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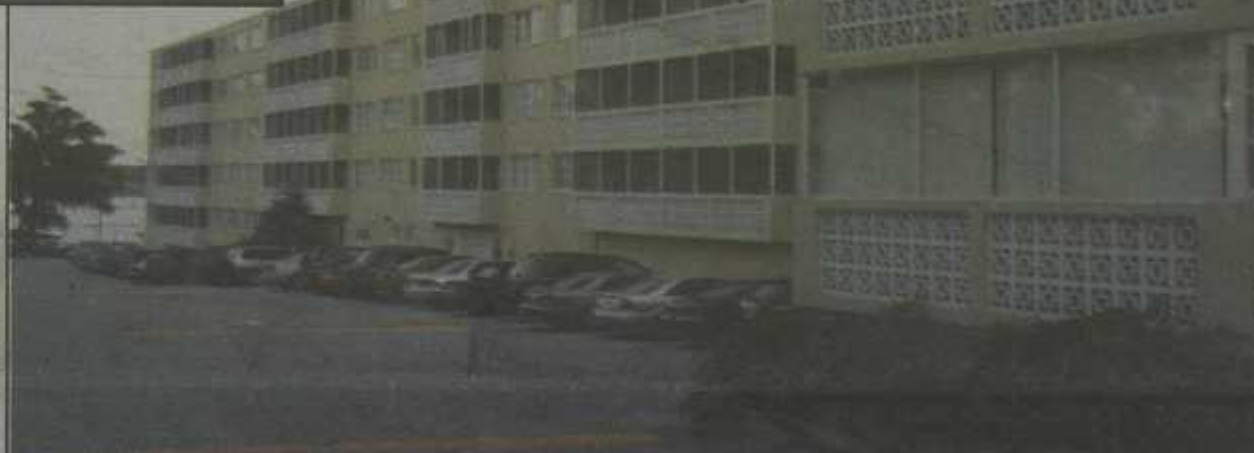
FEDS SEARCH SUTTON FOR BOMBING LINK



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PIPE BOMB DETONATES OUTSIDE WALGREENS

A pipe bomb exploded outside of the Walgreens at the corner of Aloma Ave. and Lakemont Dr. Monday morning at approximately 5 a.m. No one was injured in the blast, but some minor damage occurred near the building's entrance.



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POLICE FIND LINK TO SUTTON

A police K-9 unit traced the source of the bomb to Sutton Place South Apartments on Tuesday, prompting agents from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms to conduct a thorough search of common areas and residents' rooms.

Police dogs link Sutton Place South Apartments, one of Rollins' residential facilities, to a pipe bombing crime at an area Walgreens drugstore.

by Joshua Benesh

the sandspur

For residents of the Sutton Apartments, the ordinary Florida afternoon of October 18 took a leap toward extraordinary. Residents report that in the early afternoon, Winter Park Police Department, Orange County Sheriff's Department, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, and FBI officials descended upon the Sutton complex in an investigation resulting from the lead provided by bomb sensing K9 units. The lead had established, according to Sgt. Pam Marcum of the Winter Park Police Department, a trail leading from the scene of a pipe

bomb explosion to the doorsteps of several Sutton residents.

The investigation was a result of October 17 incident, when a pipe bomb exploded outside the Walgreens Drug Store located on the corner of Aloma and Lakemont. According to officials and store employees, the blast occurred at approximately 5 a.m. and resulted in no injuries or deaths though minimal damage was sustained by the storefront.

According to Sutton resident Meredith McSorley, at approximately 1:45 p.m. a gathering requested permission to enter and search her apartment. The group consisted of two uniformed

WPPD officers, a K9 unit, plainclothes officers identifying themselves as FBI and ATF agents, members of Campus Security, and Residential Life Director Ken Posner and Assistant Director Katie Berzowski. The search, as explained to McSorley by an agent, was for bomb materials and based on a trace scent picked up by an ATF K9 unit that led from the scene of Walgreens pipe bomb explosion directly to several apartments within Sutton Place.

McSorley explained further that, upon the conclusion of the search, she and her roommates that were present at the time of the search were questioned by

several members of the group not only in regards to their potential connection with the incident but also concerning the names and backgrounds of recent visitors to their residence.

Derek McIver, a fellow Sutton resident, was subjected to a similar method of search, receiving a phone call from a federal agent informing him of the necessity to return to his residence in order for the search to take place. McIver continued by saying that he arrived back at his apartment and found it already occupied by members of the group of law enforcement agents and his roommate. He reported being told by an agent be-

fore the search, "the dogs led straight to your apartment."

The search and its tactics left Sutton residents in an state of shock, unable to fully comprehend what exactly was taking place. The investigation continued with many more residents, not connected with the apartments to which the scent was traced, being asked about suspicious activity that would elude to bomb assembly taking place within the building. Chelsea Cooke, one of McSorley's roommates, relayed in disbelief, "I can barely make chicken soup, much less a bomb."

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Bloomberg Announces Security To Be Increased On New York Subway System

■ After threats of possible terrorism, subway security is to be increased.

by **Kelsey Field**

the sandspur

On Oct. 13, New York City's mayor Michael Bloomberg made a nationally televised announcement that security would be increased following a credible threat that the subway system would be the next terrorist targeted attack.

The threat explicitly stated that a baby stroller with explosives would be the most likely method of bombing, in addition to other subway bombing methods. United States intelligence officials said that U.S. forces

uncovered a plan that included 19 suicide bombers carrying briefcases and strollers to bomb the subway system when they raided an Al-Qaida base near the south of Baghdad.

In response to the threat, security immediately mobilized and began a search through commuters' strollers, bags, brief cases and luggage. The oddity of the threat was the level detail, which the "intelligence community concluded to be of doubtful credibility."

Although New York officials knew about the threat on Oct. 10, they waited to divulge information until Oct. 13, following the arrests of two or three Al-Qaida operatives who were taken captive in Iraq.

However, the news of a terrorist threat did not

damper the typical hum of the city. Echoing the general sentiment of New Yorkers, Paul Radtke, of Hoboken, N.J., stated "unless it's something dramatic that's happening, I've got to go to work." Despite the threat, New York remains on code orange, the high alert that it has stayed at since the September 11th attacks, and there are no plans of raising that level.

Although the threat was determined false, Mayor Bloomberg ordered a near shut down of the subway system that hosts 4.5 million riders daily. The mayor has also since been pressed to defend his decision to go public about the terrorist threats, stating that "it is essential that authorities err on the side of caution when protecting the city of eight

million people."

Because of the London bombings that occurred last July, local officials have been more inclined in New York to take threats such as these more seriously. However, in wake of the threat, the local officials have had to continually justify their actions when questioned by federal officials, especially those in the Department of Homeland Security, whose eyebrows rose at the city's reaction to the plot.

Local officials claimed that their action was reasonable, as the threat had warranted a sweeping of the Iraqi men thought to be involved. If nothing else, the reaction to the threat shows the cooperation occurring between local officials and intelligence officials in Iraq, "meeting the sometimes con-

flicting demands of gathering good intelligence, preventing harm and informing and reassuring the public."

As the weekend passed by peacefully, officials pulled back security within the subway system. The threat is being considered as U.S. officials try to sort out the plot from the three Iraqi men in custody and the Iraqi tipster.

The three alleged men who were to be taking part in the attack did not own fake passports; they were without travel documents or a viable route from Iraq to New York City. Although the threat proved to be unfounded, many officials commended the reaction by Bloomberg and his staff, and declared that similar action would be taken to future credible threats in order to ensure the safety of the city.

Search of Sutton Place Apartments

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When reached for comment, Ken Miller, Director of Campus Security, corroborated the student accounts of the investigation, saying that three rooms were searched in the presence and with the consent of their residents. The search, according to Miller, was the result of a lead based on credible

evidence that constructed a link between Sutton Place and the Walgreens pipe bombing. Miller stated that the investigation consisted of a joint effort between federal and local officers, adding that Campus Security and Rollins at large were cooperating in every way possible with law enforcement. When asked about the

investigative methods being used, Miller advanced that he "asked to limit the scope of the investigation" and that "no investigation or questioning without probable cause" should take place, putting to an end the door-to-door tactics that were being used earlier in the afternoon. He ended with the assurance that "no threat to

the Rollins community" exists in regards to the situation currently under investigation.

When reached for comment, WPPD Sgt. Pam Marcum confirmed that the investigation was a joint venture between both local and federal authorities, including the ATF and FBI. Marcum added that the investigation worked off the evidence supplied by ATF bloodhounds who traced a scent from the crime scene to Sutton. Her response, when questioned about the search of residences, was that she was not told or aware of any searches taking place within Sutton, only the questioning of residents. She ended the interview saying, at the time of press, that there were "no leads from the track today," and the search continues for the culprit, described as being a white male, thin build, 5'10" to 6'0" in height. Any information pertaining to the incident should be directed to the anonymous tip-line at 1-800-423-TIPS.

When contacted, the Office of Residential Life declined direct comment on the investigation. Assistant Director Katie Berzowski clarified for *The Sandspur* that WPPD contacted Campus Security, which in turn relayed the message of their presence on campus to the Office of Residential Life. She continued, saying that Residential Life was "just notified that they (WPPD) were on campus and she was not aware of any other agen-

cies involved in the investigation." When questioned about her direct role in the investigation she advanced, "I had no role in the investigation."

When approached with Berzowski's claims, several Sutton students voiced disagreement with her statement. Of them, McSorley stated, "Katie Berzowski was there, she stood right behind the agents, her and Ken (Posner), she even stepped in and discussed the investigation particulars with them (law enforcement)."

President Duncan, when reached for comment late Tuesday admitted that he knew little about the events that had transpired and directed *The Sandspur* to Vice President George Herbst for comment. When asked to respond to claims of the misleading nature of a Residential Life staff member's statements, he advanced that he finds such occurrences "disappointing," adding, "I would expect us to be open on these things, up to the degree of protecting individual privacy."

Vice President Herbst, to whom Campus Security directly reports, was contacted late Tuesday for comment by *The Sandspur*. He responded to questions regarding the scope and scale of the investigation with, "You know as much as I know, I just know they were on campus."

Max Remer and John Ferreira contributed to this report.

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Death Toll Rises After Devastating Earthquake

■ The death toll in Pakistan rises as search and rescue efforts are underway.

by **Kelsey Field**

the sandspur

As temperatures drop to 37 degrees and the snow begins to fall in Pakistan, the numbers of the dead from the 7.6 earthquake that thundered through the South Asia last week are skyrocketing.

The latest figure on the dead according to the New York Times is 38,000 with 62,000 injured and over 2.5 million left homeless, a number that will soon soar as the remote villages have yet to be searched.

A major roadblock to the search and rescue process is that there is simply no where to put the masses of people streaming into Muzaffarabad in Kashmir. These injured have been arriving by helicopters, private cars, taxis and on relatives backs to get to the medical center, where the French non-governmental aid group service D'Aide Medicale Urgente has a staff of only 47, in addition to the local hospital which has six beds.

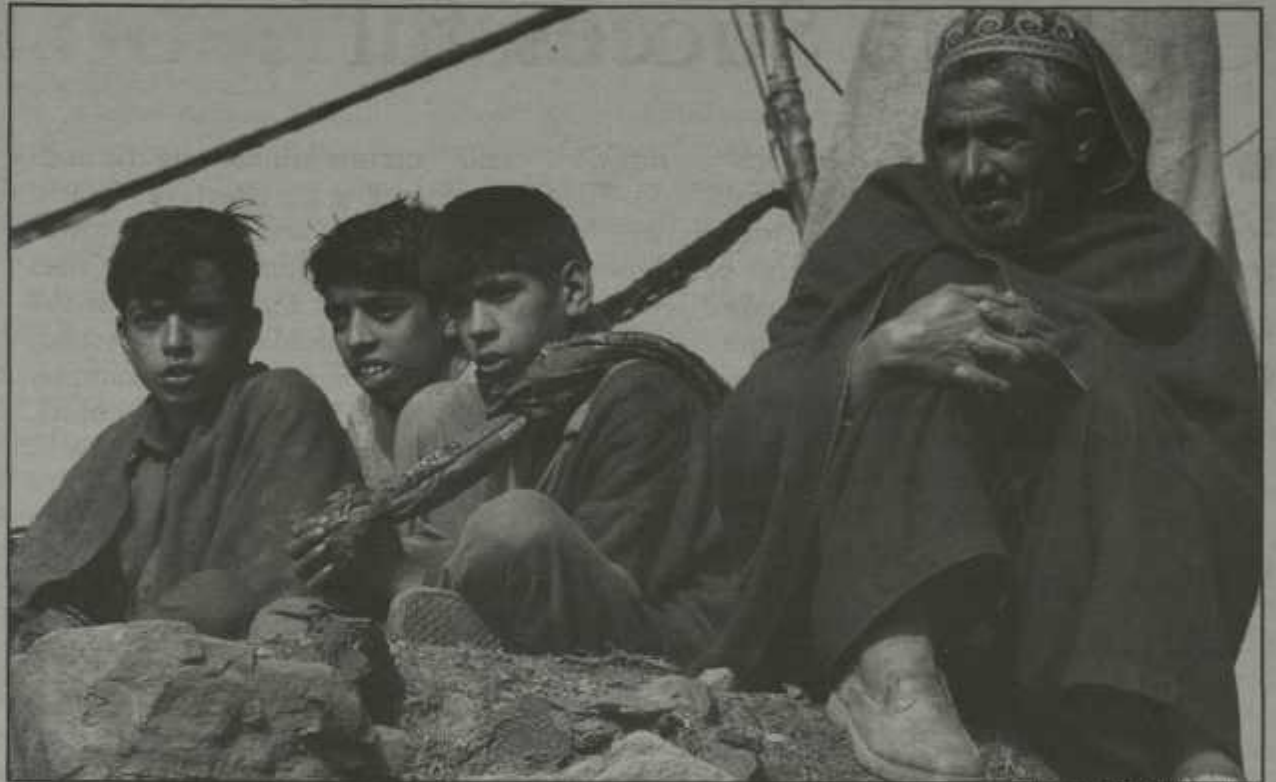
As a result of the earth-

quake, 26 hospitals have been destroyed or are simply too dangerous to open back up in the city in addition to the over 600 health clinics throughout the country. Those who made it to the medical center lie in lines by the stairs with numbers on their heads which indicate the gravity of their case; III signifies they need a helicopter out and a II or a I means they can wait up to 24 hours in the open area.

The high influx of injured people worries aid workers, who fear that these numbers can only reflect the amount of people who "remain out in the inaccessible areas without medical help." On Oct. 15 and 16, morning rescue missions in the remote villages were delayed because of the heavy clouds and rains which seem to be an epidemic occurrence with both the South Asia earthquake and the Guatemala hurricane.

The Pakistanis government estimates the cost of the quake reaching \$5 billion, in a country where the GDP is only 343.7 billion. The United States has been quoted saying that "recovery could take up to ten years."

