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IN BRIEF

New Award from PR

The Office of Public Relations announced an award to encourage faculty to share stories of that might be news worthy. The "Nose for News" award is designed for those who share story ideas that result in positive news coverage for the College. The Office of Public Relations is rewarding honorees with a certificate, a box of tissues and a \$5 Panera gift-card.

STDs Report

Gonorrhea has fallen to the lowest level on record in the United States, while the rates of other sexually transmitted diseases: syphilis and chlamydia are on the rise, federal health officials said Tuesday.

Grokster Changes Ways

Grokster, the file-sharing site made famous by its nasty three-year legal battle with the recording industry, on Monday shut down and agreed to pay \$50 million in penalties. The company has also said that it will enter the legal sharing of music business.

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Anti-War Students Remember Dead and Call for Withdrawl

■ Peaceful protest includes crosses for dead and candlelight vigil.

by John Ferreira

the sandspur

On November 2, a group of Rollins students held on a protest on Mills Lawn against continuing military deaths in Iraq and called for the withdrawal of American troops from the Middle Eastern nation. The group placed two thousand crosses on the central lawn of the campus to symbolize the deaths of United States soldiers, at the time of press the number of deaths had risen to two thousand fifty seven.

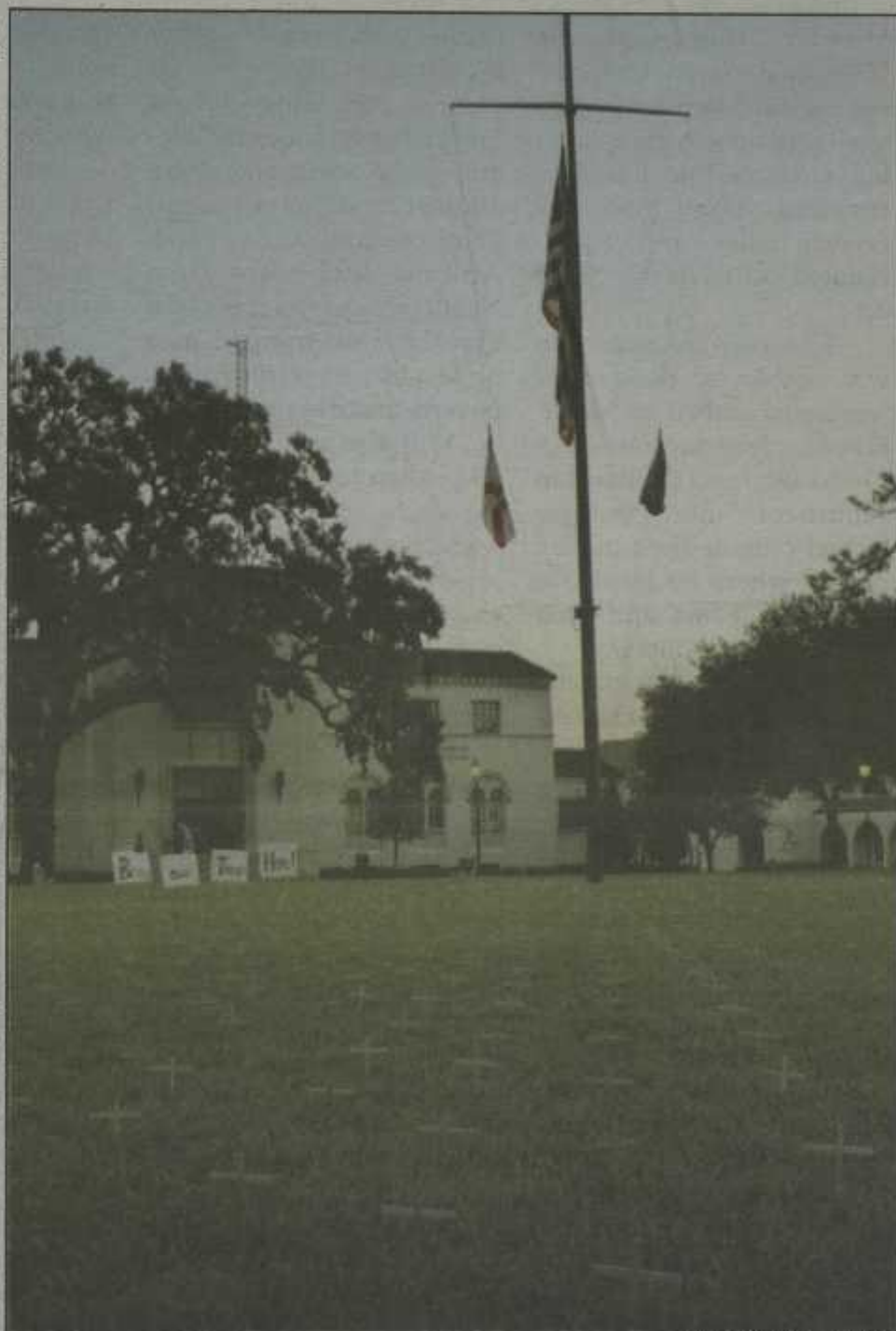
The crosses were joined by massive signs which read, "Support our Troops" and "Bring Them Home Now," and by smaller signs that enumerated statistics about the state of America's troops in Iraq.

