to do list, so I kept up my search. Then, Dr. Boardman, the program director, suggested trying a "short course," an eight-week program where you can learn a new skill. Nobody else seemed interested, but my compulsive checklist needed to be completed. Then, feeling brave, I decided to sign up for Salsa Dancing. Now, I know this is not particularly Australian, but the intent was just to join anything that seemed interesting at this point. The problem is, I have absolutely no idea how to dance anything beyond Irish

Dancing or something to the effect of slightly incapacitated twirling and hip shaking, so this should be interesting...I start in two weeks, so wish me luck! I will share the undoubtedly embarrassing details later.

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By **Karina McCabe**

Party in government in place of the Liberal Party. Unlike the typical denotation of the word liberal, the Australian Liberal Party (ALP) is a right-wing party that pushes for strong pro-capitalist policies and tends to disprove of social welfare measures, such as those the Student Union provides.

Unfortunately for the Student Union, the Liberal Party formed a coalition party with the Nationalist Party, and between them they took full control of both



Ask The Fox!



Dear Fox,

My boyfriend and I have been dating for two and a half years. We have always talked about waiting until after college to get married, but we definitely want to marry each other. One of my best friends recently received a promise ring from her boyfriend of one year and he told her it was a promise that they would be together forever. I want a promise ring. I don't understand why they have only been dating for a year and she has one, but I don't. Does it mean my boyfriend loves me less than her boyfriend does? My friend said maybe it was because he wasn't ready to commit and that makes me really upset. I'm ready to commit my life to him, but I need to know he feels the same way. What do I do? How do I tell him I want a promise ring without actually TELLING him?

~Ringless Lover

Dear Ringless,

First of all, I don't think the reason why you don't have a promise ring at two years means that your boyfriend loves you any less. It is possible that he never thought of getting you a promise ring because guys tend to put more meaning on action and time spent together, rather than material objects like rings and gifts.

My question to you is, do you just want this ring

because your friend received one? If so, that's the wrong reason. If you believe your boyfriend has committed to you by saying he will marry you in the future, then I'm sure that is true. A ring will not show that any more than words and actions.

If this is really important to you, however, you should definitely consider sitting down with your boyfriend and talking it out. You have been dating for two and a half years, you should be able to talk to him about anything. So, tell him exactly how you feel. Tell him you need some sort of symbol or promise that this is for real and it will last forever. Chances are, he'll do whatever he can to make you happy.

However, there are no guarantees in life. You can never know for sure if you're going to be with someone forever or not. My advice to you would be to just take things one step at a time. You have a while before you need to worry about the responsibility of marriage and forever. Enjoy college and spending time with your boyfriend, and worry about those other things when the time comes. If you're happy with your boyfriend right now, that's what matters! Enjoy it! Cherish it! Don't spend too much time worrying about little details. Be happy that you have someone to share your life with.

~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

Gas Prices Skyrocket!

by **Rochelle Siegel**

asst. life & times editor

When most people complain about the gas prices being so high today they don't realize that they need to take into account the inflation that has occurred over the years.

If you think the price of gas today is high think again, because back in the 1920's it was twice as high as it is today. If you had owned a car back in the 1920's you would have paid ten dollars for a gallon of gas. In 1950 a gallon of regular gasoline sold for 30 cents, but spending 30 cents in 1950 is like spending \$2.33 in 2005.

Ever since the 1920's the price of gasoline has slowly been declining, with the exception of the 1970's when there was a ban on the OPEC and gasoline lines. If gas prices were as high today as they were in the late 1970's, we would be paying about \$6 a gallon for gas, but that is

still more considerable when compared to gas prices in the 20's.

The price of oil is cheaper today than it was 20, 30, and 50 years ago, and it is five-times cheaper than it was 100 years ago. Many question how the oil prices are cheaper now when we have used so much over time, but because of human innovation we are always able to find new sources of oil and also new forms of technology have made it cheaper to drill for the oil.

In the oil fields of Prudhoe Bay in Alaska, humans have found two- to three-times more oil reserves than originally believed to have been there. Russia may soon become one of the world's top two oil producers, as new Russian capitalist entrepreneurs continue to discover new untapped oil fields.

The prices at the gas stations are rising because people are driving during the busiest travel seasons and

when the roads are packed there is an increase in the demand for gas. Gasoline demand has increases by 0.6 percent in the past year.

Most domestic refineries have been running full time to keep up the large demand. The soaring prices stir memories of spikes in the late 1970s and early 1990s. But once the prices are adjusted for inflation, regular gasoline remains below the 1981 high of \$3.11 a gallon, according to the Energy Department.

In the past five weeks the West Coast has seen gas prices rise 27 cents a gallon. The Midwest gas prices are up 18.7 cents and the Lower Atlantic prices are up 17.5 cents.

The lowest increase in the past five weeks was in the Rocky Mountain States where prices rose 11.5 cents. The largest increase was in Los Angeles where gas prices went up 38.7 cents a gallon.

Gas Prices Around the Nation as of 9/12

State	\$/gallon
California	\$3.00
Colorado	\$3.00
Florida	\$2.94
Massachusetts	\$3.12
Minnesota	\$2.75
New York	\$3.30
Ohio	\$2.90
Texas	\$2.84
Washington	\$2.94

Source: VA Petroleum Convenience & Grocery Assn.

Retail Price For Comparison

Product	\$/gallon
Milk	\$2.99
Coca-Cola	\$2.84
Gatorade	\$5.20
Evian Water	\$5.60
Scope Mouthwash	\$27.20
Lemon Oil	\$27.22
Olive Oil	\$51.04
Jack Daniel's Bourbon	\$101.12
Visine Eye Drops	\$995.84

Source: Energy Information Administration

Battle of Gendered Study Habits

by **Vanessa Eves**

staff reporter

The freshness of the fall semester is gradually fading as all of us attending Rollins College face the conclusion of yet another academic week.

Professors are one by one devising semester plans featuring book assignments, research papers and group projects. Nationwide college students are cramming in libraries, downing more Starbucks, and surfing the internet. Which leaves me with one very important question to be discussed about the study habits us as college students have learned and practiced over the years. Who studies more, college guys or college girls?

Sorry to break this to you guys, but a recent study of American college students have shown that the girls are beating the boys in terms of time studying, grades and time taken to graduate (You

Go Girls!). Student Monitor, a national research company based in New Jersey recently released a study (On August 24th) which suggested that the average college female studies far more than the average college male.

The report, which was conducted nationwide in the spring, asked about 1,800 young people 30 questions about their individual study habits. The study found that half of the female participants studied daily, as opposed to only one-third of the men. Females also read text assigned to them more thoroughly and party less than men. The margin of error was 2.2 percent.

Eric Weil, managing partner for Student Monitor, said they didn't follow participants for a period of time because they didn't want to be disruptive. The survey conducted revealed significant differences in the study habits between the sexes. Key findings of the study were shown to prove that

men are more likely to skim through a textbook while women are more likely to thoroughly read their textbook.

Nearly half of all the women study daily compared to only a third of all men. More than one in four men (26 percent) find themselves studying late at night compared to less than one in five women (19 percent). In comparing men and woman, the study showed that men party 20 percent more often than women.

Weil said the common belief that females mature differently than males probably contributed to the study's findings. As a result, female students are achieving higher grades and graduating in less time than male students, the study found. This research confirms that hard work matters and quantifies the difference between those students with a set of solid study habits and those without," said Weil in a press release on this topic.

Obesity on the Rise

by **Rochelle Siegel**
asst. life & times editor

The percentage of Americans with a bulging waistline is growing in almost every state. In 1962, the national percentage of obese adults in the United States was 13%. By 1980 it had risen to 15%, by 1994 it rose to 23%, and by year 2000 the obesity rate reached an unbelievable 31%. Ten states in the U.S. have obesity rates over 25%. A person is considered overweight if they are 30 pounds over a healthy weight. Currently about 119 million US adults are either overweight or obese.

Everyone needs and has fat tissue in their bodies, but when there is too much body fat the result is obesity. Many factors can cause obesity, known as a complex multi-factorial chronic disease that can develop from an interaction of geno-type and the environment. The known causes of obesity are social, behavioral, cultural, physiological, metabolic, and genetic factors.

After smoking, obesity is the second leading cause of preventable death in the United States. The rate of obesity in America is on the rise and has risen 30% since the 1980's. Mississippi, Alabama, West Virginia, Louisiana, and Tennessee are the states with the highest percentage of obese adults. Over the last twenty years, obesity rates have doubled in adults and children and tripled in teens.

Oregon seems to know what it takes to stay healthy. It was the one state that had no rise in obesity rates. The outdoor lifestyle of people from Oregon could explain why they do a better job at maintaining a healthy shape. We live in a world of temptations; everywhere you look there is a high-fat, fast food restaurant. In vast suburban communities, where most people drive everywhere

and do very little physical activity, the sedentary lifestyle hardly burns any calories that are consumed, and ends up causing obesity. The fact is that taking a moderate walk can burn more than 300 calories per hour, roughly the same number of calories in a McDonald's cheeseburger.