Pakistan is a country that is noted by the CIA World Fact book for "frequent earthquakes, and a major en-



AFTERMATH: Pakistanis watch from atop a pile of rubble, as supplies are unloaded from a U.S. Navy helicopter in a remote village of Northern Pakistan.

vironmental issue of water pollution from raw sewage, and limited access to natural fresh water resources."

As days pass by, drinkable water will become a major problem and will contribute to the spread of disease. In addition to deaths caused by the earthquake, the numbers will rise as effects of the weather and disease arise from ruined sewage systems and drinking water sources when a majority of the population does not have access to portable water.

But the effects of weath-

er are what most is concerning at the moment, as rain and thunderstorms are being called for the next week. In response, Pakistan has put out an urgent call for tents, as the survivors in Kashmir spent their seventh night outside.

Despite the tragedy, bloodshed is continuing to occur in Kashmir by insurgency groups. Thursday the Indian police confirmed that a suicide bomber, the first female used by an insurgency group for suicidal bombings, had been killed as she attempted to attack an army

convoy. The bomb strapped to her body exploded before she had been able to reach the vehicle that was traveling from Srinagar to Jammu, which is the state's winter capital.

Jaish-e-Muhammad, one of the main militant groups fighting against the Indian Army, claimed responsibility. Within the last week there have been 16 suspected militants killed this week, simply adding to the death and destruction that the earthquake brought to the decimated nation.

Series of Blackouts in California

■ California experiences a series of power outages from the valley to San Pedro.

by **Rochelle Siegel**

the sandspur

A series of blackouts stretching from the valley through downtown south to San Pedro, as well as parts of the city's west side affected about fifty percent of the Department of Water and Power's 1.4 million customers; including the downtown government buildings, Chinatown and nearby areas. Backup power was able to keep key parts of City Hall and police headquarters running. This has been the third significant electrical failure in the city since mid-September.

Outages trapped people in elevators and caused many traffic problems at intersection where stoplights were not working. Los Angeles police were on full tac-

tical alert, with officers being ordered to work beyond their shifts. Officers were needed to assist in traffic control.

Los Angeles International Airport reported some flickering of lights but no interruptions in flight schedules. An airport in the San Fernando Valley lost electricity but was able to continue flights by using backup power.

Both terrorism and human error have been ruled out as causes of the power outages. Some believe that a power line was mistakenly cut and that caused other lines in the area to go out because they could not handle the additional load. "Outages just happen periodically," said Carol Tucker, a Department of Water and Power spokeswoman.

The system is designed to shut down when it receives too much power. Receiving stations take high-voltage power from generating stations and convert it to

lower voltage. By this process power can be used throughout the city. Three power outages in downtown Los Angeles in thirty days have many concerned about the reliability of the Department of Water and Power, the nation's largest public utility.

According to Jack Kyser, an economist, the first outage that occurred on September 12 led to an estimated 23 million dollar loss in economic output, which includes wages paid to idle workers. The cost of damaged equipment has reached \$660,000.

About 150 public schools lost power for a time period of a few seconds to nearly 45 minutes. The power outages appeared to have caused little disruption to the school day. Many hospitals across the Los Angeles area reported power outages, but they all said that their emergency generators immediately kicked in. Patient care was not disrupted. There was no impact on surgeries either.

Valley Presbyterian Hospital reported a code yellow, as it would during an earthquake or plane crash, and set up a command center.

Luckily many disaster preparedness drills are done throughout the year, so things seem to run smoothly. There seemed to be very little panic among people, just a lot of frustration about the delays around the city. Some people were worried about how they were going to get home. Many workers huddled around an emergency radio to find out that the blackout was not just isolated to their building. Some people chose to leave work early, walking down a seven-story walk down the stairs, while others watched from city streets above.

It may seem as though heavy power usage can contribute to blackout, but the weather in Los Angeles as of late as been mild, with the high temperature in the mid-1970's. A Wells Fargo employee, Sean Maddox, said "The office blackened, but

the worst thing was it got hot real quick in here."

There are many important things to remember to do during a blackout. The first is to drive carefully. Traffic signals may be out so consider each intersection to be a four-way stop, and drive defensively. Pedestrians should also be extra alert, and since normal traffic patterns are disrupted.

It is a good idea to keep a flashlight in your car or near your home's front door, in case the power is off in your neighborhood in the evening. If you use candles during a blackout be extremely careful, to avoid starting a fire. It is also important to turn off or disconnect any appliances or electronic devices you were using when the power went out, because of risk of fire. Limit fires to the fireplace.

Avoid opening your refrigerator and freezer as much as possible. Food inside should stay cold for hours if the door is left closed.

Eco-Rollins Satellite Beach Clean-up Successful

■ Members from Eco-Rollins participate in a beach clean-up at Satellite Beach.

by **Kelly McNoldy**
the sandspur

Last Saturday, 30 individuals from the environmental friendly club, Eco-Rollins, headed over to Satellite Beach to recover over a dozen bags of trash and recyclables in order to make the world a cleaner and safer place for man and animals alike.

The team arrived at the beach around 12:30 p.m. and the last people did not leave until after 6 p.m. "We enjoyed the sun, surf and a BBQ all afternoon while saving countless birds, sea turtles and marine mammals," said Eco-Rollins president Tyler Kartzinel, class of 2007.

During the clean-up, many members learned what trash could do to these beach and water-fairing animals. "We picked up straws and learned about how pelicans think they are fish and choke, how sea turtles think plastic bags are jellyfish and suffocate and how dolphins starve when they get stuck in

six-pack rings," said Kartzinel.

During the clean-up, several people stopped by and asked what the group was and what they were doing and why. "The point of the clean-up was to be responsible and caring members of the community, but moreover to learn just what becomes of our trash when we aren't thinking," said Kartzinel. "With a little bit of leg work we helped some people who would not otherwise have been so concerned about the environment develop a vested interest in litter control."

The cleaning took less than an hour and many people claimed to have a better time at this beach clean-up than just going to the beach. "This weekend we showed that we can have a better time at the beach as a group than most other people have on the weekend," said Kartzinel, "we can find ways to make helping the environment a great time."

Trash in the oceans and on the beaches is a major environmental issue that has not been looked over with as much vigor as other issues. For ages now, humans have been using the ocean as a dumping ground and the

marine animals are the ones feeling the effects of it. Fish, whales, and dolphins suffocate on dumped fishing nets and eat the garbage in the ocean thinking that it is food. Plastic bags, for example, have been known to block many important systems in animals when swallowed. In one instance, a sperm whale was found to have a plastic bag blocking its digestive system causing it to die because of starvation.

Other instances of the amount of trash in the ocean are startling. An island 300 miles from the nearest inhabited island and over 3000 miles from the nearest continent was found to have over 950 pieces of garbage on its shoreline. Over 145,600 pounds of trash and 5,400 pounds of recyclables were retrieved during California Coastal Clean-Up Day just this past September. Keeping all of this garbage out of our beaches and waters is as easy as taking that couple extra of steps to the trash can.

Eco-Rollins is planning future events like this. If you are interested, you can go to the weekly meetings at 12:30 p.m., Tuesdays, in the Environmental Studies building right next to the bookstore.

Music Mogul Lou Pearlman Speaks at Rollins

■ Lou Pearlman, credited for the boyband craze in the late 90s, visits campus.

by **Angela Gonzalez**
the sandspur

On Oct. 12, Rollins College welcomed Louis J. Pearlman to its campus. He was invited by Professor Marc Sardy to speak to his Global Entertainment Business class about his experiences in the tumultuous industry that encompasses, but is by no means limited to Music, Film, Televisions & Sports entertainment.

Perhaps Mr. Pearlman's largest claim to fame is that he is credited with bringing back the boyband phenomenon in the late 90's. He brought the Backstreet Boys and N'Sync into fruition with a lot of his own investment after being repeatedly told it was a no-win idea.

Hailing from Flushing in Queens, NY, Lou always had music around him. His cousin is Art Garfunkel, who inspired him to take up guitar lessons and attempt to go into the music industry from the artist's side.

After not finding the success he desired, Lou decided to pursue another of his passions: aviation. Even at a young age, Lou noticed the need for a short passage into the city. After struggling to find investors, Pearlman found a source and was able to start Trans Continental Airlines. He chartered flights for many important people into New York City including then successful, New Kids on the Block.

Lou was curious as to how these young boys were earning in excess of \$100 million through records, touring & merchandise. From this "discovery" he attempted once again to make it in the music industry except from a business point of view this time.

He moved down to Orlando in 1991 and began working on his new project with financial help from his already successful aviation/blimp companies. Lou invested about \$1.5 million into the creation of the Backstreet Boys before seeing any return. He faced a lot

of criticism and speculation in the United States that this idea would flop so he took the boys over to Germany, where they became a hit reaching #5 on the charts and earning their first gold record.

Following their success in Europe, the Backstreet Boys returned to the United States and began the resurgence of the boyband popularity that took the music world by storm. Mr. Pearlman also was assembling the group N'Sync around this time who also went on to achieve huge success and earnings despite the belief that the boyband craze was only going to be a short-lived phase.

The important aspect that Pearlman was able to apply was that the demographic of young girls from around the ages of twelve and eighteen has a strong connection to the musicians that they like as well as a large disposable income available so they are willing and fully capable of spending on merchandise and records of these boybands. The desire is always there, Lou was just smart enough to see ahead of the curve.

We now have seen that boybands have about a 5 year cycle in which they are popular. Lou was also key in creating the hit show "Making the Band" which spawned the group O-Town and is still airing on MTV.

Lou also added LFO, Aaron Carter, Jordan Knight, Natural and C Note to the Trans Continental Records roster. Trans Continental Studios has harbored such artists as Britney Spears, Creed, Eminem, Matchbox 20, Alicia Keys, Mandy Moore and others.

Lou Pearlman is truly a jack of all trades according to his resume of achievements. He has found success in aviation, movies, music, restaurants and television and continues to pursue new ideas in order to stay competitive in the ever-changing world of the entertainment industry. To those looking to find success in any industry, Pearlman offers this bit of advice: "An entrepreneur is someone who dreams it, then does it."

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Neo-Conservatives and the Hijacking of US Conservatism

by John Ferreira

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Irving Kristol, considered by many as the godfather of neo-conservatism, coined the phrase "neo-cons are liberals who have been mugged by reality." Turns out he was right in more ways than one, in fact today it is the neo-cons that are being mugged by reality and after the apparent successes of President Bush's first term the neo-con White House is floundering. They are floundering in part because there is a fissure in the Republican party between neo-cons and traditional conservatives.

Conservatives, in the words of George F. Will, understand the scarcity of everything: money, virtue, wisdom, and competence. That is why conservatives believe in limited government and champion individual agency. Neo-conservatives on the other hand do not, they proceed as if America's strength is endless and the coercive power of the

state can be used for anything they see fit.

Conservatives have reasons to be angry with this administration; the Harriet Miers was just the drop that caused the flood. It began in December of 2001 with the No Child Left Behind Act, which was a deep intrusion by the federal government in state's education rights. Then in December of 2003 the President and the Republican leadership pushed forward the Medicare prescription-drug bill which was the largest expansion of welfare benefits since the time of Lyndon Johnson, hardly a conservative. Agriculture subsidies have grown, the highway bill was jammed with pork, and the government over stepped its boundaries in the Terri Schiavo case.

Most "un-conservative" of the current Republican leadership is their constant support of nation building. In the 2000 election then candidate George W. Bush vehemently said that he would

not use the American military as a worldwide police force and that he would not practice nation-building. The Iraq War is at heart a liberal war. It is an attempt to rebuild the Middle East in our own image. They hope to change the character of the Iraqi building, constructing a political culture out of the ashes of Saddam's rule. This is very different from the slow and organic change that is furthered by conservatives at home, which is why it is hypocritical. Neo-conservatives, who are the dominant force in American politics today, say incoherently that while the government isn't competent to run Amtrak it is competent enough to run the Middle East.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina neo-con nation building has come onto the shores of America. In another un-conservative move, the President basically announced nation building in New Orleans. The government would spearhead a

movement to rebuild the city from Washington, instead of giving the power to locals. It is reminiscent of the Paris Peace Conference in 1919 in which the victors of the First World War sat on giant maps and penciled in new boundaries with no consideration as to how the locals want to live their lives. No good can come of this, because government created communities do not work because human nature is infinitely more complex than pinheads in Washington realize.

One of my colleagues here at *The Sandspur* pointed out to me that neo-cons (and Republicans) do not believe in limited government, they believe in limited government for Democrats while unlimited power for themselves.

Conservatives need to wake up and retake their party before the blunders of the neo-conservative movement lead us to a Hillary presidency and a House lead by Nancy Pelosi as Speaker.

Tell Nuclear Power to Spilt

by Scott Bianconi

contributing writer

For those of you who haven't heard, Progress Energy, in an effort to keep up with the expected demand for power in the Central Florida region, is in the process of obtaining approval to build a nuclear power plant somewhere in Central Florida. The proposed counties include Polk, Seminole, Highlands, and yes, even Osceola. I applaud Progress Energy for recognizing the future need for power in the Central Florida region and for proposing to build a power plant in the area that would produce many construction and plant operation jobs. However, I am appalled at the fact that Progress Energy is even considering to build a nuclear power plant in Central Florida. Proponents of nuclear power seem to focus on one key issue; that nuclear power produces no emissions. This is true in a sense. Nuclear power generates electricity by surrounding radioactive rods of uranium pellets in contained

pools of water. This water turns into steam which turns turbines to produce electricity. The excess steam is the only immediate byproduct which is then released into the atmosphere. Sounds great right? Wrong. What many proponents of nuclear power fail to mention is the obvious dangers that nuclear power poses to both humans and the environment. Few can forget the tragedy of Chernobyl in which over fifty civilians died, and we cannot forget the near tragedy of the partial melt down of Three-Mile Island. A nuclear core melt down could easily make all of central Florida uninhabitable for several thousand years, not to mention burn a hole to the core of the earth. Of course, proponents of nuclear power claim that current safety measures make a Three-Mile Island incident (caused by a faulty pressure valve) or the Chernobyl incident (caused by human error) impossible to re-occur. Boy, I wish these proponents could enlighten the world as to how we can prevent all

forms of human and mechanical error. But let us give these proponents the benefit of the doubt and agree that mechanical failure and human error can somehow be completely weeded out. 9/11 reminded us all of the unexpected threat of terrorism within our borders. Thankfully, no attack has ever been attempted against a nuclear power plant in U.S. borders. However, I wonder how attractive attacking a nuclear power plant located a stone's throw away from the nation's largest tourist destination might be? But let's again give proponents the benefit of the doubt that no terrorist will ever attempt to attack a nuclear power plant in Central Florida. We must not forget the largest threat of nuclear contamination, which is from transporting new and spent nuclear fuel from the plants reactors. Remember those nuclear rods of uranium pellets that power the nuclear reactor? Well, they need to be shipped into and out of the state though either rail, boat, or truck.

Though heavily guarded, I still don't like the idea of driving down I-4 next to an armored truck loaded with nuclear fuel. Even if the proponents of nuclear power can weed out human and mechanical error from their drivers and trucks, I doubt they are able to prevent human error from the countless aggressive drivers or lost tourists that patrol our roads.