"This demonstration was significant because it was one of many student protests on the anniversary of Bush's reelection, and because it encouraged controversial political dialogue, which I feel is too often avoided at Rollins," said

Chelsea Williams, co-coordinator of the event.

The quiet and powerful imagery of the crosses and signs was replaced by a candlelight vigil at sunset on Mills Lawn. Students, faculty members, and citizens of Winter Park gathered at the flagpole and spoke about their views on the war and what the group felt needed to be done. The group felt that in order to bring about a peaceful conclusion to the war, American troops should be withdrawn immediately.

The organizers of the event said they were happy at the attendance and called it an "Important first step for building a community of like-minded people so that we can organize more effectively in the future."



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PAYING YOUR RESPECTS: Two thousand crosses, meant to symbolize the American troops that have died in Iraq blanket Mills Lawn in protest.

The All New Evaluation Sensation

■ System shifts online and sees changes to form and format.

by Joshua Benesh

the sandspur

The Rollins administration has announced another exciting change they believe will better the academic environment at Rollins. The administration recently rolled out all new class evaluations in a new online format. Not only has the venue for evaluations changed but so too has the format itself, adding scaled responses to the narrative responses of old.

The new system allows

students to participate in class and faculty evaluations from the comfort of their home. Students will be able to go online and complete the form at their convenience between the hours of 8 a.m. and 10 p.m. Some faculty members will continue to distribute the in-class evaluation this year during the transition to online evaluations but the majority will take advantage of the online evaluation system.

In the new system, the faculty will be able to know who has and hasn't completed the evaluation. While this may raise some concerns of anonymity, Assistant Dean Hoyt Edge assures the student body that "Of course,

the responses will be anonymous, even more so since what the students write will not be in handwriting, which the students feared would give them away." By going to the electronic format, the administration believes, the student body should feel more able to express opinion and evaluate the course without fear of reprisal.

The new system incorporates 22 scaled questions in addition to the more traditional narrative responses. They allow students to respond to specific questions with a rating from "poor" to "excellent." These normalized responses will allow students to address aspects of the course ranging from

evaluating the professor, to the course itself to student involvement in the course.

Dr. Edge extolled the virtues of the scaled and narrative evaluation, saying, "It will allow the student to be much more specific about the responses, helping both the faculty member and the student."

With the online evaluation, the administration hopes to increase student convenience and allow students to invest as much time as desired on the evaluation while extending the degree of anonymity of responses. This new policy precipitates the emergence of more complete and thus more useful course evaluations.

Rioting and Civil Unrest Engulf French Cities

■ Riots continue and violence escalates throughout French cities and towns.

by **Tom Hundley**

knight-ridder tribune

PARIS—As French Prime Minister Dominique de Villepin declared that curfews would be imposed to quell civil unrest, the escalating violence that has now engulfed more than 300 French cities and towns claimed its first fatality Monday.