Many Americans follow poor nutrition diets and do very little physical activity. Shelley Hearne, executive director of the Trust for America's Health believes that we have a crisis of poor nutrition and physical inactivity in the U.S., and it is time to start dealing with the problem. She feels that the government should promote physical activity, the school lunches should be healthier meals, and more people should be allowed access to fitness programs, such as aerobics classes at local YMCA's.

A woman from Portland, Oregon began riding her bike to work to shed some extra pounds she had gained around her waistline. A three and a half mile bike ride each day is the kind of daily activity that could hold the secret to why Oregon is the only state in the nation where obesity rates did not increase in the past year. About ten percent of Portland residents ride their bikes to the office on bike paths that crisscross the city, just as they do in Boulder Colorado, another bike-friendly city, located in the leanest state in the nation. Only 16.4% of Colorado's citizens are obese.

It is the little things that are the solution to obesity. Not everyone has to go out and run a twenty mile marathon, but doing little things like taking the stairs instead of the elevator, walking instead of driving short distances, or riding your bike to work all help in the long run.

Addicted to Online Shopping?

■ An inside look at the interest in internet shopping versus window shopping.

by **Kim Lyon**
contributing writer

With college campus post offices being flooded with UPS and Fed-Ex deliveries, one will often hear the phrase, "I got it on eBay." With internet retail sales rising by 7.2 percent in the second quarter of 2005 - the largest rise in three years - and online auction boss eBay raking in over \$770 million in net income for 2004, it is clear the world wide web is taking over yet another dimension of our lives - shopping.

But why do so many people choose to shop online? Is it safe? Is it a practical alternative to shopping in stores?

Well, online consumers opt for shopping on the web because of lower prices, the absence of lines, convenience, wider selection of products and the ease of comparing prices. Most shoppers emphasize a new importance of value. They claim the products they buy online are usually good value for the money they spend and either meet or ex-

ceed expectations. The availability of information is another huge factor as consumers use the internet to research goods before making a purchase.

On the other hand, added shipping costs, lengthy delivery times and websites requesting too much information are among the leading reasons for consumers to steer away from online shopping. These aspects have, however, not been much of a deterrent as online retail sales have continued to grow steadily over the last few years, and repeat buyers keep buying.

Events tickets, books, CDs and computer games are among those items purchased most often on the internet, creating a larger male market because electronics are easier to evaluate online than apparel. Online retailers are making efforts to reel in consumers from a younger age and to grow their female market.

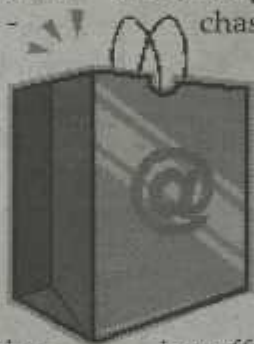
Macys.com recently launched a site intended specifically for teenage girls - www.thiSit.com. Its trendy flash design strays away from the docile easy-to-navigate Macys.com website. Nike.com and

HollisterCo.com are also amid those websites with heavy doses of interactive multimedia material.

While these stores boast no hassle returns, it is online marketplaces and auction sites such as eBay and Amazon.com which dominate web retail.

eBay recently negotiated the purchase of Shopping.com for a weighty sum of \$620 million. "This will enable our sellers to get access to a whole new set of sellers," eBay North America President Bill Cobb said. "I also think this will greatly enhance the buyer experience as well." But already there is a great variety of merchandise on its website. They even have a "Weird Stuff" category for consumers to browse. Have you been looking for that flying-pig Monopoly piece? Or some Osama Bin Laden toilet paper? What about a quality air guitar? If you are looking for it, someone is selling it on eBay.

Internet search engine tycoon Google, however, may be preparing to get in on the competition. It intends to become much more deeply involved in web commerce and is rumored to be working on an online payment system that would rival eBay's PayPal.



Did you know?

by **Rochelle Siegel**

- Because of safety concerns, the Federal Aviation Administration has instructed airlines to add ten pounds to approved passenger weights.
- Liposuction is the most commonly performed cosmetic surgical procedure in the U.S.
- Over the last decade, diabetes rates rose 60% in the U.S. (Over half of diabetes cases are due to overweight, poor diet and physical inactivity).
- Today's size 10 was sold as a women's size 14 in the 1940's.
- The Gap, Limited Too and Target are selling plus-sized clothes for youth.

COLLEGE SURVIVAL TIP

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For all your beauty needs, right next door.

by Colleen Thomas

staff reporter

When I think of a spa, sounds of quiet flute music with a trickling waterfall come to mind. I see soft lighting, earthy tones, and simple, natural decorations. So when I stepped foot in The Beauty Spot over the weekend I was stunned at the bright pink colors and the frilly, girly décor. Surely this could not be a place of relaxation and healing! It looked more like a room in Paris Hilton's mansion. Once I got over my initial shock, however, I could see The Beauty Spot was not a copy cat of the standard spa complete with Zen gardens, indoor waterfalls, and bamboo shoots but was just a place for girls to escape and

indulge.

The Beauty Spot boutique not only offers beauty services, but also sells beauty products, gifts, and clothing. The front corner of the place between the entrance and the front desk is a mini boutique complete with girly necessities from make-up to stationary, coin purses to t-shirts. After browsing through the shelves in the front, the cheerful woman at the front desk will direct you to the waiting couch where you will be asked to fill out a two-sided form asking for personal information such as your medical history, any medications you are taking, and problem areas you would like to focus on (dry skin areas, cellulite, etc.). Seems a little extensive if

you've only got an appointment for an eyebrow waxing, doesn't it? The chart is useful, though, if you choose to come back for more extensive treatments like facials and massages. The Beauty Spot will always have your file on record to know exactly what kind of special treatment you and your skin might need.

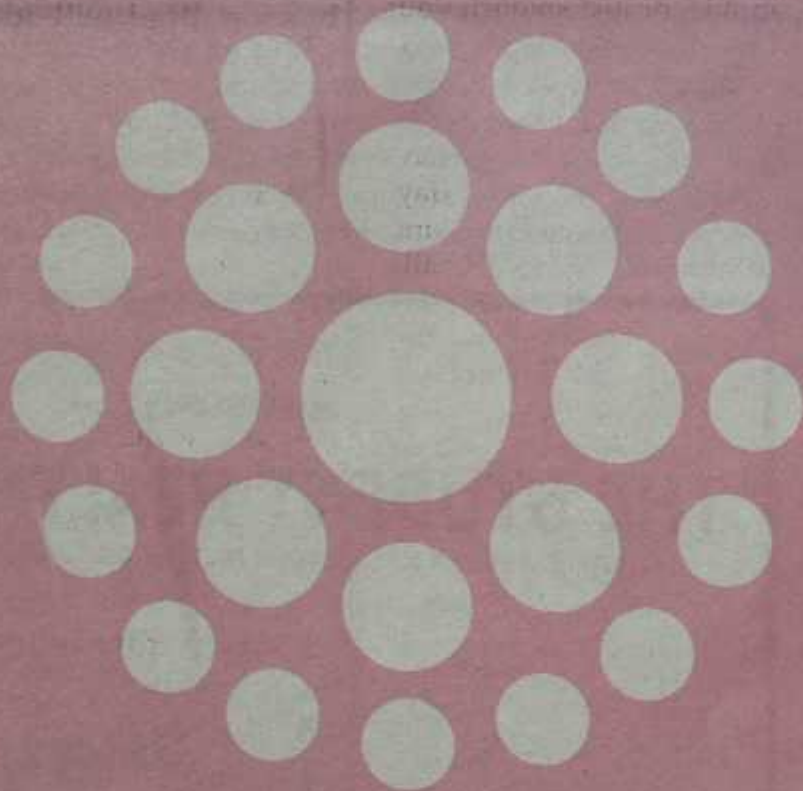
Once you get past the questionnaire, you will be ready to begin your treatment. At The Beauty Spot you can choose from skin therapies, massages, manicures, pedicures, body treatments, and waxing. Overwhelmed yet? Wait until you see all the options for each of these therapies, whose prices range from \$10 waxing to the \$440 Big Spender Package. Skin therapies vary from Flash Facial where you are cleaned, exfoliated, hydrated, and then sent out the door after a brief 25 minutes at only \$35 to the caviar extract facial at \$130. Want to change something specific about your skin? Try Bye Bye Puffy Eyes, Lip Service, or Microdermabrasion, a serious exfoliation treatment that will cost you \$100. For those of us who require more luxury than a simple neck rub from a friend to relieve stress, The Beauty Spot offers Swedish, deep tissue, hot stones, reflexology, and shiatsu massages ranging from \$40 for a "heads up" massage (neck, scalp, and shoulders) to \$115 for a hot stone treatment. And for those of us who are adventurous, seaweed exfoliation, sugar and salt scrubs, and different types of body wraps are offered. Believe it or not, being soaked in mud or wrapped in seaweed is actually relaxing and soothing.