Progress Energy needs to stop trying to solve our regions energy needs by building reactors of death. Progress Energy needs to take a step back and look at the bigger picture. Heck, with a name like Progress Energy, you would think they would look into building some sort of new and progressive wind or solar power plant that would not only provide jobs to boost our local economy, provide for our regions growing energy demands, and be a positive symbol to the rest of the nation that we in Central Florida are able to provide both clean and safe energy for our future generations.

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Letter to the Editor What were you thinking?

Dear College Humor Girl:

What were you thinking?

Now that you are "published" are you going to put that on your resume? You might as well.

The way our school's reputation has been trashed in recent years in Playboy (#3 Party School), Abercrombie & Fitch (#1 Slacker School) and now College Humor, a T-shirt from Spring Break in Cancun will have more value than a Rollins diploma.

One of these days you are eventually going to have to apply for a job. Instead of a party school, wouldn't you rather have a prospective employer think of Rollins as the #1 school in the South?

I'm not saying you shouldn't have fun while you're at school. Go ahead and take topless pictures of yourself (and feel free to email them to me). Drink yourself into a coma every weekend. Go ahead and experiment with mind expanding, um, books.

It just pisses me off that you're harming the reputation of my Alma Mater, which in turn has a direct effect on my earning potential.

Angelo Villagomez
Class of '04

Those Who Censor College Journalists Should Beware

by Kathleen Parker

the orlando sentinel

The First Amendment has been getting a workout in recent weeks on two college campuses – the University of Florida and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill – where students are learning that free speech is a messy business.

The two cases, one involving a columnist at UNC and the other a political cartoonist at UF, have inflamed minority groups – Muslims and blacks, respectively – provoking protests and debate. That's the good news; protest and debate are the currency of free speech.

What's not such good news is that the UNC columnist was fired, and the Florida cartoonist has been condemned and threatened. Both students have been virtually abandoned by university officials, some of whom apparently are more concerned about burnishing their multiculti self-images than in supporting an increasingly embattled founding principle.

Jillian Brandes, a former columnist for UNC's Daily Tar Heel, wrote a column making a case for racial profiling in the wake of the 9/11 terrorist attacks that began hyperbolically: "I want all Arabs to be stripped naked and cavity-searched if they get within 100 yards of an airport."

Then she proceeded to quote several Arab students and a professor who said they wouldn't mind being searched. Some subsequently claimed their remarks had been taken out of context, an unprecedented development

in journalism. Brandes was fired.

One could make a strong argument that Brandes' column was silly, amateurish, lacking in taste, strident and ineffective. But people have a clear and protected right to be both silly and amateurish.

Brandes' editor claimed that he fired her for "journalistic malpractice," for taking quotes out of context, not in response to pressure. I can only say that in 25 years with newspapers, I've never known anyone to be fired when a story's subjects didn't like the way quotes were used.

In Gainesville, Fla., cartoonist Andy Marlette drew an image that has angered some black groups. Marlette is the nephew of Pulitzer Prize-winning cartoonist and author Doug Marlette, whose talent as an equal-opportunity offender apparently seeped into the family gene pool.

Marlette the Younger's cartoon in the Independent Florida Alligator was a commentary on rapper Kanye West's remarks following Hurricane Katrina that "George Bush doesn't care about black people." Marlette drew a cartoon of West holding an oversized playing card labeled "The Race Card," with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice saying, "Nigga Please!"

The N-word makes me cringe... especially every time I hear Kanye West say it. His songs, including his current hit, "Gold Digger," are liberally seasoned with the word, often couched in violence and obscenity. But when I imagine the immacu-

late and proper Condi Rice saying it, especially to a "brotha" who has made a fortune playing the bad boy, it makes me laugh.

Which is to say Marlette's cartoon hit the mark. It was sophisticated, irreverent and funny. His use of West's own language to parody the rapper's political statement was, in fact, the art of the cartoon.

Yet certain campus groups and administrators were outraged. This, even though the same student government that pulled ads from the Alligator is paying West to drop the N-bomb in concert at the university in a few days.

It's hardly surprising that students don't understand that the First Amendment, which protects Marlette's and Brandes' right to voice unpopular opinions, also protects West's "music," as well as their own right to protest.

It's disturbing, however, when faculty and administrators' understanding is little better.

The painful irony is that minorities are historically the first to suffer when free speech goes. Not so long ago, blacks were lynched in this country for trying to voice their opinions at the polls. Which is why African Americans – and now Arab Americans troubled by the specter of discrimination – should be the loudest voices supporting the freedoms that permit even speech they find offensive.

It's a messy job, but everybody's got to do it.

"RIGHT" ANSWER



by Jami Furo

political columnist

AWARE OF HOW THINGS REALLY ARE

Every week, it seems that I'm being forced to be aware of something else. Here at Rollins, we have a "fill in the blank" awareness week. We are aware of cultures, religions, politics, movements, and everything in between. Don't get me wrong. We should be aware of all of these things. We should be knowledgeable about the world around us. We should be knowledgeable about other cultures and religions in this global society. We should be aware of politics and movements so we can decide how we feel about them and how we should act or not act on them. But we are going about it the wrong way.

Awareness weeks here at Rollins, in the present form, are booths, posters, e-mails, and the like. They are fliers that give a summary of what the issue is about in its most basic sense. They are snippets of cultures and aspects of religions and one side of politics. They are a watered down version of important messages. They are cheapened editions of something important. Awareness weeks give part of an explanation, and because there is a new one every week (sometimes more than one at once) it is easy for those pieces of information to get lost. It is easy to become jaded to the messages that are trying to be expressed. After a while, it all sounds the same. It is a whirlwind of countries and belief systems and policies and protests that all become one jumble. It makes you want to dart past any table that is set up in front of the campus center so you won't be attacked by someone trying to make you aware of something else.

Awareness weeks do more than just weaken otherwise strong concerns, however. They call attention to differences. They take all of the differences between human beings and they put them on posters and signs all over campus. They make you aware of how different we all are rather than trying to accomplish the objective that Martin Luther King, Jr. and so many others have tried to ac-

complish: bringing us together.

Discrimination against different races, religions, and other groups are certainly still a concern. However, the reason that the situation is so much improved from where it was in the past is that people worked to stop seeing the differences between different kinds of people. They realized that Caucasians and African-Americans are not so different after all. They just have different colors of skin. They realized that Christians, Jews, and Muslims all worship the same God, and even if they did not, they are all still the same people. They worship differently, but as people, they are the same. Democrats, Republicans, and members of other political parties are all the same. They just support different things. People are not that different from one another. There are many differences in the way we look, think, worship, talk, and conduct our lives. But when it comes down to it, we are all people. That is how we should view each other: as people. As equals. Awareness weeks bring attention to the differences – not the similarities. They separate us.

It is our differences that make our society so beautiful because it is so diverse. But by plastering those differences across the walls of the cafeteria or the post office, it is a constant reminder that we are a compartmentalized society. It tells us that we are not members of a global society. It tells us that we are members of our own societies. I don't think that's true. At least, I don't think it should be. I wish I did not feel this way. It feels wrong, and I apologize to those who have worked so hard to put these different awareness weeks together. You have done nothing wrong. You thought you were doing the right thing, and your motives are wonderful. I salute you for your concern for these important issues. I just think we need to reevaluate our methods. We are citizens of the world. We need to act like it.

The Future of Liberian Democracy

■ Free elections in Liberia point to a positive and bright future free from tyranny.

by Brett Heiney

the sandspur

the elections are good then who can argue...but I digress.

Liberia is headed in the right direction, even if one of the two front runners in the presidential election, George Weah, is a former soccer star and not well educated. In such a poor nation with little education, any education is better than none. The other front-runner, Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf who is in her mid sixties, is a former World Bank official with a Harvard Graduate degree and years of public experience. She definitely has the technical know how to lead the fledgling democracy. Either of these two would work for a better Liberia, one with jobs, food, electricity, running water, an education system, and a functioning government.

One would be hard pressed to find anyone other than maybe Charles Taylor who would oppose democracy in a region wrought by war and strife for so long. The surrounding countries are glad for this peaceful transition since long has the fighting within Liberia spread to its three surrounding nations, Sierra Leone, Cote D'Ivoire, and Guinea. This region has much to look forward to with the advent of Liberian democracy.

Liberians are tired of fighting; even those born and raised in the rebellious militias want peace themselves. Every Liberian wants to end the death and destruction and promote the greater collective good of the nation and its citizens. Liberia is a testament to the power of democracy. They have tasted representation in government and want more. For all those who question the universal quest for democracy and its contagious nature, watch and learn from Liberia. Their democracy may have a rocky start, but then again so did ours. Hopefully they will be a beacon in Africa to help promote democratization in that continent.

Finally, the legacy of Charles Taylor, a man never to be forgotten, may finally begin to be rendered simply a memory in the free democratic elections held in Liberia this past week. Life in Liberia today, as it has been since the war lord Taylor took over in 1990, is wretched. With little infrastructure, no electricity, no water, no governmental structure, and little education, the people of Liberia eke out a life inferior to that of subsistence. With the light of democracy shining through their hope for a brighter future is beginning to turn into a reality.

Charles Taylor destroyed Liberia over fourteen years of tyrannical rule. He cared nothing for the people of his country; he only cared for power and wealth. The slogans for his "reelections" read "He killed our ma's! He killed our pa's! And I will vote for him anyway!" He led his people through fear and heavy handed retribution. Taylor left little for the people of Liberia to inherit when he was ousted in 2003.

After fighting a civil war for years, the tired people of Liberia welcome peaceful change. They are a nation of tired people, tired of fighting, tired of dying. Democracy has reared its head in Liberia and the Liberians are grabbing the bull by the horns and riding it to a future hardly imaginable under Taylor.

Even former President Jimmy Carter acted as an election official, monitoring an election center. He claimed that the elections were free and fair, and that a huge turn out of voters will ensure something positive. If Jimmy Carter says

THE OFFICIOUS OMBUDSMAN



by Issac Stolzenbach

political columnist

HOWL AGAIN POETRY CONTEST FOLLOW-UP

Last week I posted a challenge to the artistic community to create a poem like Allen Ginsberg's "Howl," which inevitably changed the face of our nation. This is heady challenge, but worry not about the impact of your work—that remains the domain of the public to decide.

Please don't be intimidated or discouraged from the weight of writing a poem that could "change the face of a nation" because you never know how your words will impact others. "Divinity rests in the muse; wisdom in the interpreter," as the old Greek adage goes, so don't worry . . . just write. (Believe me I know: Easier said than done.)

The awards for the winner are as follows: A \$50 gift certificate to enjoy at Austin Coffee and Film; bask in the spotlight at an event in your honor where you'll read your award-winning poem (or have someone else read it to the crowd for you); your poem will be published in *The Sandspur*.

In addition to all the swag you will receive for writing about your perceptions of the social climate in this country, we are organizing a team to film the readings of the top-three entries at Austin Coffee and Film to submit to Current TV for the whole nation to feel your vibes.

Current TV is the first truly democratic, independently owned/operated cable and satellite television network in the country, currently available to over 20 million homes throughout the United States. People from all over the world submit their five-to-fifteen minute video "pods" for review on

the Current TV website, www.current.tv. People view the videos, and once one's work receives enough "Green Light" votes, the submission is aired. If you would like to see this station in action, tune into channel 156 on Bright House Networks; if you don't have Bright House, check the Current TV website for local listings.

Current TV is also teamed up with Google. Every half-hour they give brief statistics of what the world is searching for on the Internet (top news stories, etc.). This is an in-

American society, the television:

Right now, at this moment in history, TV is the most powerful medium in the world. Its reach and influence are unparalleled. It makes or breaks products and politicians alike, paints our picture of the world, and glues our culture together. And yet, who controls it? Now, you do.

On a side note: With the independent movie theater, Enzian, planning to open a three-screen theater in the revamped Winter Park, perhaps it would behoove of Rollins to invest in some video equipment and see what kind of mark we can leave through "the most powerful medium in the world."

In regards to filming the reading, we cannot guarantee what we film will be aired, but we are going to give it our best shot. If you would like to see an example of a Beat-style poem that was recently submitted and aired on Current, check out www.thebattleforamerica.com, it has a link to a filmed-poem that is as touching as it is powerful. For those that are planning to submit a piece to this contest, I would recommend checking that poem out to get a feeling of what we're looking for.

Don't forget to get your submissions into HowlAgain@thesandspur.org by October 31! Thank you to all who have submitted thus far, we will keep you posted as events unfold.

- Tschüß!

Journalism



sightful and spin-free medium where you can place your thumb on the pulse of what Americans and the world (at least those within reach of the Google search-engine) is curious about and searching for on the Internet.

Current posits the viewer is also the producer, encouraged viewers to provide Current with input of all mediums: on existing projects under review, on the world as the individual sees it, on their blogs, etc.. They have a powerful mission statement, which embodies a possible remedy to one of our major problems in



The CAREER COACH

Marian Cacciatore

Grad School Bound?

This column is a continuation of last week's question regarding graduate school.

Dear Marian:

I am going to graduate in May and am thinking about going to graduate school. Do you have any advice for me?

Answer:

Once you have made the decision that you are "graduate school bound" it's time to begin the application process. For many undergraduate students, this process can seem a bit daunting. Here are a few recommended actions step to breakdown and simplify the process:

Research graduate programs:

A prospective student can evaluate a program based on the location, school reputation, size, faculty, tuition, and availability of assistantships, fellowships and area of specialization. There are a number of publications that attempt to rank schools. You may want to consider checking out US News and World Report along with a few others to obtain a broad perspective.

Become familiar with and calendar the application PROCESS:

Because deadlines vary from program to program it is important to calendar the application dates for the programs that interest you. What type of information will be needed for each application process? For many programs, an applicant will need three letters of recommendation, an autobiographical statement of interest and goals, the results of a graduate admissions test and official undergraduate transcripts.

Who should you ask to write a letter of recommendation for you? Letters of recommendation written by faculty who are familiar with your undergraduate work can be helpful. Also, consider asking a program alumnus or a professional in the field to compose a letter of reference as well.

Study and practice for the Graduate Admissions Test:

The majority of programs use GRE (Graduate Record Examination) in the application process. This test is composed of standardized, multiple-choice questions that pro-

vide graduate schools with a standard measure to compare applicants. Other tests include: LSAT (law school admission) and MCAT (medical school admission test). Start early by purchasing one of the study books with accompanying practice CD. Studying the book and taking the practice tests will help you determine whether other tutoring and prep classes will be needed.

Fellowships and Assistantships:

Many times the application deadlines for the academic program is different from the application deadline for assistantships and fellowships. A general rule for these positions is to APPLY EARLY! If you apply early you'll usually have a better chance for financial assistance and career related opportunities.

The waiting game:

Make sure that you photocopy all of your application materials before you send it in case something gets lost or misplaced along the way. It's a good idea to verify that your application meets all requirements well before the application deadline.