A 61-year-old man who was beaten by rioters last week succumbed to his injuries. Jean-Jacques Le Chenadec, from the Parisian suburb of Stains, was attacked outside the housing project where he lived. He fell into a coma and died Monday in a hospital.

Speaking on French television, Villepin said local officials "will be able to put in place a curfew under the authority of the interior minister if they think it will be useful to permit a return to calm and ensure the protection of residents."

He also said that 1,500 police reservists would be called up to bolster the 8,000 officers who already have been deployed to trouble spots.

He rejected growing calls to use French troops. "We are not at that point," he said.

Local authorities in at least three outlying districts of Paris have indicated they will be ordering curfews within the next few days.

The rioting was triggered by an Oct. 27 incident

in which two teenagers of African descent were electrocuted when they tried to hide from police in a power substation in the Paris suburb of Clichy-sous-Bois.

This touched off angry protests from the young men who live in the squalid housing projects that ring the capital and most other French cities. The nightly violence spreading across France has become emblematic of the anger and alienation of the country's immigrant communities of black Africans and Arabs from North Africa who complain that they are trapped in a cycle of unemployment, poverty and discrimination.

With the police frustrated by their inability to break the cycle of violence, and with the increasingly well-organized rioters emboldened by their success, officials say they are grateful that the death toll has not been higher.

Beleaguered police are trying to adapt to the hit-and-run tactics of the rioters, but as the violence quickly spreads, the police have been stretched thin, "working 10 to 14 hours a day under extreme tension," according to Frederic Lagache, head of France's largest police union.

Two officers who suffered gunshot wounds Sunday in what police described as an ambush in the Paris suburb of Grigny remained hospitalized. "We hope that with all these calls for calm from the political leaders, the youngsters will stop," said Lagache. "We hope that soon they will be as tired as we are."

But the violence contin-

ued unabated for a 12th straight night on Monday.

In the southern city of Toulouse, rioters stopped a bus and ordered the driver to get out, then set the vehicle on fire, the Associated Press reported. No passengers were inside.

When riot police arrived on the scene, about 50 youths hurled firebombs and other objects at them. Police responded with tear gas.

Sunday night saw the worst of the rioting thus far. More than 1,400 cars were torched and 395 people were arrested, according to police.

Interior Minister Nicolas Sarkozy, who has been criticized for referring to the rioters as "scum," described Sunday's violence as "multiple, organized acts of aggression that had nothing spontaneous about them."

Since the rioting began, about 4,700 cars have been burned and 1,200 suspects have been arrested, according to National Police Chief Michel Gaudin.

The French government, facing the most serious challenge to its authority since the 1968 student revolts, has been sharply criticized for failing to bring the violence to a halt or to address the underlying social causes. Far right leader Jean-Marie Le Pen, a notorious xenophobe who frequently targets France's large Muslim minority, warned that the situation was drifting toward "what could be the start of a civil war."

Few would accept that, but leaders of France's 5 million Muslims have been eager to show their support for the government's efforts to restore order.

President Bush's Views on Latin American Politics

■ Bush gives a speech concerning democracy in Latin America to mixed reviews.

by **William Douglas**

knight-ridder tribune

In a speech viewed as an attack on Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, President Bush on Sunday hailed the growth of democracy in Latin America and denounced those in the region who rule by fear, divisiveness and blame.

Speaking at a hotel here in the Brazilian capital, Bush outlined two competing visions for Latin America: one that continues its shift from military dictatorships to freely elected governments and the other that follows divisive leaders who do little to improve their countries.

"One offers a vision of hope. It is founded on representative government, integration into the world community and a faith in the transformative power of freedom in individual lives," Bush told an audience of university students, the local diplomatic corps and business leaders. "The other vision seeks to roll back the democratic progress of the past two decades by playing to fear, pitting neighbor against neighbor and blaming others for their own failures to provide for their people."