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WEEKLY HOROSCOPES



Aries
(March 21-April 19): You're on fire this week, but you're

going to have to decide whether you need a quick splash of water or not. Your enthusiasm is overwhelming to others; try to tone it down this week or you'll end up scaring people off. Be excited, but don't burn yourself out doing too much. You can be twice as productive as your fellows this week—just time it right.



Taurus
(April 20-May 20): You need to be more considerate of others

this week. Not everybody has their act together the way that you do. Take the time to help those around you instead of just focusing on yourself. Dusk is your best time for playing this week. For romance and reveling, you need to wait for those last sunset orange streaks to show up in the night sky. Then you'll be ready for anything fate can throw at you.



Gemini
(May 21-June 21): If you and your honey are having trouble

this week don't be surprised. It's a stressful time of the year, and Gemini are especially susceptible to disturbances in a daily routine. Instead of just getting upset, try to be productive this week. Don't pout no matter how cute you think it looks; you're only going to make things better with a positive attitude.



Cancer
(June 22-July 22): Be careful where you step this week;

you're treading on thin ice. Maybe you've been pressing someone's buttons too much recently, because you need to get along with others just now. Try not to antagonize anyone this week no matter how much you want to—it'll pay off in the long run when everything doesn't blow up in your face.



Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Money troubles got you down?

Don't let them! Everything else in your life is going great. You've got to focus on the positive this week. Enjoy the little things that make you happy and you'll find the harder burdens of life are easier to bear. Be sure to reach out and share any happiness you come across too. You can finally be done with the day's work, stop checking that portfolio, and enjoy the finer things in life.



Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You've been so focused on school lately

that you need to break loose. Try looking for a new activity on campus to help you relax. Go to a new club meeting, find a quiet spot on campus, just get out there and find something you enjoy to treasure and share with anyone special in life just now. Wait for it to cool off just a little in the later afternoon hours so you can amble about campus enjoying the sites.



Libra
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Be adventurous this week, get out

there and meet new people, try new activities. Get lost and find something awesome in the process! You've been too focused on work lately. Don't be a homebody; there is plenty to do just outside your door. The best time to meet people on campus is in the evening when all the work is done and everyone comes out to play. Don't wait for night to come. Get out before the sun goes down.



Scorpio
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21): As a Scorpio you're naturally intuitive,

but this week you're ahead of the curve. Use this knowledge to be aware of the emotions and needs of others this week. You can be someone's hero this week, so try to be open to those around you so you don't miss your chance. Any of the sunshine hours will do for making you be at your best for communication with others. Don't miss out on opportunities because you're napping at home!



Sagittarius
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your week is looking up. People will get

up and move for you this week, you have but to ask. Try using this opportunity to look for love. If you go after what you want wholeheartedly then you're sure to end up on top. Just don't forget to put in time for schoolwork. Lady Luck can only take you so far. You're most productive at noon this week, so don't waste these valuable hours.



Capricorn
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You're about to come

into an abundance of good luck monetarily and intellectually. Don't squander the joy; use it to your best advantage. Take time out this week to go read a good book, see that latest movie, or just smooch your love. Time is on your side.



Aquarius
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You're having a day-

dreaming kind of week, and you finally have the time to do so. Work should slow down this week, giving you enough time to value the important things in life. Be sure to do so. If you don't appreciate the gifts you have in life while you have the time then how will they comfort you in your time of need? The moon is winking especially at you this week, wink back!



Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): While it's true that life is full of

frustrating people, you don't have to deal with them. Use this week to separate yourself from the things, and especially people, in your life who make things unreasonable. You deserve more than the agony of dealing with people who don't understand you or make you miserable. Instead, take some well deserved personal time and block out the stress in your life. Believe me, you'll feel much better. Get things done early in the day this week and the day will stretch out before you in endless wonder.

Celebrity Gossip

by Lauren Kennedy

For those of us who can't help being entertained by the dramatic, interesting, high profile lives of celebrities, here is your celebrity gossip update!

In what seems to be an ongoing typical Hollywood problem, many celebrities, including Kate Hudson, Jessica Simpson, Nicole Richie, Lindsay Lohan, and most recently Hilary Duff are feeling the pressure to be thin. Kate Hudson is naturally petite, but recently has been feeling the emotional pressure to lose the 70 pounds she gained while pregnant in only three months for an upcoming movie role. 17 year old Hilary Duff is losing too much weight too fast, many say. The pressure of having an older rock star boyfriend, Joel Madden of the band Good Charlotte, has caused her to feel the need to compete with the "really tall, really skinny girls in miniskirts and pumps" at his concerts.

As far as relationships go, Matthew McConaughey and Penelope Cruz are reportedly getting married. They met while on the set of the movie *Sahara*, and have been dating since March. Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie are going to elope. The pair would like to get married quickly, with a small ceremony and guest list, in order to become a family soon. Brad will adopt Angelina's kids after the wedding.

With a baby coming any day now, Britney Spears and Kevin Federline have been making preparations Kabbalah-style. The couple recently moved into a 7 million dollar mansion in Malibu, and have been preparing for the birth by learning Hebrew prayers to recite during the delivery, as well as a chant known as the "Ana B'Koach." Federline also just gave Britney a six-carat engagement ring, and was "ashamed and humiliated" that he couldn't afford to give it to her sooner.

Along with most of the country and the world, many celebrities are doing all they can to help with the relief efforts for the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Whether it's setting up online auctions, pleading for people to donate money on TV telethons, or actually physically going to help in New Orleans, numerous celebrities see the need and are doing all they can help out.

In the movies, *Proof*, starring Gwyneth Paltrow, Jake Gyllenhaal, and Anthony Hopkins is being released on September 16. *Just Like Heaven*, with Reese Witherspoon and Mark Ruffalo comes out on September 16, and *Flightplan*, the thriller starring Jodie Foster, will be released on September 23.



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Rollins ImprOviation Players: Off the Cuff

by **Zeldagrey Riley**

staff reporter

Rollins Improv Players gave the incoming freshman a dose of reality and humor with the first annual ImprOviation, a new long form improv show designed to give incoming students a sneak peek at college life. ImprOviation was part of the module learning structure of orientation. Doug Little, Director of Rollins Explorations, worked with the improvisers and peer mentors to create a module that would inspire discussion about college life and allow the freshman to connect

with some of the older students. "The Rollins Improv Players did an outstanding job of bringing up serious transition issues in a light hearted and funny way," Little said. "They connected with the first year students who had fun at the performance and also were able to see that they weren't the only ones having these transition feelings."

The members of Rollins Improv Players, or RIP, came back to Winter Park two weeks before the rest of the returning students. During this time, they spent at least four hours a day rehearsing and improving their

improv skills before the actual performances, which took place in the Fred Stone Theatre. Dr. David Charles, sponsor and director of RIP, had this to say: "The rehearsal and performance schedule was truly intense and demanding, but the troupe members more than rose to the occasion. It was a joy to experience not only how the process united the company, but also how the resulting performance event contributed to the overall energy of orientation."

After ten performances in three days, the RIPsters created more than 100 characters and freshman students were approaching RIP members both on and off campus saying, "Hey, weren't you the guy who...?" Ryan Wolf, a sophomore member of RIP, has never been so impressed with the impact a theatrical performance can have. "Last year I was just the kid with the spatula, but now it seems I (and the rest of the troupe) are the Improv people," said Ryan. "The other day I was walking back to Sutton and was brushing past a small group of people, and halfway through a guy turns around, shakes my hand and says, 'thanks for an awesome show!'"

On Friday, September 16, RIP performs their hour long short-form improv show, RIP-Tag, at 12:30 p.m. in the Fred Stone Theatre.

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Olé Olé, Just a Few Minutes Away



Jess Scharf/The Sandspur

■ Service is excellent and the food selection is quite extensive and varied.

by **Jess Scharf**

staff reporter

There's never a shortage of Mexican restaurants in Florida but the really good ones are few and far between. If you ever need a change from Chipotle and don't have transportation, Olé Olé is the place for you.

Located just off Holt Avenue on New York Avenue, Olé Olé is right around the corner from Hauck Hall. Valet parking is available, giving the place a swanky feel even before you step inside. An authentic Spanish ambiance greets diners, with Mediterranean melodies playing softly in the background and walls decorated with Picasso inspired and abstract art of bulls, señoritas, and other relevant themes. The colors are vibrant and romantic at the same time, creating a comfortable mood once the lights are dimmed around 7 p.m. On each table lies a beautiful centerpiece of a sunflower floating in a clear box of water with stones at the bottom.

For a place with valet parking, leather seats and cloth napkins, Olé Olé is surprisingly well priced. Meals range from \$5.95 for soup to \$33.00 for assorted seafood. The menu is quite extensive, with sections for tapas, soups, salads, meat, chicken, fish, seafood, Mexican specialties, vegetarian, deserts, side dishes and "coffee suggestions."