Your application will eventually end up in the hands of departmental admissions committee. The departmental admissions committee is the place where the admissions decisions are made. Getting your application in early is important. Eventually, the department will send out offers of admission, notices of rejection, and, in some cases, a few notice that applicants have been wait-listed. Do not be discouraged if you receive a wait list notice. Typically, an admissions committee will extend offers to a few more applicants than a program actually has room for since some students who've been accepted will enroll elsewhere. If a large number of accepted students choose other schools, offers will be extended to wait-listed applicants.

Next Step?

Does this process sound easier than you initially thought? Still wondering where you should start? Email me at mcacciatore@rollins.edu and I will be glad to email you back a Grad School Application checklist to keep everything recorded and on track.

HOLT SPOTLIGHT Interview

by Jean Bernad Chery
the sandspur

One of the things that makes Rollins so great of an institution is the diversity of not only its student body but also its faculty. Mr. Thompson is a business professor in the evening program at Rollins College.

He has been teaching here since 1998, and among the courses he taught are: Management and Leadership, International Business, and Marketing. Besides Rollins, he has been teaching Online and On-ground at University of Phoenix.

He taught Business Research Methods and Business Development at Nova Southeastern University and Florida Atlantic University. He had taught at Keller Graduate School of Business and DeVry University.

Professor Thompson grew up in Milan, a very small agricultural town in Tennessee. He earned a bachelor degree in science, a bachelor degree in arts, and a master degree in science engineering at the University of Tennessee. He is currently working on his doctorate at Nova Southeastern University. He specializes in Industrial Engineering and Marketing.

Mr. Thompson enjoys teaching for the most part because of interaction with students. In fact, when asked about what he likes the most about teaching, his answer was very short and simple, "The Students." He advises Rollins students who are going to graduate school to "Be prepared, follow up and study." As friendly as Professor Thompson is it is virtually not a surprise that one of the reasons he chooses to teach here at the Hamilton Holt School is "Students and the Friendly Atmosphere."

As Professor Thompson loves his students, they do love him likewise. What they love the most about Professor Thompson is his teaching style. In one of the many informal conversations I had with fellows students about Professor Thompson, one comrade that I cannot recall the name at this moment told me, "on top of his beautiful accent, I love the way he teaches."

He understands that we are adults with lots of responsibilities. He places all his PowerPoint presentations on blackboard in advance. They are very de-

PROFESSOR OF BUSINESS, RONALD THOMPSON

tailed and easy to comprehend." He went on to say, "If we are not 100 percent ready before each class session, it is not Professor Thompson's fault. He provides us with everything necessary to come to class prepared to learn."



COURTESY OF RONALD THOMPSON

Mr. Thompson's ideal location for a vacation is Africa. He enjoys reading and listening to jazz. His favorite Book is *Winning* by Jack Welch and his favorite Play is *Les Miserable*. Professor Thompson's preferred dish is seafood. As for leisure, he enjoys "Nature Photography," Fishing, playing golf, watching Tennessee football and Orlando Magic basketball.

Professor Thompson is currently serving as the Senior Vice President of Business Development at the National Preaching Academy, a non-profit organization which is striving to improve the effective communication for Preachers.

In 1996, Professor Thompson created a management consulting company which provides professional services to individu-

als, small and medium size companies in the areas of strategic planning, merger and acquisitions, process improvement and training.

Prior to being a consultant, he spent 25 years working for major corporations in various positions in Management. He began his career as an Industrial/Manufacturing engineer and proceeded through the ranks to become Corporate Vice President of Engineering and Business Development.

He has worked for various foreign own companies and has extensive experience in international business. For instance, Professor Thompson worked on a joint venture in China and held management positions over engineering in Japan, Brazil, Mexico, Spain, Canada and the United States.

Professor Thompson was president of Jaycees and NEMA—National Electrical Manufacturing Association (Connector Section). He is a member of Society of Manufacturing Engineers, APICS, Junior Achievement Advisor, Chamber of Commerce, Florida Citrus Sports, and Laity Council of Asbury Methodist Church. He is or was on the Board of Directors of Central Florida Snow Skiers and Institute of Industrial Engineers.

With his extensive experience in the business world and his love and understanding of non-traditional students, Professor Thompson contributes greatly to the greatness of the Rollins community in general and the Holt School in particular.

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Holt Students, Faculty Turn Out To 'Meet The Dean'

■ Dean Sharon Carrier shares vision and answers student questions at Holt SGA event.

by **Tanisha Mathis**

the sandspur

Quoting famous figures such as Supreme Court Judge Sandra Day-O'Connor and Mahatma Ghandi, Sharon Carrier, Ph.D. introduced herself on the evening of Oct. 12, to an audience of students and faculty as the latest Dean of the Hamilton Holt School.

Carrier first began her teaching career at Rollins in 1983 as an adjunct professor. She earned her B.A. in studio art and her M.A. in humanities from Florida State University, and a Ph.D. in higher education administration from the University of Florida.

Immediately students were treated to possibly the quickest and easiest quiz during their time on campus administered by the dean on the history of the Hamilton Holt School.

Anyone who may have felt overwhelmed at the halfway point of the semester

was encouraged by the inspirational stories of two fellow Holt students, Leifke Cox and Mark Zauss, who overcame numerous obstacles to continue their education.

Dean Carrier considers the Rollins community the supporting characters in a student's life story eager to "provide the best education possible."

In addition to the many opportunities currently available to Holt students, Dean Carrier revealed several ideas to better serve the student body.

She desires to create grants that will provide up to half the amount of the international study experience and, over the next three years, increase the financial support to students by doubling the amount of scholarship funding.

This year will bring about the design of a leadership course where students will take the leadership theories learned in the classroom into the local community.

Dean Carrier will also explore the possibility of partic-

ipation in honor societies and more student recognition programs. Like those who have held the position before her, the new dean seeks to find ways to increase Hamilton Holt's sense of belonging to the Rollins community through both educational and extracurricular activities.

So far it has been a daunting task but it seems possible if Carrier's tenure as Dean is as lifting as her performance in the Bush Auditorium.

During the question and answer session with the

Dean a wide range of topics were discussed to include her favorite cartoon character. Among the issues the dean now has on her desk to research is a tuition discount for alumni who want to continue their postgraduate studies at Rollins.

Currently the 20 percent tuition discount is only available to Rollins graduates who would like to earn a second Bachelor degree. The ideas of splitting the Organizational Communications discipline into more focused paths such as Public Relations and Marketing, the lack of mathematics courses offered and the right mix of summer courses all brought about the acknowledgement that during this year and next year a serious curriculum review will take place.

On a nonacademic note, the nutritional selection at the Cornell Café was discussed. It appears not everyone wants to eat Chick-Fil-A every night for dinner after rushing from work in just enough time to make it to class.

There are plans to see how the Cornell Campus Center can be more accommodating to Holt students by sending out a survey in the near future. Students are encouraged to take a few moments to fill out the survey and, if possible, mention ways the Cornell Café can better serve their needs.

Incidentally, those favorite cartoon characters happen to be Courage the Cowardly Dog and Spongebob Squarepants.

Dean Carrier hopes Hamilton Holt will serve as a "model to other liberal arts colleges to reach out to a diverse and local population with a high quality liberal arts education."

She continues the tradition of highly accessible leaders at Rollins and encourages the student body to stay in contact through e-mail, the Student Government Association (HHSGA) or through the monthly courtyard conversations she hopes to start.

If you never have the pleasure of speaking with Dean Carrier, take her advice regarding the paths you travel in life, "Do those things that make you happy and success will come."



COURTESY OF SHARON CARRIER, Ph.D.



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INTERACTING WITH STUDENTS: Dean Carrier spent time after the event speaking to students face to face about their concerns, recommendations and career ambitions.

HOLT SGA EVENT STAFF: (From Left) Brian Hernandez, Jennifer Walchok, Dean Sharon Carrier, Sue Easton, Ph.D., and Richard Mino. Not Pictured: Mary-Allen Singer, Holt SGA President.

Hollywood Bounty: Domino Harvey

■ Domino's key tagline "I am a bounty hunter..." belies its poorly written script and jokes.

by **Sophia Koshmer**

the sandspur

In Tony Scott's highly anticipated action flick, "Domino," with its violent nature and cold-hearted heroine with a soft-spot for gold fish, what could possibly go wrong? The answer is everything.

To begin with, the film's tagline is indication enough of what to expect from the finished product, "I am a bounty hunter..." in the fa-

miliar thick British accent of the delicate Keira Knightley, an unexpected candidate for such a hardcore title character. Despite this fact, she does do an impressive job of holding her own throughout the movie in attitude and physicality.

This is delightful for women, showing that size doesn't matter, women can be just as tough as any man, even Mickey Rourke. Plus, no girl can resist watching a fellow feline kick ass as much as the next guy.

Starring Keira Knightley ("Pirates of the Caribbean", "Love Actually") as Domino Harvey, the fabulous Mickey Rourke ("Sin City", "Once Upon a Time in Mexico") as leader of the "Bounty

Squad," Ed Moseby, and such random appearances as Brian Austin Green and Ian Ziering (both of "Beverly Hills 90210" fame) as themselves, as well as comedian Mo'Nique, singer Macy Gray and Shondrella Avery (Lafawnduh of "Napolean Dynamite").

What the film turned out to be, contrary to its very convincing previews, was a typical cheesy action flick that upon leaving the theater raises the question, "Was that supposed to be a comedy?" Quickly answered with a sincere "I hope so." However, if this film were to change genres it would not do much to improve the terribly written screenplay, if you can call that writing. Quite frankly it might have done better as a poorly written science fiction love story that involved shotguns and models.

"Domino" follows spoiled, pampered daughter of actor Laurence Harvey, obviously of the same name, as she goes from Ford model to bounty hunter in a job gone horribly wrong.

The movie is filled with one-liners that are as cheesy as its tag line. Christopher Walken shows up as a television show producer wanting to sign the squad on for

a WB reality television show, cleverly titled, "The Bounty Squad."

When their boss tries to commit car insurance fraud to steal the money to save his sick grandchild, his wife (Mo'Nique) gets caught by the FBI making counterfeit licenses at the DMV where she works and they strike a deal with her that will keep her out of prison.

Trying to shift all the blame, even for the insurance fraud on her last customer, she turns them into the FBI with her husband's plan pinned on them.

These last customers, however, end up being mob children who are kidnaped and killed for the stolen money. The delivery was

made by the "Bounty Squad" who were oblivious to the teenagers identities.

The squad soon finds themselves running out of time as they seek out the stolen money in order to save their own lives. Obviously while all of these terribly exciting events are occurring, the WB is getting footage of it all. It seems highly unlikely professional killers would stoop so low.

In an era where the film industry has lost its inspiration through the multitude of appalling remakes that have been released as of late, "Domino" isn't going to be the original film that pulls them out of it. It is assumed that this film was created as a big joke...and a bad one at

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WEEKLY



Aries (March 21-April 19): Be sure to keep up with all your schoolwork this week. If you've been having trouble getting motivated then try rewarding yourself each time you successfully make it through a project. If you can just keep up with it all you'll be pleasantly surprised at the end of the week when you have plenty of time to relax.



Taurus (April 20-May 20): This is a week for giving of yourself to others. Someone in your life is going to be in major need of emotional reconstruction and you're just the friend to do it. They'll repay you in kind by reminding you just how important you are to them in the near future.



Gemini (May 21-June 21): You'll be tempted to be truly awful to others this week.

Don't give in. Even though some of the people who are closest to you are not being entirely rational this week you should cut them some slack. Next time you're being irrational you can remind how good you were for them.



Cancer (June 22-July 22): This is a good week for figuring yourself out. If you've been having some difficulty fitting in then don't worry about it. Sometimes we are meant to stand out in life. Instead of worrying about how to get along better with others you should worry about trying to make yourself happy above all else.



Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): You were so good to others last week that you deserve to spoil yourself all this week. If you're single then go out and find someone to celebrate good times with. If you've got a sweetie then you should take

them out to celebrate your joy with you.



Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Expect to be pleasantly surprised at the end of the week. You're going to need a nice, long break after all the work you've got in the meantime. Your normal school week is going to be long and arduous before you make it through to the weekend. It will all be worth making it through your work, though. Be on the lookout for a new love interest in the meantime.



Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Your future is full of possibilities this week. Don't just jump into opportunities without checking with your closest friends first, though. Your friends know you as well as you know yourself and are a major source of information and stability no matter what situations you find yourself in.

Apple Releases iPod Nano

by **Chris Winsor**

the sandspur

Picture for a moment that tiny little pocket on a girl's jeans. How many times have you wondered what exactly such an insignificant looking pocket could possibly hold?

Feeling a societal obligation to the mystery, Apple has recently released the next generation iPod. Even smaller than the Mini, now comes the Nano, and it really does fit in that ridiculous little pocket on girls' jeans.

Now smaller than most cell phones, the latest iPod comes in a 2 and 4 gigabyte size with the choice of a black or white cover. Retailing for \$199 and \$249 respectively, the Nano not only offers unlimited transportation potential, but a series of new gadgets and features that put competing mp3 players to shame.

After the initial shock over its minute stature subsides, the more critical of us will begin right away by complaining that it will be easily lost or broken. For those forgetful listeners out there it is true, the size of the Nano will not help your affliction.

However, the Nano is so unobtrusive on one's person that it can easily become an

item that never leaves one's pocket. Apple has designed the Nano to fit into that tiny pocket and any other pocket for a reason: the Nano and future iPod generations are going to become as essential to your daily activities as cell phones, car keys, and wallets. Every morning before class when you check your things before leaving, your iPod will be on that list of things that you are always carrying around.

Now on the subject of those hooligans that bring their Nanos on high speed adventures through campus, Apple has utilized a Flash Memory system as opposed to a spinning Hard Drive disk to keep the music playing skip free.

One other observation about high intensity situations shows that should the Nano attempt a mid-air escape from its bonds, it will not go any further than the length of your earphone cable. The tiny iPod weighs so little that it is easily suspended by the headphone jack connection.

Though some may question the size limits on new Nano, a thousand songs (4GB) is more than enough listening for a week's time. Apple has also retained the user-friendly iTunes program to

change and upload your on-the-go song collection, so changing playlists frequently is just as simple as before. Thanks to the enhanced resolution and colored screen, the Nano also has the capacity to store and display a photo collection.

Besides showing off pictures of reasonably good definition, the Nano can also be used to transfer pictures from computer to computer just as it and previous generations could with music. The "Extras" menu includes a series of both new and old features that continue to set apart the Nano from its predecessors.

Included now is a clock that holds times in all major cities worldwide, a stopwatch, a contacts list, a calendar with changeable events, a notes section, and four games: brick, solitaire, parachute and music quiz (and these games definitely have the edge on cell phone games). The Nano also comes preloaded with 21 different languages and a number of other options to further customize your iPod experience.

If you've been holding out on buying an iPod for a while now, this is the time to strike. Hit the Apple store ASAP.

ELIZABETHTOWN MOVIE REVIEW

"There is a difference between a failure and a fiasco."

This line opens "Elizabethtown," a heart-warming story of how a man's life is changed for the better after facing two major tragedies.