Administration officials declined to say if Bush was specifically talking about Chavez, whose anti-Americanism and staunch opposition to a U.S.-led free trade zone for the region has alienated the White House.

A close ally of Cuban President Fidel Castro, Chavez has accused the Bush administration of attempting to overthrow his government in 2002 and preparing to launch an invasion against his country. He has dubbed Bush, "Mr. Danger."

Chavez led vocal opposition to the proposed Free Trade Area of the Americas during the Summit of the Americas in Argentina, which ended Saturday with Bush leaving before the two-day meeting ended. Leaders from 34 member nations failed to agree on whether to



PIERRE HOUNSFIELD / Abaca Press

President Bush and Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva

continue the talks about establishing a trade zone that stretches from Canada to Chile.

Chavez called the trade zone idea dead before tens of thousands of protesters at an anti-free trade/anti-Bush rally in an outdoor soccer stadium in the Argentine resort town of Mar del Plata, where the summit was held.

Bush's speech was part of a daylong charm offensive on his first trip to Brazil, an emerging economic power.

In his speech, at meetings with youth and business leaders and at a barbecue at Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva's retreat located near a national park about 11 miles from the capital, Bush effusively praised his host and stressed the democratic ties that bind the United States and the world's fifth most populous nation.

"I want to send a very clear signal to the people of Brazil that the relationship between America and Brazil is an important relationship, that is a friend ...," Bush said during a meeting with Brazilian business leaders. "It's in our interest that our neighborhood be a prosperous neighborhood. It's in our interest that we work with the largest country in the neighborhood."

The meeting of the two presidents represented a gathering of weakened leaders, Silva crippled by an influence-peddling and vote-buying scandal that has led to resignations of members of his government and political party, and Bush hobbled by sagging popularity at home and abroad and an ongoing criminal investigation into who on his staff leaked the identity of an undercover CIA agent.



TROUBLE IN PARIS: Riots in the Paris suburb of Aubervilliers. Police clashed with angry youths following the death by electrocution, on Oct. 27, of two boys trying to escape from police.

Founder's Day Concert and Service Celebrates Rollins College's 120th Birthday

■ A service at the Congregational Church celebrates Rollins' 120th birthday.

by **Jami Furo**

the sandspur

On Sunday, Nov. 6, Rollins College celebrated its Founder's Day at the Congregational Church that founded the school. The service was a celebration of the 120th anniversary of the day that Rollins was founded in 1885.

Dr. Patrick Powers, Dean of the Knowles Memorial Chapel, joined Reverends

Bryan Fulwider and Karen Duncan of the Congregational Church to preside over the service. Dr. John Sinclair conducted the Rollins College Concert Choir, joined by some of the members of the church's choir, to provide the music.

The service began with prelude music performed by the Rollins String Ensemble under the baton of Joni Roos, who also teaches violin at Rollins. The service included a speech by Dr. Lewis Duncan. In his speech, the president spoke about the history of Rollins.

He then spoke about his push for internationalization at Rollins as a part of the Quality Enhancement Pro-

gram as a way of introducing this year's Elizabeth Robbins Hooker Scholarship. This is a scholarship that is awarded every year on Founder's Day to a student that embodies Elizabeth Robbins Hooker's traits of scholasticism and service.

This year's recipient, Yvette Kojic, is currently studying abroad in London, which is why Dr. Duncan prefaced the introduction of the award with information about internationalization. In Kojic's absence, her friend and roommate, Monica Pasquini, read a statement that Kojic prepared ahead of time and sent to be read at the event.

This is the second year

in a row that Yvette Kojic has won the Elizabeth Robbins Hooker Scholarship, and the scholarship is sponsored by the Congregational Church. Dean Powers gave the sermon, which was entitled "The Call, the Land, and the Promise."

Dean Powers, like Dr. Duncan, spoke about the history of Rollins, but he focused specifically on the steps that Reverend Edward Hooker took in actually founding Rollins.