Right in the middle of this spacious restaurant is a circular bar decorated with wood wine crates and corks. Most waiters have a slight Spanish accent but enunciate nicely and appear at ease with the clientele when making recommendations and answering questions.

Diners are immediately greeted with warm bread and butterballs and a waiter

dressed in a uniform to match the napkins. Service is excellent, with the waiter making sure your glass is never empty and always asking if there is anything you need. The food is served no more than 15 minutes after being ordered and large parties will appreciate being served by two waiters simultaneously so that nobody has to wait for all the meals to arrive before digging in.

Portion-wise, Olé Olé certainly gives you a bang for your buck. Servings are quite generous (except for seafood) and the presentation creative. An order of Queso Manchego (Sheep's-milk cheese) arrived in the shape of a star with pieces of cheese radiating from a center of diced tomatoes. Typical Mexican meals such as fajitas, quesadillas and paella are up to par but not exceptional.

For picky eaters (like this reviewer), be aware that ingredients cannot be removed, for example, asking for a Tuscan salad without the olives is not feasible. Seafood lovers might want to try something other than the Gambas al Ajillo (spicy shrimp), a bowl of shrimp with a sauce that lacks creaminess and a price of almost \$1 per shrimp. As for deserts, while some, like the flan, were tiny portions, the Peras al Vino was outstanding, a large cinnamon pear in wine served with a scoop of ice cream, whipped cream and chocolate sauce drizzled on top. Definitely worth the \$5.95!

Besides the occasional smell of fish wafting from the kitchen, Olé Olé is the perfect restaurant for a Rollins student seeking to impress on a date. Classy and well-priced, Olé Olé is sure to woo damas and caballeros from near and far.

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Team Sleep Lies Between Sleeping and Waking

by Jami Furo

staff reporter

It's like a pink elephant floating through a dark cloud that's raining jelly beans in Antarctica.

No, it's not a dream that you have after eating bad Chinese food. It's Team Sleep, brought to you from the minds of Chino Moreno of the Deftones and guitarist Todd Wilkinson.

This self-titled first album, which Deftones fans among others have been anxiously awaiting since the band's conception in 2000, is to music what science fiction is to television. It simulates the unusual while giving the impression of the ordinary.

Team Sleep produces a hybrid sound of rock and electronica. It does not contain the classic guitar chords, vocals, and drum beats on beats two and four that one would typically find in rock. However, at the same time, it is not the beat box and synthesizer duo of electronica.

Instead, guitar melodies float in and out of consciousness while seemingly random rhythmic patterns pepper the

otherwise smooth soundscape. Turntables and drum machines, done by Deftones DJ Crook, gently compliment the dreamlike sound but are not enough to be overpowering. Wilkinson and Moreno switch from acoustic to electric guitars masterfully based on the tone of the song.

Team Sleep, while maintaining a surreal, ethereal sound throughout the entirety of the album, offers a variety of songs, sometimes returning to their rock roots and sometimes moving toward their new electronica mix.

In songs like "Blvd. Nights," Team Sleep performs an almost common hard rock, up beat, head banging song for the mosh pits. Songs like "Our Ride to the Rectory" and "Tomb of Liegia," on the other hand, are delicate, lyrical ballads featuring the weeping guitar of Todd Wilkinson and the soulful voice of Chino Moreno. "Princeton Review," in contrast, begins in the melodic style of "Our Ride to the Rectory" while finishing in the heavy style of "Blvd. Nights." Team Sleep mixes it up, and

this album does not even resemble predictability.

Team Sleep did not begin as a band. It began as two friends (Wilkinson and Moreno), both musicians wanting to make an album just for fun. After a year, it still had not happened, but they started playing around with the name Team Sleep. In May, 2001, the duo began recording in Seattle. They left the studio with 12 instrumental tracks. Little by little, more sounds were added, including vocals by Moreno and by Helium lead singer Mary Timony, drums by Hella's Zach Hill, bass by Rick Verrett, and, of course, turntables and drum programming by Crook to finish it off. It has been five years in the making, but finally Team Sleep produced a finished product.

Had I been one of the devoted fans waiting for this album for the last few years, I would likely be pleased but not blown away. The group is talented, but nothing to write home about. They offer an innovative sound that is basically pleasing to the ear. Nothing much more than that.

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by Max Remer

political columnist

A FAILURE ON ALL FRONTS

At this point not even people living under rocks or in caves could not know about hurricane Katrina. If anyone is similar to me, they have spent many nights on the internet reading about Katrina and the rescue efforts of her aftermath. After watching the entire tale unfold I have to say that I am completely disgusted with this country's lack of assistance for its own citizens.

Many have compared the disaster that Katrina caused to the terrorist attacks on September 11. Unfortunately, however, the level of destruction is where the comparison has to stop. The Federal government completely dropped the ball on rescue efforts after Katrina. How is it possible that troops had to wait days before going in, even after hearing the mayor state constantly that they were in desperate need of any type of help? How could so many people be left without food, shelter or safety in a situation that the government knew was coming? The answers to both of these questions are incompetence and lack of leadership.

Unlike any type of terrorist attack, everyone saw Katrina coming days before it actually hit. Where was the planning during these few days? It has been stated that computer models of a similar sized hurricane would have broken the levees and flooded the cities, which is exactly what happened. Why then were plans not in place for a way in which to combat this problem? It is understandable to state that no one truly knew how devastating Katrina was going to be, but there has to be someone somewhere who had a good idea. Someone had to realize how many people were not going to be able to evacuate themselves and yet look at how long the response time to this problem was. What would have happened if this had been a random attack from some terrorist groups, how many more hundreds of people would have died because of the lack of response?

I believe that someone needs to be held accountable for this problem. First, laws need to be changed. Laws from the Civil War era of reconstruction need to be altered to fit today's demands. Soldiers should have been in New Orleans as soon as the weather permitted or even before. Second, it became disgustingly apparent that most of the individuals dying during and after Katrina could have been saved. Recently on the news was a story about an entire nursing home that had filled with water and everyone had drowned. Why were these people still there, where had a chance been provided to be evacuated not? Why were people not warned that

flooding could happen? Once again the answer screams of lack of competence and leadership.

It also angers me that most of the individuals who died after the hurricane already passed, were the poor. New Orleans was known for having massive amounts of poverty, so why was the government so ill prepared to house, cloth, and feed these people in their time of need? Why did the federal government not instantly supply food and clothing to these people when it knew the state could not supply these necessities by itself? It has been said over and over even by the Vitter, Republican Senator from Louisiana, that thousands of lives might have been lost because of lack of an adequate response. This fact is simply disgusting.

Despite the lack of federal government response, I also believe the people of New Orleans are to blame. What words can be used to describe people who shoot at rescue workers? I still cannot figure out the logic in taking shots at doctors trying to evacuate patients from hospitals. This solves absolutely nothing and only hinders rescue processes. I am also severely disappointed in the amount of looting that was happening. It is understandable that people would be quite desperate for items such as food or water or even fresh clothes. However, when I see picture of rows of stores with busted windows, I am saddened because I know each store did not contain essential items. People are so destructive when left up to their own vices. It truly shows you that without some type of order and leadership chaos breaks out and society destroys itself. Most of the looting and murders that most likely took place after Katrina also could have been stopped or lessened if the Federal government had more quickly responded.

Simply put, Katrina exposed America's flaws to the world. The way this situation was handled has made me feel shameful of my own country. After September 11 many Americans gladly and quickly gave up rights and a freedom for what we believed was a safer country.

Billions of tax dollars were spent for increased response personnel and equipment if ever an event of that magnitude ever took place again. It has become very apparent, however, that this money has been squandered and lost to internal greed and corruption. This administration is so quick to fight a war halfway around the world to provide a safer America. Yet does it not make more sense to at least start here, in America, to create that safer home we all are looking for?

THE "RIGHT" ANSWER



by Jami Furo

political columnist

COMMITTEES TO SPEED UP NEW ORLEANS EFFORT? WHAT?

Congress, in all its infinite wisdom, has decided that the recovery effort along the Gulf states is not going fast enough. Their solution? Form committees to discuss the issue. Brilliant.

In what world would that solve the problem? Committees, in general, will only slow down a process. FEMA, the president, the Red Cross, the Salvation Army, the Coast Guard, and all of the other parties involved have explicitly stated that they are trying to reduce the amount of red tape and bureaucracy that gets between rescuers and victims. Congress, on the other hand, is trying to replenish that red tape with some of their own.

It all comes down to one thing: people need someone to blame. Congress needs to discuss whose fault it is that the rescue mission in New Orleans has taken so long because that is what people do. It is human nature to want to blame someone after a disaster. It makes them comfortable to have a name and a face to blame and to vilify because it provides explanation for this horrible event.

They can blame FEMA for not acting fast enough. They can blame the president for not getting more personally involved. They can blame the Red Cross and the Salvation Army and the churches and charities and citizens of this country and England and France and whoever for not giving enough money to help these people. They can blame anyone they want, but it's not going to help anything. What's done is done, and what's gone is gone.