Drew Baylor (Orlando Bloom, "Lord of the Rings," "Pirates of the Caribbean") is having a bad day. In his own words, he is experiencing the backlash of a "fiasco." The highly anticipated shoe that he designed for his sneaker company is a huge flop and his mistake has cost the company almost a billion dollars.

After losing his well-paying job, he finds out that his father passed away while visiting relatives in Elizabethtown, Ky. His mother (Susan Sarandon) and sister are hysterical with shock and grief, and it is up to Drew to take care of the arrangements. He flies to Elizabethtown, consumed with depression and hopelessness.

Right when his plane takes everything, everything starts to change. He meets Claire (Kirsten Dunst, "Spiderman"), a stewardess on the flight of which he is the only passenger. She is friendly and spontaneous and seems to keep appearing throughout his stay in Elizabethtown.

"Elizabethtown" is about the surreal found in the real. It is the extraordinary within the ordinary. It is death and life and the way that a father's death inspires a sort of rebirth for his son. It is a funny yet poignant, sad but uplifting film that after it's over will make you want to go out of the theater and embrace life. It is full of wise one-liners that force you to think about them and forbid you from forgetting them long after the last credit has rolled.

Bloom gives his finest performance of his career. He captures the desperation of a man with nothing to lose and he embraces the hope of a man with everything to gain. Bloom gives an impressive nature to the role of an ordinary man. He makes the story of an everyday kind of guy in a nowhere town an epic journey of one man's quest to discover life in the world he thought he knew.

Dunst also delivers a superb performance. The talkative, spontaneous Claire, who suffers in the very depths of her soul without letting the world know, is like a muse for the troubled Drew. She is an instrument for bringing about change in him, and in the process, she experiences change in herself, too. Her facial expressions and delivery are perfect and show both sides of Claire's character beautifully without revealing too much of her innermost thoughts.

"Elizabethtown" is a must see. You will laugh, you will cry, and you will leave the theater thinking about life in a completely different way.

JAMI FURO



ELIZABETHTOWN / Copyright Paramount Pictures
KIERSTEN AND ORLANDO MAKE QUITE A PAIR: The pair's chemistry throughout the movie is stunning.

OROSCOPES

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): My, aren't we feeling romantic this week? Well you could be. All the stars are indicating that this is the lucky week for you to find new life and new love. Don't waste the opportunity for a new start in your love life. If you see a chance then you should take it. Otherwise, you need to suck it up and go tell them how you feel. Nothing will ever happen if you aren't willing to go out and seize love and happiness for yourself. No one else will do it for you.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): While you seem to have your act together this week on the academic front the same can't be said for your personal life. Have you been neglecting close friends? Have you been putting off dealing with love? If you have then you need to get back to caring about people in your life. It is

important to make sure that you take care of number one but don't forget that sometimes you need someone else to take care of number one too.



Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Everything seems to be going very well for you in life lately. Maybe this means it's time to try something new in your academic life. Try taking on some new responsibilities this week and you may find your newest niche. If others view you taking initiative then there is a good chance someone will recognize your abilities and greatly reward you. Just remember, anything worth doing is worth doing well. Don't go in for halfway on projects this week.



Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): It may feel like you've gotten into a rut lately in your life. You can only be downtrodden if you let yourself. Try looking for a new life

philosophy this week to help you get back on track. I'm not saying to go find a new religion, but try looking for a healthier, happier way to deal with situations and people in your life that are stressful. With a little positive thinking you'll find that things are never that bad and karma is just waiting to reward you for good words and good deeds. So get out there and make karma want to pay you back in full.



Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): This is definitely a week for new beginnings. You're getting bogged down by all the drama in your life lately. First, don't get involved in drama that doesn't involve you. Once you've stopped trying to fix everyone else in your life you'll find that fixing your own life is much easier. If you look hard enough you may just find someone to help you out with this new beginning. Happy hunting!

Chic Classical Performance Mesmerizes

by **Joseph Rubel**

the sandspur

Oct. 13 came and went with a fabulous delight during the evening hours on the Rollins College campus. Once again the unbelievably extraordinary John M. Tiedtke Concert Hall was the venue for a performance of classical music.

Billed as a "Faculty Recital," Dr. Gloria Cook on piano and Ms. Joni Roos on violin, captured the hearts, minds and perhaps a few other body parts of just about the entire audience.

They began with a Mozart sonata (Sonata for violin and piano in A major, K 526). The sonata was one of Mozart's happier pieces, moving from softly to loudly with a variety of different

uplifting passages. Cook, provided fresh, clear endings, a remarkable intensity of concentration and a mélange of passionate piano playing.

Roos wowed the audience with her musical ferocity, along with lively, enthusiastic violin playing. The duo moved on to two entirely different Debussy pieces ("La fille aux cheveux de lin" and "La plus que lent").

The music was beautifully tender and melodic. They were performed softly, delicately and with a strong sense of loving kindness. The performance of the first piece was so mesmerizing that when it came to a completion the audience was so enraptured by the music that almost no one thought to ap-

plaud. The musicians looked at each other like "why aren't they applauding, we've clearly finished the piece and we played beautifully?"

After a few brief moments, the artists made the correct decision to proceed to the second Debussy piece rather than wait for any sort of applause or movement from practically anyone in the audience. It was also a delight to see Cook's high heels digging in firmly to the awesome cherry wood stage.

After a very pleasant fifteen or twenty minute intermission, the musicians returned to the stage to a more modern work, "Graceful Ghost" Rag by William Bolcom. This was apparently the piece of the entire program that the musicians con-

centrated on the most. I don't have a lot to say about this piece except to note that both musicians looked at each other at the end of it, smiling, as if to say "we really nailed that one, didn't we?"

The program ended with a remarkable work, "La Trilled u diable" (The Devil's Trill), by Giuseppe Tartini. The work included an unbelievably exquisite cadenza or sort of a violin solo during the work. It was then that Roos demonstrated very amply her virtuosity on violin, flowing through ten or fifteen minutes of stunning violin.

At the conclusion of the concert, the audience of several hundred gave the duo an immediate, resounding standing ovation that lasted

for many minutes. I think they were saying (the audience, that is) that this was such beautiful music, such uplifting stuff that a pleasant time would be awaiting all who attended.

The performances at Tiedtke Concert Hall are free and open to the public. To get on the mailing list for upcoming performances, call the college at (407) 646-2000 ext. 4 and ask for Rollins Music Department.

If you're interested in Bach Festival performances held exclusively at Rollins College, call the same number, and ask for the Bach Festival Office. The Bach Festival also sponsors a very, very fine Visiting Artists' Series which is incomparable in its own way.



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What's New with the Mouse?

■ An inside look at the upcoming happenings at the Walt Disney World Resort.

by **Nicole Fluet**

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There are a ton of things going on in Walt Disney World right now. This is a highlight of just a couple that you might want to catch the next time you're bored and looking for something interesting to do.

Now through Nov. 13 Epcot is hosting the annual Food and Wine Festival. This lively, entertaining party through the World Showcase section of Epcot includes a chance to taste authentic food and rare wine from many different countries. Special tickets are needed for entrance to events such as the Party for the Senses, which takes place on Nov. 5 and 12 and special dinner events in select countries, occurring on Nov. 8, 6, and 12. Information can be found at www.disneyworld.com/foodandwine, and reservations can be made by calling (407) WDW-FEST.

Beginning on Nov. 1, the Animal Kingdom Lodge is now hosting a special luncheon every Tuesday featuring an animal specialist from Disney who will share stories for both kids and adults alike. This authentic experience costs \$65 per person. This special dinner can be booked by calling (407) WDW-DINE.

The National Rubik's Cube Championship is going to be hosted at the Disney's Pop Century Resort from Nov. 4-6. This unique and challenging championship will include competitions including 3x3x3, 4x4x4, and 5x5x5. Anyone interested can go online to www.rubiks.com for further information on the tournament.



WINE TASTING 101: The 10th Annual Food and Wine Festival is celebrated by wine tasting and lots of food!

The 30th Annual Art Festival of the Masters is coming to Downtown Disney from Nov. 11-13, from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Displaying works from over 200 artists, the show will include photography, drawings, jewelry, and much more. Entry is free but if more information is needed, go online to www.disneyworld.com/art or call (407) 824-4321.

The 10th Annual Super Soap Weekend in Disney-MGM Studios is scheduled for Nov. 12-13. Over 30 stars from ABC soap operas such as "All My Children," "One Life to Live," and "General Hospital" will join Mickey and friends in a two day event. Special happenings include "Who Wants To Be a Millionaire: Super Soap Edition" and "I Wanna Be a Soap Star: Super Soap Edition." The price of Super

Soap Weekend is included in a regular theme park admission to Disney-MGM Studios. More information can be found online, including the star line-up, at www.disneyworld.com.

Walt Disney World is hosting the Florida Citrus Bowl at the Walt Disney World Classic XXVI. Festivities continue from Nov. 17 to 19 and include a variety of activities. The actual game, between Florida A&M University and Bethune-Cookman College takes place on Nov. 19 at 4pm. Ticket purchases and information can be found at www.ticketmaster.com.

Starting Nov. 14, the ever-popular Osborne Family Spectacle of Lights returns to Disney-MGM Studios and lasts through Jan. 8, 2006. This year, there will be more lights and more days to see them! The Osborne Family Spectacle of Lights experience, including the special "Hollywood Holly-Day" parade, is included in regular Disney-MGM Studios theme park admission. No extra purchase is necessary.

Mickey's Very Merry Christmas Party begins Nov. 27, and continues for 14 nights: Nov. 27 and 29, and Dec. 1, 2, 4, 6, 9, 11, 13, 15, 16, 18, and 20. This experience includes a new, never before seen fireworks performance, live music, and much more.



ON WITH THE SHOW: Cameron Mathison, star of ABC's "All My Children," gives performance tips to Minnie and Mickey!

The New Wal-Mart

by **Kelsey Field**

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Wal-Mart, in an attempt to boost a declining growth rate, has chosen to change its strategy by focusing on a new type of shopper: the upper class buyer. No longer will the Wal-Mart stores appear like large warehouses to the consumers, as the company transitions and prepares to rival against businesses such as Target, by incorporating the same marketing strategies in order to attract higher income shoppers.

However, some economists warn against the change. If it proves to be successful, Wal-Mart will not only rekindle growth, but also revolutionize retailing again. If it fails, Wal-Mart will devastate its competitive advantage, which has fueled a 15 percent a year earnings growth over the past decade.

Wal-Mart is running on a 50 percent probability that their renovation will work. Despite Wal-Mart's high growth rate of 11.3 percent in 2004, it has shown a drop from the annual sales growth of 17.5 percent from 1998-2000, 70 percent greater than the projected sales jump of 10.3 percent.

As a result of the declining growth rate, investors have steadily been cutting the price-to-earnings ratio they are willing to pay because they lack the confidence that was once held in the booming business.

The skepticism shown through the stock market is also reflected in the posted 17.2 percent loss in 2005. For the past five years it resulted in a share return of 0, which is a shocking turn around from the 1995-2000 period, where stockholders saw a 295 percent return.

Wal-Mart, when making the decision to completely alter its business strategy, had to consider the roots of why the decline in the stock market.

For the second quarter, Wal-Mart has reported its

smallest quarterly earnings gain in four years, with the U.S. division missing its sales target for the second quarter in a row.

However, the roots to Wal-Mart's losses run deeper than stock holder uncertainty. Wal-Mart says that "higher oil prices means less buying by lower income customers. Those customers, who have less discretionary income to start with, disproportionately cut their spending when prices climb at the gas pump." In order to entice a higher income consumer, Wal-Mart has begun an aggressive advertising campaign that parades their improving "fashionability" and higher end merchandise.

Wal-Mart's Chief Financial Officer, Tom Schoewe, informed investors that it would now be selling an 8-megapixel Canon digital camera for almost \$1,000. Additionally, the company now has a fashion observation post in New York in order to stay on top of fashion trends, which has already resulted in a lawsuit by Anthropologie claiming copyright infringement. As an attempt to move into more high fashion, Wal-Mart reportedly has been discussing options with designer Tommy Hilfiger, and also has taken out an 8 page spread in the September issue of Vogue.

However, the economic risks are great to the new plan. In addition to alienating its core section of lower income shoppers, there is also the risk that Wal-Mart will not attract the upper class consumer needed to truly push up the growth.

Additionally, for a company that already has little investor faith, considerable amounts of capital will have to be spent on upgrading stores, advertising, and product intelligence and design. In the next year to 18 months, Wal-Mart will be in the most dangerous period, when costs will go up while the results of the new strategy won't be obvious.

Correction

Last week's article entitled "ADHD, Disabilities, and Help" implied the Thomas P. Johnson Student Resource Center can be used to make up tests, which is misleading. TJ's is available only to provide a testing environment for students with disabilities, and this accommodation is only granted by authorization from TJ's under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Bird Flu Scare

by **Lori Lipkin**

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It is called H5N1 avian influenza or bird flu.

Not uncommon among chickens and other fowl, there are different types that routinely infect birds around the world.

This current outbreak (H5N1) is highly contagious among birds and rapidly fatal.

The strain is different in that it can be transmitted to humans causing severe illness and death.

It arrived in Southeast Asian nations in 2003 killing more than 65 people and the numbers are going up.

Experts have been pushing the urgency of this being a world health threat since it's introduction but efforts in the U.S. to battle the virus have reached a peak only in recent weeks.

U.S. Health Secretary Michael Leavitt believes that containment is the best defense, "to find it and find it soon and then work as an international community to contain it."

Leavitt, with top officials from the World Health Organization and several U.S. agencies, will visit Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam - the country hardest hit with 41 deaths.

Turkey and Romania are also reporting bird flu outbreaks raising fears that the disease is spreading outside of Asia. The strain is being tested to hopefully rule out H5N1.

The present fear is that H5N1 will mutate into a virus spreading easily among humans with the possibility of a pandemic situation killing millions.

This fear could become reality if a person infected with the human flu virus catches the bird flu.

The World Health Organization explains that the two viruses could recombine within the body producing a hybrid that could readily

spread from person to person.

According to sources from WHO and CDC, the Center For Disease Control, H5N1 is easily spread from rural farm to farm among domestic poultry through feces of wild birds.

It can then survive up to four days at 71 F (22 C) and more than 30 days at 32 F (0 C). If frozen, it can survive indefinitely.

This outbreak has spread more rapidly to other countries unlike previous scares.

The increase of exposure to people in multiple locations also raises the chance that it will combine with a human influenza virus.

"The good news is, we do have a vaccine," said Leavitt on CBS's "The Early Show."

Scientists say an experimental vaccine test produced a strong immune response and could protect against the virus.

Vaccine maker Sanofi-Pasteur begins the first mass production of this new vaccine promising to protect against the bird flu.

They will produce \$100 million worth of inoculations, which the U.S. government has ordered 2 million doses for a national stockpile and is negotiating with the company to order more according to Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

Introducing legislation that would financially guarantee a market in return for more vaccine production, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton replied, "We cannot handle the threats we face today with a broken flu vaccine system."

Officials are working with vaccine makers to try and find ways to manufacture the vaccine more quickly.