He described the event by speaking about the "call" to found an institute of higher education, the "land" that it required to do so, and the "promise" to build such an institution, hence the title of

the sermon.

The Rollins College Concert Choir performed five sacred selections, in addition to the hymns sung by the entire congregation. These included a Navajo prayer set to music and a rendition of the 150th psalm in Latin, composed by Brazilian composer Ernesto Aguiar.

The choir contained about 60 Rollins students, and they were joined by about 20 members of the choir from the Congregational church, who joined the group on two selections. Founder's Day takes place every year, always at the Congregational Church on the first Sunday of November.

Britain Enacts a Law Removing Limits on Operating Hours for Pubs

■ Britain's government plans to enact a law this month lengthening pub hours.

by **Todd Robberson**

knight-ridder tribune

LONDON—It's enough to drive a person to drink.

Prime Minister Tony Blair's government is planning to enact a law this month removing limits on operating hours for the nation's 60,000 pubs, a measure denounced by critics as a license to swill.

The prospect of longer drinking hours has provoked upheaval across Britain as police and neighborhood groups battle against the nation's powerful alcohol-service industry to scotch the measure.

The government argues that Britain's current law, which requires pubs to stop serving drinks at 11 p.m., promotes binge drinking because pubgoers typically race the clock to down an extra pint or two before last call. The law took effect during World War I when the drinking appetites of factory workers were deemed harmful to the war effort.

Skeptics of the proposed law are everywhere. Even the chairman of J.D. Wetherspoon, a large pub chain, said the measure was ill-con-

ceived.

"The morons in the Home Office thought it would be sexy to go for 24-hour licensing. It was never an idea which emerged from pubs," Tim Martin, chairman of the 600-pub chain, told Britain's Press Association news agency in January. "To me, this all seems like last-minute chaos."

Neighborhood groups across the United Kingdom are joining police associations in condemning the plan. Those who live near pubs say they already must tolerate late-night drunken mayhem and spend weekend mornings tiptoeing over sidewalks littered with broken bottles and vomit.

"I don't think it's going to work. I think they're making a big mistake," said Lais Tolessi, manager of The Tabard pub in west London.

"It's just going to make the situation worse and worse," Tolessi said. "Because people drink, they get into all sorts of trouble. They fight, they get loud, they go home shouting and singing in the streets," she said. "They're having a good time when other people are trying to sleep."

The Association of Chief Police Officers said that the law would counteract police efforts to curb a "binge-drinking culture" in Britain. "The result will be more crime and disorder" and a

significant increase in police workloads.

Two alcohol-addiction specialists at the University of West England, Dr. Martin Plant and his daughter, Emma J. Plant, published a study last month warning that Britain could be heading toward disaster.

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"The U.K. has a serious 'alcohol problem.' This really requires a far more coherent and consistent response designed to alleviate the associated health and social problems," the report said. They cited research from Europe, Iceland, Australia and North America linking liberalized bar-operating hours to "rises in alcohol consumption, violent crime, traffic accidents, illicit drug use as well as extra public health and tourism costs."

But the condemnation is not unanimous.

Bill Joyce, owner of The Shanakee pub in the west London district of Ealing, said most critics of the new law "know nothing of what they're talking about."

"People still only have a certain amount of money to spend," he said, scoffing at assertions that the law would lead people to drink 24 hours a day.

Under current law, they are pressured to spend and drink quickly, but with the new law, "they'll have more time to spend it."

Pub hours are not the problem, he contended.

"There should be no happy hours and no discounted drinks, because you're only encouraging people toward binge drinking," he said.