It's time to start again. It's time to have a plan. We're raising

money, and we're sending clothes, food, water, and medicines. We need to continue to do what we're doing because that is what we can do. And we need to allow politicians, military, and city planners to decide what's next after the water drains.

If you need to blame someone, blame Katrina. Blame the Gulf of Mexico for fueling her. Blame the levy that broke. Blame the walls that fell. Blame the walls that will fall. Blame the trees that produced the wood for those walls. Blame the water that rose. Blame the water that stayed. Blame the water that still remains, breeding sickness and bacteria.

Seems ridiculous, doesn't it? It seems ridiculous to blame all of these things when it doesn't get you anywhere. When the fingers are done pointing, the pain lingers.

It's no more productive to find a scapegoat after the fact. Some things could have been done better. But there was precedent for something like this. There was no plan. There was no time to plan. Everyone has had to make it up as they went along. They will know better for next time. But for this time, mistakes were bound to happen.

It hurts. To watch the images on TV are actually painful. To hear the stories about people—real people—and thinking about what we would do if it ever happened to us. It makes us ache from the inside out.

Congress, if you want to help, help with your time, your money, and your love. The last thing that anyone needs is more blame and more bureaucracy in a time like this.



Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts: A Tough Call!

■ Despite risks to the Bush legacy, Roberts seems to be the man for the job.

by Brett Heiney

asst. photo editor

As the confirmation hearing begins that will decide the fate of John Roberts, I ponder whether George W. Bush has made a wise decision or if folly is his course. Nominating justices to the Supreme Court is a very important aspect of the presidency; it is their right and duty as president of the United States to send to the Senate an individual supposedly fit for the job. Though not a political position, presidents nominate individuals who will foster the president and his constituents' ideology.

However, presidents political maneuvering sometimes backfires and the justice they nominated and confirmed ends up not following the ideology that everyone assumed they would. For instance, President George H W Bush nominated Justice David Souter to the court as a conservative. Since he was confirmed in 1990, Souter has shown himself to be more liberal; not what the former

President Bush had in mind.

The question still remains: Is it shrewd or good business for President Bush to nominate John Roberts to be Chief Justice? John Roberts has decided cases in lower courts and seems to be moderately conservative, but no one really knows how he will decide cases even if only as an Associate Justice.

Some of Bush's constituents claim Roberts is too much of a moderate to further their conservative platform. I think that the liberals will for the most part remember this as a shrewd act, unless Roberts proves to be more liberal. For conservatives how it is remembered is dependent on Roberts' performance; if conservative it is good business, if liberal it is shrewd.

Leaving aside the political arguments for and against John Roberts, he is very knowledgeable of the law, the court system, and what is expected of a judge or Chief Justice. On Monday, in his opening remarks to the Senate Judiciary Committee, Roberts said, "If I am confirmed, I will be vigilant to protect the independence and integrity of the Supreme Court, and I will work to ensure that it upholds the rule of law and

safeguards those liberties that make this land one of endless possibilities for all Americans". He is a competent individual who knows what he is doing.

Whether or not Roberts is more liberal or more conservative does not matter as long as he understands that justices do not follow popular demand or the will of those who nominated them. I believe that Roberts does understand this for he also said in his opening remarks to the Senate committee, "Judges and justices are servants of the law, not the other way around. Judges are like umpires. Umpires don't make the rules; they apply them". If anyone understood what it is to be an impartial servant of the law, willing to hear both sides of a case before deciding based on political ideology, it is Roberts.

Roberts is a very strong proponent of upholding past legal precedents based on the fact that it is time tested law. Though I am personally against abortion, Roberts is most likely right in believing in stare decisis, especially concerning Roe v. Wade. Following this logic, if a case were to come to the Supreme Court concerning Roe v. Wade, Roberts would be more likely to give that

precedent forming case more weight than arguments against it. However, being the independent and disinterested judge I believe Roberts to be, he would consider overturning past precedent if he saw it as conflicting with what he sees as the most accurate interpretation of the constitution.

Justices decide cases, they do not spearhead ideological movements based on their personal values. Roberts understands the importance of making decisions based on the facts of the case and the laws applicable to said case, and not personal opinions. He will be able to set his ideological perspective aside to impartially weigh in only on those cases argued before him.

I usually do not like making predictions on anything, but I foresee John Roberts being confirmed as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Nothing in his past suggests that he will rule on cases unethically or biased by personal views. This man exudes the qualities necessary for a Justice of the Supreme Court; he understands the independence, disinterest, and ethics requisite of such a high honor. I wish him all the luck in his quest for confirmation.

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The Myth of the Poor Terrorist

■ Deconstructing the myth of terror by rejecting the assumptions of class constraint.

by John Ferreira

managing editor

There is a myth that circumscribes some people's understanding of terrorism. This view is put forward by most in Europe and many in the United States. The myth is that what breeds Islamic fundamentalist terrorism is poverty and destitution.

The most effective antidote to terrorism, these myth-supporters say, is economic development and education. It is believed that with education and an open mind these terrorists will come to admire the West.

Terrorists will be lifted from their obtuse world view and awake to the beauties of capitalism and the wonders of the West's democratic institutions.

It is rather amusing that the main proponents of this myth are those who criticize the neo-conservative policy towards Iraq. State-building is not possible they argue. Violence is not the solution and will only further inflame an already explosive situation. More people will be lead to poverty and thus more terrorists will be born. The myth supports say using military action to fight terrorism is an over-simplification of the problem.

Believing that all terrorists are poverty-stricken and the product of an economically oppressed group is to give to a disproved Marxist

contrast of resistance. It was Marx after all that argued that it would be those from the bottom classes of society that would rise up and break their chains of oppression.

The reality has been much different. Revolutionaries do not come from those who are completely destitute, those people are concerned with surviving and getting through the day.

The weapon of those bereft of wealth is rioting and mass revolution not terrorism. Terrorism is the plight of the educated middle class and the exorbitantly wealthy.

Other than suicide Palestinian terrorists (who are fighting over land and not plotting a world revolution), Islamic terrorists come from a different mold. Osama Bin Laden, the most infamous of

all terror leaders, inherited an estimated \$25 million. Bin Laden went to college and earned a degree in civil engineering, hardly inflammatory. The mastermind of Al-Qaeda came from wealth not the poor Arab street. John Walker Lindh, the America captured in Afghanistan, came from a middle class American family not an urban ghetto. The September 11 hijackers were all educated men, they had received schooling either in the United States or in Germany.

Beggared people do not sit around their deficient housing and debate American foreign policy and the repercussions it has on their lives. Al Qaeda and Islamic fundamentalists who hate America are battling for political power and control

over their people. Giving these people better living conditions will not lead them to simply raise their arms and surrender their virulence.

If there was a relationship between poverty and terrorism Africans would be world leaders in terrorism against America. Latin America would be an epicenter for fundamentalist terrorism; this is clearly not the case.

Movements of this nature, that vie not to change only the power surface but the ethos of a region are not the product of privation and then mindless masses. Islamic fundamentalist ideals flourish in mosques and in the minds of Arab university professors, scholars and artists, those are the people we need to convince.

Pull Out of Iraq? Another Mistake

■ Has the plight of Cindy Sheehan managed to hurt the solvency of the war in Iraq?

by Jean Bernard Chery

staff reporter

Ms. Cindy Sheehan gets all this attention because of President Bush's ignorance of her, but not the Media.

Since the death of her 24-year old son, Casey, in Sadr City, Iraq on April 4, 2004, Ms. Sheehan transforms her grief into anger against what she calls an "unjust war".

Now she becomes the voice of the anti-war movement and is determined to rally enough support to force the administration to bring the troops home. They will eventually come home one day, but I doubt it to be as soon as Ms. Sheehan and those who support her view, want it. Should we rather not be in Iraq now? Yes, we should. But should we disengage at this moment? Absolutely not.

While I believe Saddam Hussein should have been dealt with a long time ago, perhaps in 1991, for the killing of his own countrymen and the unnecessary invasion of Kuwait, I also think that the timing of the invasion of Iraq in 2002 was way off. Nonetheless, we are already there, thus we must get the job done. It

would be a big mistake to pull the troops out right now. This action would definitely tell insurgents that they can use terror to oppress those wanting democracy. However, I am very skeptical about the administration's argument that the war in Iraq has made America more secure. On the contrary, this war has built more support for a terrorist network like Al Qaeda than it does for democracy in the Middle East.

Despite the fact that I mourn the loss of those giving their lives in Iraq, including the brave Casey Sheehan, and lower my hat in respect to them, I am very confident that the US pulling out right now would be disrespect to their ultimate sacrifices. In addition, it would leave Iraq with a mess to deal with, and America would suffer as a result. You may ask yourself, why? Because Iraq would become the new Taliban, perhaps worst. My belief is that you don't run away from mistakes already made; you learn from them and try to get it right next time. What are we there for again?