"It's good news," Dr. Fauci said "that we have a vaccine."

Things To Do in Australia

by **Karina McCabe**

study abroad columnist

Beaches and Parks:

Bondi Beach—world famous for its surfing during the day, and bar scene later on.

Coogee—while the name is the Aboriginal word for "rotting seaweed," the beach has recently undergone a considerable upgrade in its scenery and nightlife, and so it is a bit more appealing now than its name-sake is.

Bronte Beach—beautiful beach halfway along the famous Coogee to Bondi cliff walk (approximately three miles), and it has an attractive park where many people go to barbeque on weekends.

Hyde Park—located in the city center, and the site of many interesting political protests.

Centennial Park—a ten minute walk from Bondi Junction. This park is a good area for walking and jogging, seeing local rugby games on weekends, and having picnics.

Markets:

Bondi Markets—just off Bondi Beach.

Paddington Markets—on Oxford Street

The Rocks—down near Circular Quay where the Opera House is located.

Manly Markets—at

Manly Beach, a forty-five minute ferry ride away, but definitely worth traveling to. Manly is worth spending at least the entire day at in order to visit the town, market, and the beautiful beach.

Shopping:

Westfield Bondi Junction—an enormous, fashionable, but expensive, mall located just outside of the city center.

Newtown—a Bohemian-chic, predominantly student-filled area adjacent to Sydney Uni where many unique clothing, book, and music stores are found.

The Rocks—an upscale area of Sydney, housing stores such as Armani, Louis Vuitton, and Dolce&Gabbana.

Queen Victoria Building (QVB)—located in the Central Business District (CBD), comprising of stores ranging from the Body Shop to Swarovski crystals.

Pitt Street—located in a mostly pedestrian area, or at least an area where only the most masochistic of drivers will attempt to venture. This area is a tourists shopping haven where goofy koala and kangaroo souvenir stores abound.

Nightlife:

Salsa Clubs (my new hobby!)—Coolabar, which is just off Pitt Street, and the Spanish Club, which is just off George Street going to-

wards Darling Harbor. Both of these clubs offer evening salsa classes ranging from beginner to advanced levels.

Darling Harbor—a tourist trap filled with bars and clubs catering to vacationers willing to spend fifteen dollars on a cocktail. However, the area is extremely pretty, and tourists must flock there for some good reason...

The CBD—here, it is possible to find pubs, clubs, and coffee houses, suiting every person, and that are open until the early hours of the morning.

Observatory—have you ever seen the Southern Cross through one of the world's oldest telescopes? Spending an evening at the observatory seemed kind of lame at first, but it was actually a fantastic evening.

Newtown—a fun place to shop and eat during the day, but this suburb seems to come alive at night with activity.

Kings Cross—notorious as the gay/ lesbian district, this suburb has some of the loudest clubs and club-goers in the city.

Museums:

The Sydney Aquarium—well, it is a type of museum. Anyway, who would want to leave Sydney without visiting Nemo?

Museum of Sydney—the site of the first Government.

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RECOGNIZING A PROBLEM: President Bush discusses the avian flu with vaccine professionals on October 7, 2005.

When Dieting Can Become Deadly

by **Rochelle Siegel**

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Around 90% of female college students try to control their weight, and 22% say they diet almost constantly. Our society's obsession with thinness and dieting, puberty, going away to college, a traumatic world event or a more personal one, like a breakup, could all cause a person to begin extreme eating behaviors.

Many times the victims of this behavior do not even see that anything is wrong, they don't believe it when people tell them that they are slowly killing themselves, all they know is they want to be "skinny".

Anorexia accounts for more deaths than any other mental illness. Anorexia starts with body dissatisfaction and people decide "I want to go on a diet" or "I want to become a vegetarian." Sometimes it is even encouraged - "dieting and exercising are good for you; this is beautiful," or so we hear everyday. We live in a culture where we look at extremely thin models and call that normal, and call that attractive. We have become so used to seeing it everyday on T.V. and in magazine that we have lost our level of suspicion for someone who is at a low weight.

By the time the disease is discovered, much of the damage has already been done. Hair falls out. Skin turns orange, or yellow. Teeth and gums erode. Menstruation stops. Bones become weak and brittle. The heart, kidney, liver, stomach and other organs become seriously damaged and start to shut down. The brain shrinks. That makes potentially deadly eating disorder, like anorexia, a serious issue for young women-but getting them to seek out help can be a challenge.

People with anorexia did not choose to have this illness anymore than a person chooses to have cancer. Dr. Cecily Fitzgerald, an emergency physician who treats patients with eating disorders says that, "it's important to stress that it's not about the food, because parents, spouses, loved ones-they always feel it's just about the food. It's really not about the food. A person with anorexia can no more eat sand-

wich than a person can eat a shoe."

Psychological factors of low self-esteem, feelings of inadequacy or lack of control in life, depression, anxiety, anger and loneliness can all contribute to these illnesses. Cultural pressure that values "thinness" and obtaining the "perfect body" can be a social force for some people to enter into this pattern of self-destruction.

Anorexia, as all eating disorders, is a complex disease. There's not one single, simple cause, although new research has revealed that anorexia and bulimia may be inherited conditions. Environmental factors can also trigger, and worsen, the disease. Anorexia, bulimia, and binge eating disorders are illnesses where extreme emotions, attitudes, and behaviors surround weight and food issues. The people who develop these illnesses have serious emotional and physical problems and end up having life-threatening consequences.

Anorexia Nervosa is an illness characterized by self-starvation and excessive weight loss. A person with anorexia usually refuses to maintain body weight at or above a minimally normal weight for height, body type, age, and activity level. The person usually has an intense fear of gaining weight or being "fat." The person feels "fat" or overweight even though they are at or below a normal body weight. The person usually also has an overwhelming obsession with body weight and shape.

Bulimia Nervosa is a condition characterized by periods of marked over-eating followed by purging through vomiting or diarrhea, all done in secrecy. These people seem to stuff themselves with large amount of food-more than most people would eat in one meal-within a short period of time, and then get rid of the food and calories through vomiting, laxative abuse, or over-exercising. People with bulimia also have an obsession with body weight and shape. They tend to try to diet often, but the feeling of being out of control tends to cause them to eat until they are beyond the point of being "full."

Compulsive Overeating is characterized primarily by periods of uncontrolled, impulsive, or continuous eating

beyond the point of being "full". While there is no purging, there may be sporadic fasting or repetitive dieting and often feelings of shame or self-hatred following a binge. People who overeat compulsively usually struggle with anxiety, depression and loneliness, which can contribute to their unhealthy episodes of binge eating. These people can be normal in their weight, slightly overweight or obese.

Targeted prevention refers to programs or efforts that are designed to promote the early identification of an eating disorder-to recognize and treat an eating disorder before it begins to spiral out of control. The earlier an eating disorder is discovered and addressed, the better the chance of recovery for that patient. It is important to learn how to channel emotions positively instead of destructively inward. Food is our body's fuel, not a deadly weapon.

There are millions of women and even men in the United States who are walking skeletons, dying to be thin. Most anorexics are in denial, they do not believe they are doing anything wrong.

As they seem to fade away on the outside, so do their inside organs, including the heart and the brain. Once their brain starts to deteriorate they lose cognitive skills, such as being able to concentrate, remember things, or even learn new things. Their heart rates can drop so low while they are sleeping that they may not ever wake up again.

Most anorexics are very stubborn and somewhat vain and will do anything they can to get out of eating. When it comes to the point where they are told that they have a serious problem they usually respond by saying that they will be fine that they will be able to get better.

The National Association of Anorexia and Associated Disorder sat the problem has reached epidemic levels in America, and affects everyone-young and old, rich and poor, women and men of all races and ethnicities. Statistics show that seven million women and one million men are sick with an eating disorder. More than 85 percent report the onset of their illness by age 20.

There are still a lot of misunderstandings about the disease, however, even among health professionals. Treatment is hard to find-few states have adequate programs or services to combat anorexia nervosa and bulimia-and it's also very expensive. Treatment should be multi-disciplinary, with therapy, a nutritionist, and a physician. Those should be the minimum requirements.

Recovery cannot happen overnight, it usually takes between two and nine years. About one third of anorexics recover and another third may relapse and remain symptomatic. Those who remain symptomatic have a shorter life expectancy or they will die. Words cannot adequately describe what the disease does to self-esteem and how badly it damages relationships.

The problem is, that starving to death does not fix what's wrong on the inside. True happiness and deep contentment are achieved only through psychological growth, personal growth and ultimate realization of one's worth and place in the world, not by abusing the body. It takes wisdom to realize and accept this hard truth, and the young people most vulnerable to eating disorders are those who most lack those characteristics.

It is important for all of us to be accepting of our own bodies. The whole obesity epidemic is very dangerous; the amount of press that obesity is getting is leading to so much press for diets and it's such a dangerous, dangerous place to go. People need to eat what they want, when they want, and stop when they are satisfied.

It is important to model body acceptance. Then people aren't so susceptible to the media, and to diets. It's important to point out all the ways that our culture gets women to be unhappy with themselves. Don't say, "Do these jeans make me look fat?" or "I can't have dessert; it will go straight to my hips." It's the kind of stuff that others just can't hear. They need to know that they don't need thin thighs or a flat stomach to love their body. Everyone should be able to stand up, be positive, and say, "We are happy with ourselves, our bodies, the way they are."

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Dear Fox,

My roommate has been dating this guy for a long time. He always walks in and out unannounced, and it hasn't ever affected me until the other night. My bed was a disaster, filled with clothes and homework and crap from my room, so I decided to take a nap in my roommate's bed. I knew she wouldn't care. So, while I was sleeping, her boyfriend walked in and grabbed me from behind, kissed me, and told me he loved me, thinking it was my roommate. I flipped out and he was completely humiliated. Now things are really weird between us. My roommate knows, and thinks it's hilarious, but things are really awkward when he's over. How do I get over this?

~Wrong Roommate

Dear Wrong Roommate,

Honestly, I think the best advice I can give to you in this situation is to laugh. Find the humor in it. Your roommate thinks it's funny, so you should too. The best way to get yourself out of an uncomfortable position like this is to turn it into a joke. Make it funny for yourself, and for your roommate's boyfriend, and the air will clear pretty fast.

Since you said your roommate has been dating this guy for a long time, and she trusts him enough to not get mad and jealous over this mistake (which is

a very good sign that she's very much in love with him), there's a good chance he won't be going anywhere for a long time. So, you need to get past this, and fast. Is he the sarcastic type? Can you joke around with him about it? If you can, I would crack jokes about it when he walks into the room. Put a sign on your bed saying "Not your girlfriend's bed" or something to that nature. If he has any sense of humor, he'll get a kick out of it, and your roommate probably will too.

Make the effort to turn this into a joke. However, if it doesn't seem to be working for you, try talking to your roomie about it. She knows her boyfriend better than you do, and she'll know how to clear the air with him. Tell her you don't want things to be uncomfortable anymore, and she should understand. Maybe she'll add to the joking and make it even more amusing for all of you. Eventually, it'll turn into one of those memories that you tell everyone, and it won't be a big deal at all.

"Hey so and so, remember that time you thought I was your girlfriend?" And everyone will laugh and carry on with their lives.

The important thing to remember is not to stress out about this. It was a mistake, there was nothing behind it, and everyone can easily get past this. Good luck and I hope things get better for you!

~Daisy Fox

The Fox returns to answer this week's 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

Scaling a New Pyramid

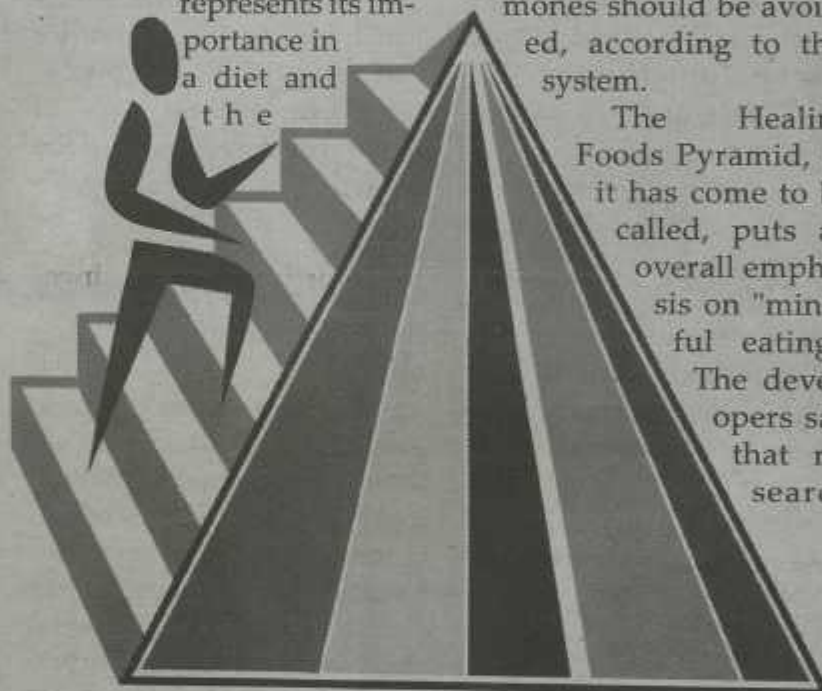
by Jami Furo

the sandspur

Many are familiar with the new food pyramid that the United States Department of Agriculture recently created. It contains five vertical stripes (grains, vegetables, fruits, milk, and meat and beans) with a figure running up stairs on the left-hand side to represent the importance of physical activity.

However, the University of Michigan has created a food pyramid that puts its emphasis on the healing properties of food, as well as caloric and fat contents. The pyramid, for the most part, is based on the strategies of eating more plants, less meat, more variety, and healthier fats. It is made up of 12 blocks, as opposed to the five that are so familiar to many Americans. The base of the pyramid is water. This

represents its importance in a diet and the



amount that people should be drinking. Next are five levels of foods that should be eaten daily. These groups are fruits and vegetables, grains, legumes, seasonings, and healthy fats. These healthy fats include eggs, dairy products, and olive oil. The next two tiers are seafood and lean meat. These foods are to be eaten weekly. Chocolate, alcohol, and tea form the next group. They are known as "accompaniments" and are to be eaten in moderation. When they are eaten in that amount, they have certain health benefits. The top of the pyramid is an empty triangle. These are for foods that are indulgences and to be a treat only occasionally.

The new pyramid also comes with an emphasis on buying organic foods whenever possible. Free-range meat is suggested, and foods containing nitrites and hormones should be avoided, according to this system.

The Healing Foods Pyramid, as it has come to be called, puts an overall emphasis on "mindful eating."

The developers say that research

shows the importance of taking the time to enjoy food. When doing so, it maintains a healthy attitude toward food. Instead of eating whatever food is around, whenever it is around and eating it while walking, working, or driving, people should sit down and enjoy their food.

Not eating in a proper manner can lead to eating unhealthy fats, not feeling satisfied, and having a dysfunctional attitude toward the purpose of food.