Deliberate or not; I could care less. We should know by now that there are always two explanations or reasons given by U.S. officials for any occupation or war. The first one, the most common, is the stated rea-

son—one that they anticipate will gather popular support for the action. A good example is the stated reason for going to war with Iraq—weapons of mass destruction. Naively the public would even call to nuke Iraq just because of the character of these three letters (WMD). They are really scary.

The second reason is the unstated one, which I call the real reason—the one that is classified until someone within the administration feels mistreated or gets upset and decides to leak it to the press. I do not have to provide any example for this one because you know better than I do the

real reason for us to be in Iraq today. This is not just under a Republican administration, although they seem to be more secretive and less forthcoming than Democrats.

You wonder why Ms. Sheehan's anti-war protest outside of Mr. Bush's ranch got so much momentum over the past few weeks. You may blame the media; that's fine. But the answer is clearly the president's ignorance of her. I am sure if the president were to meet with her and show her understanding while persuading her to accept the fact that it will not be in our interest to leave Iraq, this whole thing would be over

by now. Instead, the president decides to disrespect her despite her ultimate sacrifice.

The President should understand that the ignorance of a burned fuse in a car could lead to the demise of the car. Although he'd probably say, "Who cares about what she does; I will not run for office anymore," but guess what, other Republicans will.

After all we must get the job done in Iraq because we started it. Pulling out is not an option. As the President would say "we must stay the course." Will we lose more lives? You bet. Is it worth it? You decide.



"No, wait, the red ones are poisonous. My bad"

Tim Bower

Receiver Jerry Rice Retires After 20 Years

■ One of the greatest players in the NFL announces his retirement.

by **Juan Bernal**

staff reporter

Jerry Rice, the greatest wide receiver and arguably the greatest football player of all time retired on Labor Day after 20 NFL seasons. It was ironic that he would retire on Labor Day, because one of his trademarks that made him such a great player is that he constantly worked harder than everyone else. He never took a day off.

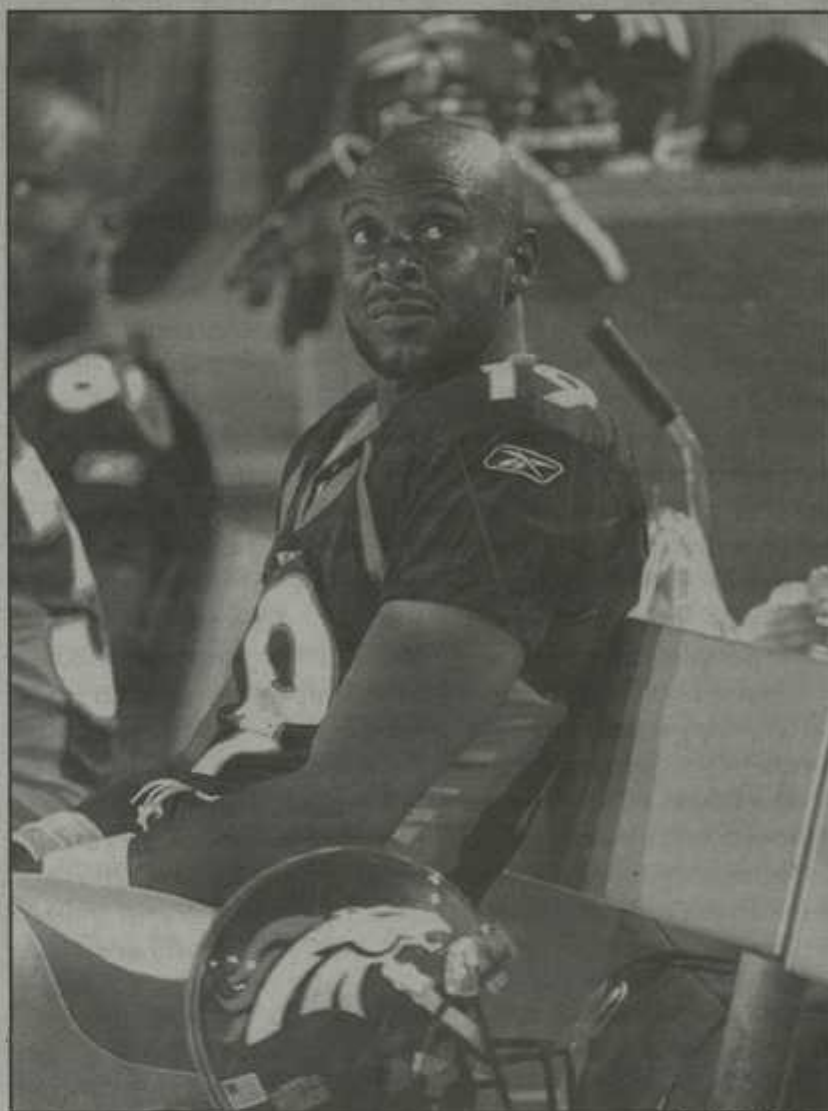
He constantly studied film of other exceptional receivers during his time such as Michael Irvin, Tim Brown, Andre Reed, and Terrell Owens among others and studied their strengths so he could make himself better and not let other receivers match his skill level. He had to stand out; he had to be the best, which is what made Jerry Rice so great. He was very strict on detail and the best at precision route running.

Rice retired after Denver Broncos coach Mike Shanahan assigned Rice to be the team's fourth receiver. Rice retires holding 38 NFL records which include the highest number of catches, at 1,549, 22,895 yards and 197 touchdowns. Rice spent his first 16 seasons with the San Francisco 49ers, the team that drafted him in the first round in 1985 out of Mississippi Valley State. There he helped famous Quarterbacks Joe Montana and Steve Young become Hall of Famers, a place that Rice is almost assured of entering. Rice then signed with the Niners' cross town rival Oakland Raiders where he went on to have three solid seasons. He also got a chance to play with Tim Brown, the only other NFL receiver who has more than 1,000 catches.

He finished the second half of last season with the Seattle Seahawks, after the Raiders traded him, after Rice felt that Oakland was excluding him from the offense. After the Seahawks decided not to re-sign Rice, Rice opted to sign with Shanahan's Broncos, whom

Rice was familiar with after Shanahan's stint as the offensive coordinator in San Francisco in the early 90's. Shanahan told Rice there was no guarantee that he would get a roster spot. Before the last preseason game Rice was indeed the number three receiver, but struggled to get past third and fourth string cornerbacks, therefore Shanahan had to make the regretful decision of demoting Rice to the fourth receiver.

Although Rice was not at the top of his game, he walked away from the game uninjured and still more committed than almost anyone else who played the game. But as the case with many other great professional athletes, time eventually caught up with Rice and he was not able to consistently provide the physical assets and intangibles that were needed to play NFL football in the late stages of his career. He never took a day off, and former NFL safety Ronnie Lott said that Rice should be the standard for the work ethic in football, just like Michael Jordan is in basketball.



Matt York/ESPN.com

RICE SAYS GOODBYE: Jerry Rice waits on the sidelines during one of the last games of his career.

Now that Rice is retired he plans on spending some time with his family and described that he might do a little television or radio

commentary on the side. While he may no longer be playing, there are possibilities that he will remain in the spotlight.

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2005 NFL Season Kicks Off

■ Opening weekend of the NFL started off with a series of nail-biting games.

by **Juan Bernal**

staff reporter

It seems like every year, the NFL Season kicks off with many other news stories surrounding it. In this case it was Hurricane Katrina, the fourth anniversary of September 11th and the ongoing war in Iraq and how many people could use the NFL as an escape to what is really happening in the world.

The 2005 season was no different, with many teams raising money for the Hurricane Katrina relief fund, and the hope of many victims and New Orleans natives on the shoulders of the New Orleans Saints.

The Saints opened their season in Charlotte, North Carolina and marched in to Ericsson Stadium to face the Panthers, a team that many experts have picked to win the Super Bowl XL in Detroit in February 2006. The Saints were playing with the burden of not only playing to win for themselves, but for the city of New Orleans and for all of the displaced hurricane victims around the nation. With the game tied at 20 with 7 seconds left in the 4th Quarter, kicker John Carney kicked a 47 yard field goal, and bought the Nolia City a 23-20 victory. Quarterback Aaron Brooks, frequently criticized by Saints fans in the past for failing to bring a playoff berth to New Orleans since 2001, was 18/24 with 192 yards. I'm sure Brooks won't have to worry about constant local

criticism since there are more important things to worry about.

The NFL Season kicked off on Thursday Night in Boston with the Raiders visiting the two time defending champion Patriots. The Patriots were facing the questions since the millisecond they won Super Bowl whether they could three peat after losing key linebacker and team leader Teddy Bruschi, offensive coordinator Charlie Weis and Defensive Coordinator Romeo Crennel. The Raiders were supposed to be a revamped team after the addition of superstar wide receiver Randy Moss. Moss lived up to his hype, catching five passes for 130 yards, including a 73 yard touchdown pass in the 2nd quarter. But Tom Brady seemed unphased by all the personnel changes, passing for 306 yards and two touchdowns, and the Patriots made the plays when they had to, to dispatch the Raiders 30-20.