Eating like this can also prevent certain digestive problems. Grabbing food from a fast food restaurant and eating it on the go is bad on the stomach and can cause many digestive problems.

Katherine Tallmadge, a spokesperson for the American Diabetic Association, says, "For people who really want to be healthy and take their nutrition as far as they can go, I think it's excellent, based on everything we know that's good for us." She adds, however, that the new pyramid is much more complicated than the food pyramids that have been proposed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The Healing Foods Pyramid, while far more complex, does take many aspects of healthy eating into account that the other pyramids do not. To view the pyramid and to learn more about it, it is accessible at <http://www.med.umich.edu/umim/clinical/pyramid/>.

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Week 8: Keeping Amused in Sydney

Prior to traveling to Australia, I purchased several travel guides of the city with every great intention of studying them to make sure I knew exactly what I wanted out of this study abroad experience (beyond the actual studying part, of course). Nevertheless, my great intentions fell quite short of actually opening the guides at all. In fact, glancing at a brochure I picked up in the arrivals lounge while waiting in line for customs was the first time I glanced at any guide to Sydney.

Therefore, when my host-mum asked me what sights I planned to see around the city, I just stared blankly. Thankfully, she put this down to overtiredness, and then suggested I spend my first afternoon at some place called Bondi Junction. Alas, this meant I would have to figure out how to get back to middle-of-nowhere Kingsford, and so I realized that being too lazy to open my Sydney books was very much a failed plan of action. Note to all students: travel guides are most useful when you open them before visiting your destination.

Of course, travel guides only ever give very brief and rather useless descriptions of places to go. More often than not, these are the same places that every other tourist is reading about in their travel guides too, and so the place is usually clogged entirely with other non-Australians, enough to give any attraction the effect of a Disney World without the rides. This is possibly not the Sydney-experience worth seeking after traveling from Orlando.

I do not recall any travel guide mentioning of Newtown, the local hang-out for Sydney Uni students, "Have you ever been to a suburb where people dye their hair to match their outfits?" Not to worry though, there are alternative means to truly experiencing life like the locals. Here, in particular, the daily local newspapers, particularly the entertainment ones handed out by the main bus station each day, list activities for students occurring in all of the local suburbs. Likewise,

there is a useful on-campus newsletter, *The Bull*, focusing entirely on club meetings, activities, parties, and events happening on campus that particular week. In addition, for those traveling in Europe as well as Sydney, Backpacker companies, for instance, STA travel, Oz Experience, or even youth hostels,



are great resources of information for local activities. Often the latter will even provide a subsidized rate for some events or organize a group of people to attend together (not as weird as it sounds—I promise!).

Unfortunately, since

Sydney is such a large, sprawling mass of suburbs, lacking a car can cause considerable transportation problems to these events, as nightly taxi's home to a suburb in the middle of nowhere can really eat into spring break spending money. So, for those traveling to Sydney, I suggest contacting the Aussie Homestay program and requesting to live either by a beach or in the city near the University. Both have plenty of afternoon activities, tons of opportunities to meet people, as well as a decent nightlife scene.

As I mentioned in a previous article, though, there are always opportunities to join groups on campus, as I did with an eight-week salsa course. Surprisingly, I did not embarrass myself as much as expected! In fact, the class of thirty ended up consisting almost entirely of local Australian students and, since I joined on my own, I found that it was much easier to talk to these people rather than if I had dragged a friend along in-

stead. So, at one point during the semester, this Wednesday afternoon class even became a much-welcomed refuge from purely American company. It was interesting, then, to hear these people explain their daily lives in Sydney and their plans for the future here; whereas, my plans for a future in Sydney extend about as far as the weekend, and have an ending date of November 8.

This provided me with a very different perspective of actually living in the country rather than simply spending a semester studying and traveling. Residents of Sydney, it seems, take their great weather, beautiful city and beaches, and heaps of entertainment and amenities for granted. However, just as we are so caught up with work and school that it is incredibly difficult to find time to visit Daytona Beach or International Drive, so too are Sydneysiders failing to take advantage of their own city. In fact, I think I have possibly visited more attractions than most adults who have lived here for their entire lives.

Che Guevara: The New Fashion Icon?

by **Lara Bueso**

study abroad columnist

Walking through popular London street markets, images of Che float around on t-shirts, handbags, sweat-shirts, mugs and even thongs! Could you even imagine wearing Che's solemn face over your...nevermind. Che's image has been used to sell Rage Against the Machine music, he's a New York grunge label, and even the name of a trendy store.

Che as the new fashion icon is not nearly a new phenomenon, nor is it restricted to Londoners. While walking the streets of Greenwich Village in New York, I found a large amount of students suddenly donning Che attire while simultaneously purchasing over-priced materialistic items from Urban Outfitters and local boutiques. While in Amsterdam I witnessed several potheads calling for a revolution, and even in Barcelona I saw those same blaring eyes staring at me wherever I turned. What we have here is complete confusion and ignorance of what Che actually stood for. I couldn't help but

wonder how the Argentinean Marxist Revolutionary who supported a nuclear war with the United States, hoping to begin anew from ashes could be so popular? Then I thought silly me—it is not uncommon for young wannabes to idolize a man they know nothing about.

All we're saying is, if you're going to rock the shirt, at least know a little something about the revolutionary leader who sent thousands of people to their death while working as Castro's chief commander.

Although the film "Motorcycle Diaries" (one I enjoyed very much) glorifies the life of Ernesto Guevara (pre-Che), the majority of teeny boppers have no clue what the man stood for, his ideologies, his past, his connection with Castro, communism and hate. More importantly, those who strut the cities wearing the guerrilla leader with star beret on their shirts were born in a completely different generation, long after his death. I do agree that Che's original ideas of redistribution, fighting the imperialistic US and hoping to fairly represent the peasantry class were

noble indeed, but his methods of doing so were not so dignified. And what gets me the most is that 90% of those wearing his image would never step foot in the middle of a remote South American village filled with suffering indigenous peoples who still live without electricity, running water, cement homes, schools and paved roads.

Frequently, apolitical people, and university students in particular, are captivated by the romanticized story of a young medical student who grew up in a wealthy home and left it all to pursue "justice" for the impoverished masses. Maturing on his journey across South America, the new Che begins fighting for justice in Cuba, a Caribbean island dominated by first Spanish colonial rule and then by the U.S. government. Often times, the same liberal university students ignore that Che's form of "justice" included sending hundreds of people for "crimes" against the revolution to the firing squad, publicized on Cuban television. Young Cubans were indoctrinated with communistic precepts and were forced to repeat every

morning before school, "we pioneers like communism, we want to be like Che," even if they despised the man.

This pop culture hero unsuccessfully tried to fire up Marxist inspired revolutions in Africa, South America and a host of other places until he met his gruesome death on October 9, 1967 by Bolivian soldiers trained, equipped and guided by U.S. Green Beret and CIA operatives in the Bolivian jungle. "I know you are here to kill me. Shoot, coward, you are only going to kill a man." Che posed a threat to the US hegemonic power extending across the Rio Grande from Mexico to Chile. But his willingness to die for the cause transformed him into a martyr.

While noble in his cause, too often students support pop icons without understanding the historical facts behind them. Che's original philosophies of a united Americas, property-rights, and acting on behalf of the masses rather than individual are well-known but his violent streaks have somehow been lost in translation. "To send men to the firing

squad, judicial proof is unnecessary. These procedures are an archaic bourgeois detail. This is a revolution! And a revolutionary must become a cold killing machine motivated by pure hate. We must create the pedagogy of The Wall!"

Many people claim to adore Che for other reasons; mainly because he stood up to the United States and basically shot them the bird (aka middle finger). At a time when the US were supporting so-called democracies as opposed to dictatorships despite the immense human rights abuses occurring, Che was the political defiant who openly criticized the imperialistic giant.

Representing intellectualism, defiance, communism, and ultimately martyrdom, students, radicals and even your white-collar vacationers invest in the Che shirts because he was cool and liberal. Some even invest to carry on his legacy. But let's think about this logic for a moment. While his image and legend has been resurrected, those donning his war-like face on their shirt have buried his true ideologies.

Several NFL Teams Plagued by Injuries

■ NFL teams face challenges as key players suffer serious injuries early on.

by **Juan Bernal**

the sandspur

In football, the most appealing thing to look at is the bone jarring tackles that players make consistently. It's part of the football grind. Players get tackled, hit, battered, banged, obliterated, pummeled.

However you want to put it, there are no two ways around the fact that football is a punishing sport. The grind that football takes on your body is physically, mentally and emotionally — and the results show.

Almost 186,000 children were taken to hospitals or emergency rooms due to football injuries, according

to a recent study by the American Association of Pediatrics (AAP).

There are many theories and myths behind football injuries. Some of them have to do with the technological advancements that are made in sports.

Others regard that the advancements that are being made in weight training are just getting out of control. Everyone is bigger, faster and stronger, and if you are going up against that play after play, that likely increases your chance for injury.

The average NFL career lasts four years. The more that one plays football, the higher one's chances are to experience some kind of pain when aging. Many ex-NFL players suffer chronic pain in their knees, ankles and other joints all over the body.

ESPN the Magazine recently featured the story of a

player whom all those injuries he suffered during his career lead him to suffer from depression and bipolarity.

Many key players on teams have been lost to injuries, whether it be for the season or just an indefinite period of time. Atlanta Falcons quarterback, Michael Vick, sat out Week 5 versus the New England Patriots because of an injured knee.

Eagles quarterback, Donovan McNabb, has been playing most of the season with a bruised chest and a bad abdominal muscle.

McNabb's colleague Terrell Owens played last season's Super Bowl with a broken leg despite specific demands from his doctor that he not play because if he were to re-injure it, it could have ended his career.

Many NFL teams such as the defending champion Patriots have seen their records

suffer because of injuries. As of Oct. 15, 186 players have been diagnosed on the injury of report with some kind of injury according to NFL.com.

Among the players who have suffered season ending injuries is the Packers' wide receiver Javon Walker (knee) and the Packers are 1-4 without him. In Week 6, the New York Jets center, Kevin Mawae, suffered a torn triceps.

The Buccaneers, who are 5-1, have just lost quarterback Brian Griese to a season ending knee injury. Griese was not a star player, but without him the Bucs could not be where they are.

The aforementioned Patriots have been decimated with injuries. Rodney Harrison is out for the season with a torn ACL. Tom Brady has been playing injured and the whole Patriots backfield has been injured the whole

season.

The NFL is not the only football league where injuries take its toll. In college football, the injury toll is just as critical.

A good example is what happened to Alabama standout, Tyrone Prothro, in the Crimson Tide's Oct. 1 win over Florida. With Alabama leading 31-3, the game clearly in the Crimson Tide's hands, Prothro suffered a season-ending knee injury. First of all, he shouldn't have been in the game. Secondly without him, the Tide struggled to a 13-10 win over Ole Miss, a team that they should have handled easily.

Now you can see how playing football affects not only a player's career and long term life, but the immediate future of their team. No wonder an average NFL career lasts only four years.

Colts Stay On Top, Others Struggle

■ Colts remain only undefeated team while other teams struggle to succeed.

by **Juan Bernal**

the sandspur

With the NFL season already six weeks through, there have been a number of pleasant surprises, huge disappointments and some big on and off the field stories.

You had from February to Sept. 11 to get your story straight on how your favorite football team would do this year, and now I'll update you on how you're doing.

Through six weeks there is only one undefeated team in the NFL: the Indianapolis Colts. Here's another surprise — they have a defense!

After ranking near the bottom of the NFL in almost every defensive category last season, they have been the talk of the league this season. Led by Dwight Freeney, the Colts rank first in points allowed, as well as other major defensive categories.

However, the Colts highly potent offense has been struggling a little bit, but Peyton Manning and company got on the ball with a Week 6 win over the St. Louis Rams, 45-28 on Monday Night.

The Rams were playing their first game without head coach Mike Martz who is in failing health. Joe Vitt, the

long time assistant coach has assumed the reigns until Martz returns.

All of the Florida teams have been surprises. Starting with the NFC leading Tampa Bay, who, at 5-1, has impressed almost everyone in the NFL. After posting mediocre records two years removed from winning the Super Bowl, Coach Jon Gruden and running back Carnell "Cadillac" Williams have made the Bucs into a bonafide NFC contender.

The Jacksonville Jaguars, who have played the second toughest schedule in the league thus far, are arguably the AFC's most surprising team. With a record of 4-2 they have pulled out two gut-wrenching overtime wins over the New York Jets and Sunday's 23-17 over Pittsburgh. They are second in the AFC South behind the Colts.

The Dolphins behind new coach Nick Saban have surprised some people, being able to grind out 2 wins. But the Dolphins have been challenged with the league's toughest schedule. They have also been marred with a quarterback controversy, the suspension of running back Ricky Williams for violating the league's substance abuse policy and numerous personnel changes. In Williams' return in Week 6 vs. Tampa Bay, he rushed for 8 yards on 5 carries.

Among the disappointments that mark the 2005

NFL Season are the entire NFC North, and the Philadelphia Eagles. The NFC North does not have a single winning team and the Bears (yes, the Bears!) are winning the division.

The Bears have actually been competitive despite losing star quarterback Rex Grossman for the second straight season due to injury. But Kyle Orton has filled in adequately and has led the Bears to a respectable 2-3 record. The Bears were picked to be a stomping mat for everyone in the NFC North.

The Minnesota Vikings who were picked to win the NFC North and a dark horse Super Bowl pick are 1-4. Everything that can go wrong has gone wrong for the Vikings.

Daunte Culpepper has thrown an NFL high, 12 interceptions, and they are

clearly missing the presence of departed WR Randy Moss. The Vikings have also been distracted by an off the field incident in which several players were accused of sexual misbehavior on a charter cruise.

The Green Bay Packers started 0-4, and salvaged their only win of the season versus the New Orleans Saints. Brett Favre has struggled and has lost three games by a combined total of six points.

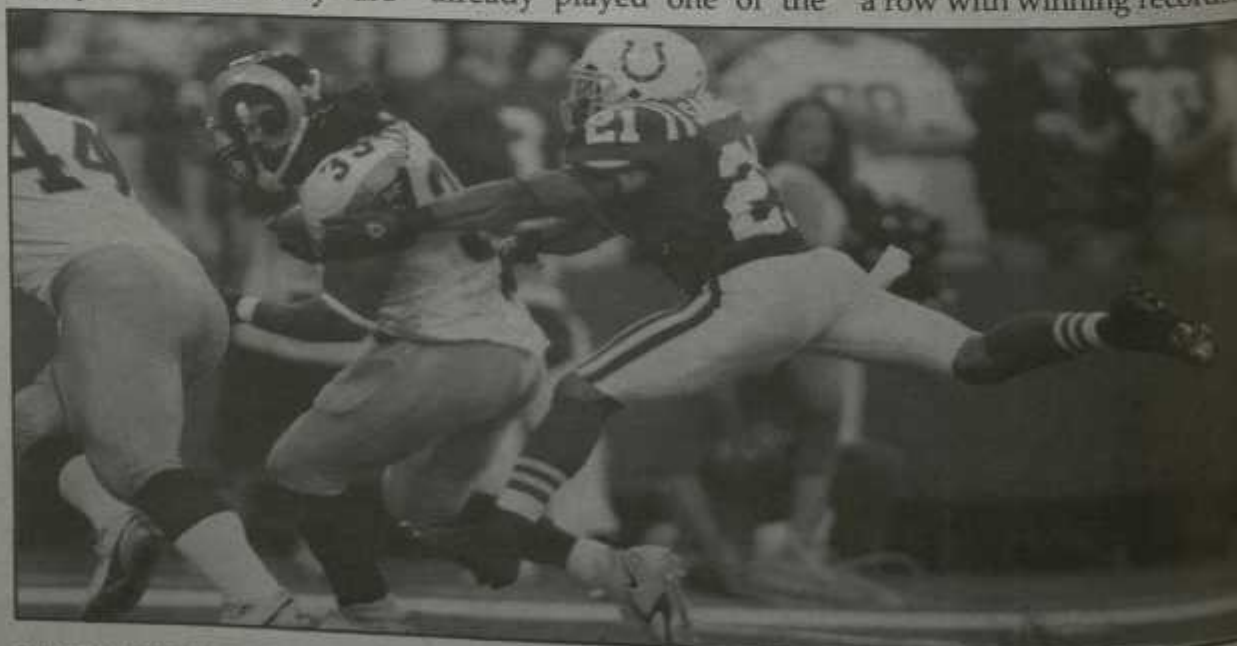
The New England Patriots have struggled to a 3-3 record and the loss of coordinators Romeo Crennel and Charlie Weis are starting to show.

Corey Dillon and Tom Brady have been sidelined by injuries and Rodney Harrison and Tedy Bruschi have been diagnosed with season ending injuries. They have already played one of the

league's toughest schedules. Four of the six teams that they have played were in the playoffs last year and they are 2-2 in that stretch.

The most interesting controversy of the NFL this season takes place in the city of Brotherly Love. The Philadelphia Eagles were supposed to run over everyone in the NFC East. But that hasn't been the case because the Redskins, Cowboys and Giants have all started impressively.

Meanwhile the Eagles can't even solve their own problems. Terrell Owens may lead the league in receiving, but him and Donovan McNabb can't resolve their off the field issues. Meanwhile a bad chest and a sore abdominal muscle have bothered McNabb. The Eagles face a tough stretch in which they play five teams in a row with winning records.



TAKE A FLYING LEAP: Bob Sanders of the undefeated Indianapolis Colts gets airborne as he tries to stop St. Louis Rams running back Steven Jackson from scoring a touchdown early in the game.

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Notre Dame's Heartbreaking Loss

■ USC's victory "one of the greatest finishes in the history of college football."

by **Adrian Wojnarowski**
KRT Campus

The Southern Cal marching band was thundering up the runway, leaving Charlie Weis to swig his bottle of water, reduced to watching that Trojan parade march past him. Here in the concrete gallows of Notre Dame Stadium, Weis had one final speech to make Saturday night.

"Yo ... yo ... shut up," one USC Trojan yelled to his teammates when the Notre Dame coach came walking into the visiting locker room.

"Hey fellas," Weis blurted into celebratory scene, and suddenly the noise started to settle down, because no one could believe what they were seeing here. Yo, yo. Shut up. The Notre Dame coach is here.

"That was a (bleeping) hard-fought battle," Weis barked in a tired, gravelly voice. "You're a great football team. I hope you win out."

Weis turned around, walked out the door, one more coach in America unable to beat one of the greatest college football teams in history, one more great football mind on the hard end of USC's historic glory, 34-31.

What Weis and his Notre Dame Fighting Irish were leaving now had been one of the best college football games in years, a masterpiece that wouldn't be done until USC's Matt Leinart had twisted and contorted his body, until Reggie Bush pushed his quarterback over the goal line with three seconds left, grabbing that pot of gold at the end of Notre Dame's rainbow.

It wasn't over until a 6-foot-6, 365-pound Trojan tackle, Taitusi Lutui, laying on his back, could see the line judge coming running toward him, arms in the air, signaling touchdown and started crying his eyes out.

"My God," Lutui said later, "I couldn't get up. I couldn't move. And I couldn't stop crying. I mean, 'What did we just do out there?'" The Trojans made history. Again. USC won its 28th consecutive

game, staying on course for a third straight national title.

Most of all, this core of Trojan champions, Leinart, Reggie Bush and now New Brunswick's Dwayne Jarrett are going down as one of the great offenses in the history of the sport. This wasn't one of the Trojans' best games, but it turned out to be one of its finest hours.

When it was over, they would rumble up that runway to the locker room, one of them screaming into the cement cinderblocks, "We will not lose!" They had delivered a touchdown drive for the ages, just moments after Notre Dame believed it had done it themselves.

Notre Dame quarterback Brady Quinn leaped into the end zone with 2:04 left, waking up the echoes, shaking down the thunder and sending Joe Montana into Tim Brown's arms on the sidelines with a 31-28 Irish lead.

All Saturday, this game had lived up to the hype, the unprecedented 45,000 faithful pep rally, the whole thing. Back and forth, USC and Notre Dame trading haymakers like the old days. "A street fight," Weis said later.

USC was down, damn near out. They were staring down fourth-and-9 at the 26 yard line on the final drive, when Jarrett, the long, gifted sophomore raised in the shadow of Rutgers, beat his man on a slant and go, blowing past Irish corner Ambrose Wooden, snatching Leinart's floater out of the sky and running 61 yards with 1:23 left. This would be the signature start of the signature drive in Leinart's spectacular career.

Soon, USC made it down to the Irish 2-yard line, and Leinart was running around end, trying to reach corner of the end zone. Notre Dame linebacker, Corey Mays clobbered Leinart inches before the goal line, popping the ball out of bounds at the 1-yard line.

"Clock! ... Clock! ... Clock!" Leinart screamed on his back way to center. He was trying to get Notre Dame to relax, to believe he was going to spike the ball with seven seconds left. There was no chance.

Pete Carroll was yelling to his coordinator, Lane Kiffin, in the booth. We're

winning this game now, he told them. We're going for it. They didn't want the field goal. They didn't want overtime. They wanted a touchdown, and they wanted to get the hell out of Notre Dame Stadium.

Leinart had a choice: Spike the ball with seven seconds, or try to take it into the end zone. He turned to Bush, "Hey Reg, what should I do?" "Go for it," Bush told him.

Leinart's mind was made up before he ever turned back to Bush. "If you don't get in, you're the goat," Leinart said later, but he's always the hero for the Trojans. The quarterback's a champ, one of the best college football's ever seen. The thing was, Leinart could live with failing. All the great ones can. What he couldn't live with was not trying to get that ball into the end zone. He would blast into the line, get stopped, bounce to his right, spin and use a push, illegal, but never called, by Bush to thrust him into the end zone as the clock hit 0:00, as the winning streak hit 28.

"One of the great finishes in the history of college football," Leinart said later, leaning against a wall outside the USC locker room. The kid is a Hollywood success story, the biggest sports star in Los Angeles these days, but from the beginning, it was Notre Dame's coach writing the script for No. 9 Notre Dame's brilliant bid for an upset.

When Weis was a college senior here, he watched Dan Devine send the Fighting Irish out for warm-ups in the blue tops, just to return to the locker room and discover the green jerseys waiting for them in their lockers. What the hell, Weis thought. His kids had worked hard. Over the summer, he told the equipment manager to have a set of the uniforms made up. Maybe Weis would break them out for a bowl game, as a reward.

Well, this felt like a bowl game to Weis. "If you could've seen how fired up when they went back in the locker room and saw them," Weis said later.

After the game, Carroll sighed about the future of Notre Dame with Weis there. "They're going to be a real problem for everyone."

When it was over Satur-

day night, Weis watched that USC parade march past him and told the champions the truth. This had been a bleeping battle, one more college football team on the heartbreaking end of the Trojans' glory.

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Volleyball Team Proves They Belong

by **Angela Gonzalez**
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Going into this week-end's South Region Tournament, the Rollins Tars Volleyball team was out to prove that they belong in next month's NCAA Regionals.

Rollins came into the tournament with a 17-7 record and was ranked 9th in the South Region. Other teams that invaded the Alford Sports Center for this two day event were Francis Marion (Florence, South Carolina), USC-Aiken (South Carolina), Carson Newman (Tennessee) and Sunshine State Conference rivals, St. Leo and Florida Tech.

On Friday the Tars had a 4 P.M. date with Francis Marion. The Patriots came in with a 15-6 record and a #8 regional ranking. The Tars were looking to avenge their defeat by the Patriots earlier this season in the Armstrong Atlantic tournament in Savannah, Georgia.

Early in the first set the Tars would have their money's worth as Patriots came out enthusiastically and ready for action. As Rollins struggled to get a

rhythm, the Patriots took the first set 30-24.

In the second set, it was a different story as the Tars and Patriots traded points until the Tars' fortune turned the tide. With the score tied at 24, the Tars grinded out 6 straight hard fought points and took the set 30-24 to tie the match at a set apiece.

In the third set, Rollins used the momentum from the second set to their advantage and relatively dominated the third set despite numerous Patriots effort to start a comeback. In the ensuing fourth set, the Patriots' heart and determination would not allow the Tars to close out the match in 4, and took the fourth set 30-24.

It led to a winner take-all fifth set. In the fifth set with a lot on the line, it was the Tars who were able to show determination and would not let all that was at stake slip away on their stomping grind by taking the set and match, 15-9.

Stephanie Nichols led the Tars offensively with 19 kills. Allison North added 18 kills and Christina Reinders chipped in 13. The Tars outstanding defense was



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GOING FOR THE WIN:

Lacey Malarky sets the ball for Christina Reinders.

lead by Kim Cline with 21 digs. Julia Caner and Lindsey Crosby added 14 and 13 respectively. As a team, the Tars dug out 83 balls. The Tars improved their 4-1 in 5 set matches.

On Saturday the Tars would once again have a doubleheader. They would start the afternoon against Carson Newman. This game would go a long way in helping the Tars chances for a berth in the NCAA Regionals if they could grind out a victory against the Eagles.

At the start of the game, it was a mirror image for the Tars in the first set. They struggled coming out of the gate, but the Eagles were unable to take advantage and the Tars took the first set 30-24.

In the second set, the Tars made the Eagles look uncomfortable and took advantage of numerous Eagles mistakes and took the second set 30-21. In the third set, the Tars were able to close out the Eagles rather easily, 30-23. Amy Barlow, who had 13 kills, led the Tars. Defensively the Tars defense was once again superb. Julia Caner had 12 digs. Kim Cline and Lacey Malarky added 10 digs.

Standing in the Tars' way, as they tried to go through the tournament undefeated and prove to the NCAA that they are a bonafide team, were the USC Aiken Pacers. To say that the Tars played well in this game seems like an anomaly.

But the storyline for the game resembled more of a Mia Hamm Gatorade commercial than a tough loss. Anything the Tars did, or tried to do, the Pacers did

better. In the first set the Pacers took the Tars out of their game early and took the first set 30-23.

In the second game, the Pacers once again forced the Tars into 10 hitting errors and took the set rather easily 30-22. In the third set, the Tars had a chance, but the Pacer D was just too pesky. They held on to take the set and match 30-27. Lorena Clandini led the Tars offensively with 9 kills. Defensively Julia Caner once again led the Tars with 11 digs. Kim Cline and Lindsey Crosby added 10.

Overall Tars coach Sindee Snow was impressed with the Tars performance. "It was a big weekend, with a huge win over Francis Marion. The defense was very productive, and our service was very aggressive. We had a good team effort with Carson Newman and Francis Marion. Stephanie Nichols and Allison North were awesome. Unfortunately, Aiken took us out of our game in that last match.

Congratulations to Allison North for making the Tournament Team, as she totaled 32 kills in 3 games.

Soccer Teams Improve Their Records

by **Angela Gonzalez**
the sandspur

The men's soccer team picked up their eighth victory of the season, fourth in the SSC, at home against the Eckerd Tritons. The boys had a commanding lead throughout the game, until the latter part of the second half when the Tritons came back and nearly stole the game from the Tars.

It was a tight game the first quarter, with no scoring until the 31st minute when Chris Cerroni was first to put a goal on the board. Coming into the game, Cerroni collected a pass from Juan Kusnir and dribbled

around the Eckerd defenders, putting the ball in past the Tritons goalkeeper.

The half ended with Rollins up 1-0. In the second half, Juan Kusnir posted 2 goals for the Tars; the first came off an assist from Chris Chafin, and the second was assisted by Ryan Dodds.

Eric Vergati took the Tars' lead up 4-0 in the 68th minute when he took the ball unassisted from midfield and shot it in the Tritons' goal. The Tritons finally kicked it into high-gear at this point, as they shortly after scored their first goal of the game off a loose ball picked up by an Eckerd forward.

Within the next minute, the same forward sent a second ball in past Frazer Siddall. With 90 seconds remaining in the game, the Tritons posted their 3rd goal and brought the game within their reach.

The Rollins defense held off Eckerd until the final buzzer, and the Tars walked away with a 4-3 win. The Rollins men are now 8-4-0 for the season and #2 in the Sunshine State Conference with a 4-1-0 record. The men will play their last home game of the season against Tampa and will also be honoring this year's seniors.

The women's team improved their season record

versus Eckerd at home.

In a similar situation, Rollins held the lead over the Tritons throughout the game due to a strong defensive presence and a relentless effort from the Tars offense. Jeri Ostuw tapped in the first goal of the game off assists from Whitney Chamberlin and Laura Guild.

Guild got the second goal in only minutes later, putting the game at 2-0 until the second half. Early in the second half, Allison Tradd passed the ball to Whitney Chamberlin, who shot Rollins' third goal in from the front of the goal box.

The Rollins defense kept the Tritons at bay until a

loose ball made its way past Francesca Nicoloso in the 81st minute.

This was only a short glimpse of hope for the Tritons, because in the 85th minute Laura Guild, after receiving a cross from Jacquelyn Parsons, scored her second goal of the night and sealed the game for the Tars.

Rollins dominated the game with 30 shots made versus Eckerd's 5 shots made. Their season record now 7-7-0 (SSC 2-4-0).

The women also have their last home game in the upcoming week versus Newberry and will be honoring this season's seniors as well.

ROLLINS COLLEGE - CAMPUS CALENDAR

Friday 10-21	Saturday 10-22	Sunday 10-23	Monday 10-24	Tuesday 10-25	Wednesday 10-26	Thursday 10-27
Hanson Documentary Bush Auditorium 1pm	T'ai Chi Lessons Mills Lawn 9:30 a.m.	Women's Soccer vs. Newberry Cahall-Sandspur Field 12pm	GLBTA General Meeting French House 5pm	Major-Minor Fair Dave's Down Under 11am	ACE: Line Dancing Dave's Down Under 7pm	BSU Warden Dining Room 7pm
The Myth of Star Wars Dave's Down Under 8pm	Swimming vs. Team Orlando Alford pool 1pm			Volleyball vs. Florida Tech Alford Sports Center 7pm		

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