There were many surprises in the first week. Among those, the San Francisco 49ers, which went 2-14 in 2004, defeated the St. Louis Rams 28-25 in new coach's Mike Nolan's debut. Tim Rattay was the star for the Niners, passing for 165 yards and 2 touchdowns and San Francisco's defense held the potent duo of Rams running backs, Stephen Jackson and Marshall Faulk to 72 total yards.

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers defeated potential NFC Super Bowl candidate Minnesota 24-13. The story of the game was the Bucs' defense, forcing Minnesota quarterback and former UCF star Daunte Culpepper into 5 turnovers (3 interceptions and 2 fumbles) and they kept

the Vikings' good offense out of the end zone. Carnell "Cadillac" Williams, making his NFL debut rushed for 148 yards including a 71 yard TD run to seal the game in the 4th quarter. Rookie Tight End Alex Smith caught two touchdowns for the Bucs.

The Miami Dolphins, who bought in new coach Nick Saban, new personnel, new quarterback Gus Frerotte and welcomed back running back Ricky Williams from a one year sabbatical opened their season at home against the Denver Broncos. The Dolphins indeed looked like a revamped team, putting the dangerous Denver offense to a streaking halt. They forced Broncos Quarterback Jake Plummer into two interceptions and a fumble that was returned for a touchdown. Miami's offense looked very well as Frerotte passed for 2 touchdowns and rookie running back Ronnie Brown rushed for 57 yards despite leaving the game later with a shoulder injury. Miami's offensive line, one of the worst units in the league last season did not allow a sack.

In other notable games, The Chiefs now have a defense, as they defeated the Jets 27-7. The Green Bay Packers lost Javon Walker to a season-ending ACL injury in the 3rd quarter, and Brett Favre was forced into three turnovers as the Detroit Lions beat the Packers 17-3.

Peyton Manning and Indianapolis Colts struggled to get their high powered offense on track, but they were helped out by their defense that held Baltimore running back Jamal Lewis to 48 yards, as the Colts defeated the Ravens 24-7.

The Monday Night opener of the season is al-



Steve Deslich / KRT Campus

ON THE MOVE: Indianapolis running back, Edgerrin James looks for room to run in Sunday's game against Baltimore.

ways supposed to be exciting. To conclude the opening week, the defending NFC Champion Philadelphia Eagles visited the Atlanta Falcons in a rematch of the 2005 NFC Championship Game. All of the off-season there was an off the field feud between Eagles Wide Receiver Terrell Owens and star Quarterback Donovan McNabb, but Owens mentioned before the game that it did not matter how they got along off the field, it was on the field that they had to make things happen.

As for the game, intense would be an understatement on how the game was played, before and during. A pre-game fight led to the premature ejections of Philadelphia's Jeremiah Trotter and Atlanta's Kevin Mathis. The game was a

nail-biting thriller, with all the scoring done early. Atlanta scored on a Michael Vick touchdown run, and added to their lead when T.J. Duckett scored a few minutes later on a dive to make it 14-0 Falcons.

The Eagles countered with McNabb hooking up with Brian Westbrook to make cut the Falcons lead in half. In the second half, the Falcons did a great job of keeping the Eagles' stars in check. The Falcons forced Donovan McNabb into an interception and two lost fumbles, and Terrell Owens to a modest 7 catches for 112 yards. The key to the game was that the Falcons had 200 yards rushing, clearly taking advantage of Trotter's ejection, and the Falcons A-Town stomped the Eagles 14-10.

Cross Country Team Shows Promise

■ Standout freshman runner Kristina Aronson wins meet at Melbourne meet.

by **Juan Bernal**

staff reporter

On Saturday September 10, 2005, the Rollins Tars Men's and Women's Cross Country Team headed to Melbourne, Florida to participate in the Florida Tech Invitational.

The course was a slow course due to the tough

track conditions. Hurricane Ophelia left its mark in Melbourne, leaving several puddles of water, and a slippery track.

Standout freshman runner Kristina Aronson from Seattle, Washington was the first individual Tar to win a meet in a while according to Coach Brad Ash. She ran a 19:40 5K.

Other impressive ladies for the Tars were Elizabeth Arthur, a junior from Winter Springs, FL and Kelly Rolfes-Haase a Freshman, from Colorado, who fin-

ished second and third respectively. Other notables for the Tars were Monica Pena a sophomore, from Naples, Florida; Christina Esposito a freshman from Connecticut and Salem Willis also a freshman from Tampa, FL who finished fourth, fifth and sixth respectively. As a team the ladies finished a 6th overall.

On the Men's side, it was another freshman who led the way for the Tars. Rob Hoffman of Jacksonville, Florida ran a 29:52

8K. He was the first Rollins male to break the 30 minute mark in the 8K in Coach Ash's 4 year tenure at Rollins.

Other runners that posted standout performances were Junior Patrick Flynn from Miami, FL and Whitney Wismar a Junior, from Winter Park.

Rounding out the rest of the runners for the Tars were Karl Reicken, a Junior from Winter Park who finished fourth. Sophomore Daniel Galvez of Deltona, Florida and Freshman

Daniel Mullery of Winter Park, finished a respectable fifth and sixth. As a team the Tars finished 7th.

Overall Coach Brad Ash sounded pretty impressed with the Tars performance. "The Florida Tech Invitational was a great team effort, fighting all the elements from Hurricane Ophelia. It's very promising with only one senior on both teams and two freshmen leading the way".

Little or No Buzz in the WNBA

■ The WNBA's success is questioned as the Eastern Conference finals begin.

by **Tim Povtak**

the orlando sentinel

Karen Larsen was calling sports bars in the area this week, looking to find a spot, any spot, where she and her friends could gather to watch the WNBA Eastern Conference finals.

What she kept hearing on the phone was silence.

"It was kind of sad. I think football just takes all precedence," she said. "It didn't matter who was playing football — or how many TVs they had. This happened once before, and they wanted to show reruns of a 2003 poker tournament instead of the WNBA. It's too bad."

The WNBA Finals begin Wednesday, but they will be played in relative obscurity, garnering little attention outside the two cities involved, raising concerns again about the future of the league.

It started in 1997 with plenty of hoopla, lofty expectations and financial backing from the NBA. Now, the WNBA still finds itself struggling for acceptance after nine seasons.

Average attendance has dipped for the third consecutive year, TV ratings are up slightly but hardly discernible, and the novelty clearly has worn off. The league's showcase event,

which will feature the Sacramento Monarchs vs. the Connecticut Sun, is about to be smothered by early-season football.

"There is just nobody talking about it, no buzz at all," said Dee Brown, a former NBA player who coached two WNBA teams and now works as a basketball analyst for ESPN. "The play on the court is better now than it ever has been. It's a pretty good product, but it's like nobody seems to care."

Orlando lost its WNBA team, the Miracle, in 2002 after four seasons. The Miracle became the Sun, now one of the league's best teams. The nucleus of the Sun—Nykesha Sales, Taj McWilliams-Franklin, Katie Douglas—is the same one that played in Orlando, but its inability to generate interest here is the reason the team moved.

"The core of people who still follow the league religiously might know it's the same team, but that's all," Brown said. "Once I got away from coaching in that league, it amazed me that no one else seemed to talk about it. At some point, you have to wonder how much longer that big brother (the NBA) will support it."

Although exact figures are not available, the NBA is estimated to pump \$8 million to \$10 million annually into the league to keep it financially afloat, believing it's a small but worthwhile investment for

the future. NBA Commissioner David Stern, who created the league, has remained steadfast in his support of the WNBA.

Compared with the NBA, running the women's league is relatively inexpensive. Teams have a player salary cap of \$650,000 (compared with \$49.5 million for the NBA this season). Player salaries in the WNBA range from \$23,000 to \$90,000.

Because the regular season is short (34 games) and is played in the summer, most of the players also play professionally overseas, where women's basketball is held in higher standing, in the winter and spring.

While average attendance in the league peaked at 10,864 in 1998, it fell to its lowest level this season at 8,173. The New York Liberty averaged a league-best 10,145 and the Washington Mystics were right behind at 10,088, but with a drop of more than 2,000 from a year ago.

"Yes, there are some teams struggling, but the league will be OK as long as David Stern still believes in it," said Mystics Coach Richie Adubato, a former Magic coach who previously coached the New York

Liberty. "The play is much better than it was earlier. We're like the NBA was 20, 25 years ago. There is a foundation, and we need to build on it."

Although there no longer is a team in Florida (the Miami Sol folded in 2002 after three seasons), there still are 13 franchises (all but one in NBA cities) and Chicago is joining the league next season.

One of the league's problems is the lack of TV exposure, a common problem for every "new" pro sports league. The NBA, though, has helped the WNBA secure a package that included six games this season on ABC, two on ESPN and 13 on ESPN2. There were 33 on the special-order NBA-TV, which is where Game 1 of the Eastern Conference finals was shown.

"We want filled arenas," first-year WNBA President Donna Orender told Street & Smith's Sports Business Journal. "How we map out that process will take a little time. Everyone has a sense of what the WNBA is, but we have to refine it. It's about us resetting our position and clarifying our brand."

Although there are franchises that improved

their attendance significantly this season—Seattle, Indiana, Connecticut—it's the drop in big markets Washington, Los Angeles and Houston that has set off alarms.

"We're talking about women's professional basketball here," said Houston's Sheryl Swoopes, who helped the Comets win the first four WNBA titles. "We're still new at this. A lot of times people forget the NBA was once where we are now. We've got to go beyond the true diehard women's professional sports fan."

The sports world has been littered with short-lived professional leagues, and the backing of the NBA should ensure that the WNBA does not follow in its steps, at least for now.

"I don't think the WNBA is going to disappear from the sports landscape anytime soon," said David Carter, president of Sports Business Group, a sports marketing firm in California. "It's likely to keep chugging along. It's never going to be part of the mainstream in pro sports leagues, but it can find its place as long as expectations don't get too high."

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Issue 112.03 (09/09/05): SGA Raises Funds for Hurricane Relief

The headline of this photo montage indicates that the Student Government Association was the sole sponsor of the hurricane relief event, but the Residence Hall Association and All Campus Events also played a substantial role in the event's

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Soccer Weekend Review

■ Men and Women's Soccer had a busy and successful weekend of play.

by **Angela Gonzalez**

staff reporter

Rollins hosted 2 soccer double-headers this past weekend with the women's team losing one game and winning the other and advancing to 4-1 and the men's team claiming victory in both matches and boosting their season record.

Friday night started out with the women's team pitted against the NCAA Division II-11th ranked West Florida Argonauts (now 3-0-1). The Lady Tars took their first fall of the season after two corner kicks resulting in goals and another goal off of a penalty kick landed Rollins with a game ending score of 3-0.

The men's team came out and played strong against West Florida (now 1-1-1). Early into the game, John Gruenewald scored off of West Florida's goalie and earned himself the first goal of his career. Later in the second half, Ryan Dodds fired in a goal putting the Tars up 2-0. The Argonauts were able to bring the game to a tie after Jay Mainville and Keith Savage both scored but the Rollins men fought back, taking the lead after a Dwyer-Robertson attack bringing the score to 3-2. The Argonauts tried valiantly to tie things up but to no avail.

With the weather sunny on Sunday, the women's team took on Armstrong Atlantic hoping to add another victory after Friday's upset. Early in, Laura Guild put in the first goal of the match after a penalty kick. In the second half, Alexis

Sutton came in off the bench and put in another goal for the Tars. Then later on, she scored again with an assist from Carissa Cartas earning the Tars a commanding lead of 3-0. The Rollins defense performed outstandingly, not allowing any goals from the Pirates the entire game.

In high spirits from their win over West Florida, the men took the field against the Flagler Saints. 163 fans came out to cheer on the Tars. After only 12 seconds into the game, Senior forward Ryan Dodds hit a great shot in past Flagler's keeper for the goal after assists from Christopher Chafin and Matthew Gowan. Towards the end of the first half, Scott Murrell put another goal past the Saints taking the score up 2-0 until 4 minutes into the second half when Christopher Chafin scored off of Daniell Robertson's penalty kick.

The Saints put one in past Dana Singer and brought the score up to 3-1 but their efforts weren't enough to regain the match as Christopher Chafin sunk another goal in on the right side of the goal box putting Rollins even further ahead.

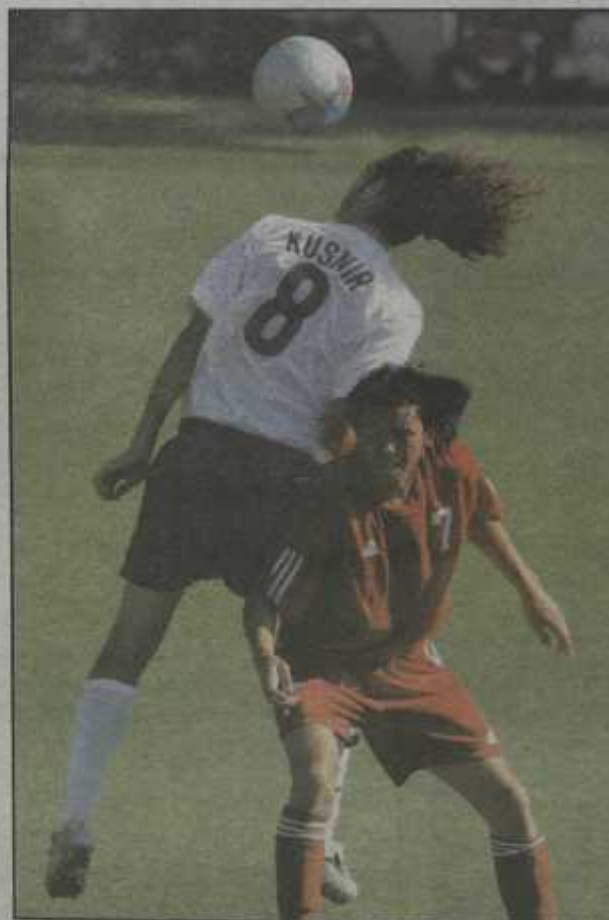
The match expired with a score of 4-1 adding another loss to the Saints' season (0-3) and putting the Rollins men at 3-2.

Next up, the Rollins women have another home game scheduled for Wednesday September 14 at 7p.m. against Embry-Riddle and will be traveling to St. Leo on Sunday September 18 for their first Sunshine State Conference game starting at 3 pm. The men play against St. Leo next away on Friday, September 16, at 5 p.m., their first Sunshine State Conference game of the season as well.



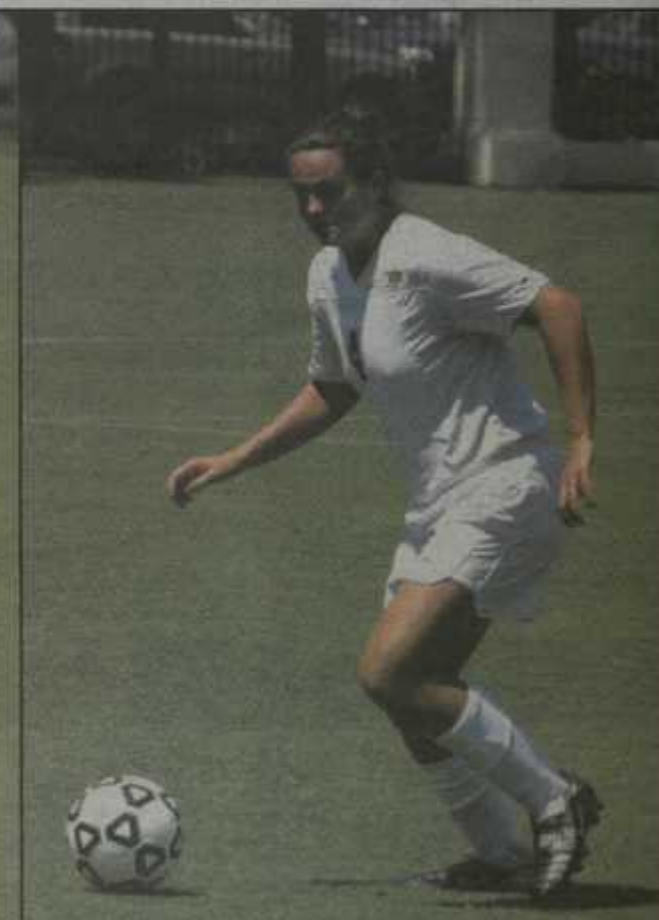
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HEADING FOR VICTORY: Eric Vergati helps lead the men's team to victory against Flagler.



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GETTING YOUR HEAD INTO THE GAME: Juan Kusnir makes a great header in Saturday's game.



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GOING IN FOR THE WIN: Laura Guild gets ready to score in Sunday's game against Armstrong Atlantic.

ROLLINS COLLEGE - CAMPUS CALENDAR

Friday 9-15	Saturday 9-17	Sunday 9-18	Monday 9-19	Tuesday 9-20	Wednesday 9-21	Thursday 9-22
Interfraternity Council CSS-231 12 - 1:30 p.m.	Men's Tennis @ Florida Southern Lakeland, FL All Day	Women's Soccer @ Saint Leo 3 p.m.	C.S.A. Meeting Warden Dinning Room - 3:00 p.m.	SGA Senate Banquet Galloway Room 6 - 8 p.m.	Volleyball vs. Florida Southern 7 p.m.	Cultural Action Committee Warden Dinning Room - 5:30p.m.
Pan Hellenic Council CSS-232 12:30 p.m.			HHSGA General Meeting CSS-170 5:30 p.m.	Sandspur Meeting 3rd Floor Mills 6:30 p.m.	Pan Hellenic Council CSS-232 12:30 p.m.	Black Student Union Meeting Warden Dinning Room - 7p.m.

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