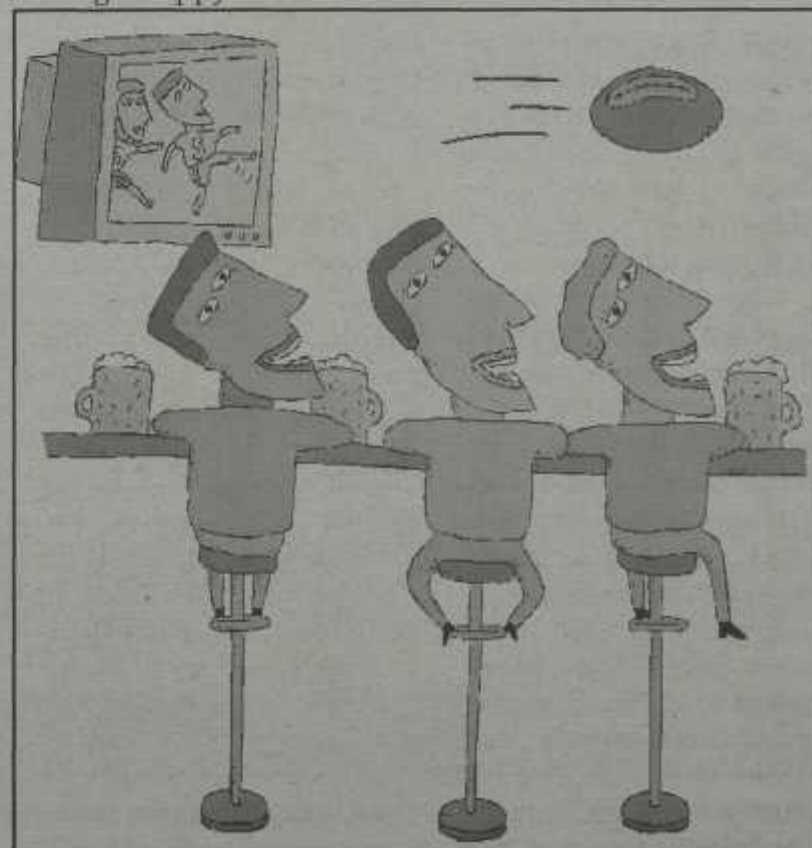
Dr. Martin Plant said there is a deeper problem that won't be solved by eliminating happy hours or

changing pub-operating times.

"Part of it is social attitudes and cultural expectations," which have given Britons a reputation across Europe for obnoxious, out-of-control drunkenness.

He said British history is rife with examples, as far back as the Battle of Hastings in 1066, of wartime defeats being blamed on alcohol.

In 1915, the soon-to-be prime minister, David Lloyd George, listed Britain's three main foes in World War I as "Germans, Austrians and Drink." The British statesman added, "As far as I can see, the greatest of these foes is Drink."



Judge Samuel Alito Announced as New Candidate for the Supreme Court

■ President Bush announces Samuel Alito as candidate for the Supreme Court.

by **Kelsey Field**

the sandspur

Following the retraction of Supreme Court nominee Harriet Miers, President Bush announced a new candidate for the spot of Supreme Court judge, Samuel Alito. Alito is a 55 year old judge who currently serves on the Third US Circuit Court of Appeals, and has since received wide support from conservative Republicans.

In contrast to Republican support, the Democratic representatives on the Senate Judiciary Committee were quick to express frustration with the nominee, with Sen. Pat Leahy stating that this nomination, "instead of uniting the country through his choice, the president has chosen to reward one fraction of his party at the risk of dividing the country." Many complain that with this nomination, if elected, would leave Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg as the sole female representative, ruining the

diversity and differing perspectives of the Supreme Court.

In the case of abortion, Alito has a differing track record which makes it difficult to pin his exact position on the hot political topic. In 1991, he was the only dissenting vote in a ruling that struck down a Pennsylvania law that required wives to notify husbands if they planned to get an abortion. However, in contrast, in 2000 Alito agreed with a court ruling that the New Jersey law that banned late-term abortions as unconstitutional.

Despite his conservative nature, the Democratic Party have openly stated that he should get an up or down vote, as opposed to a filibuster they had previously threatened the Senate with, although contending that the decision on whether to prevent final action or not would not come until after they had reviewed Alito's opinions.

The hearings for Alito are set for Jan. 9, and until then the Democratic Party has pledged to fully research Alito, who would be replacing the swing vote of Sandra Day O'Connor.

In order for a confirma-

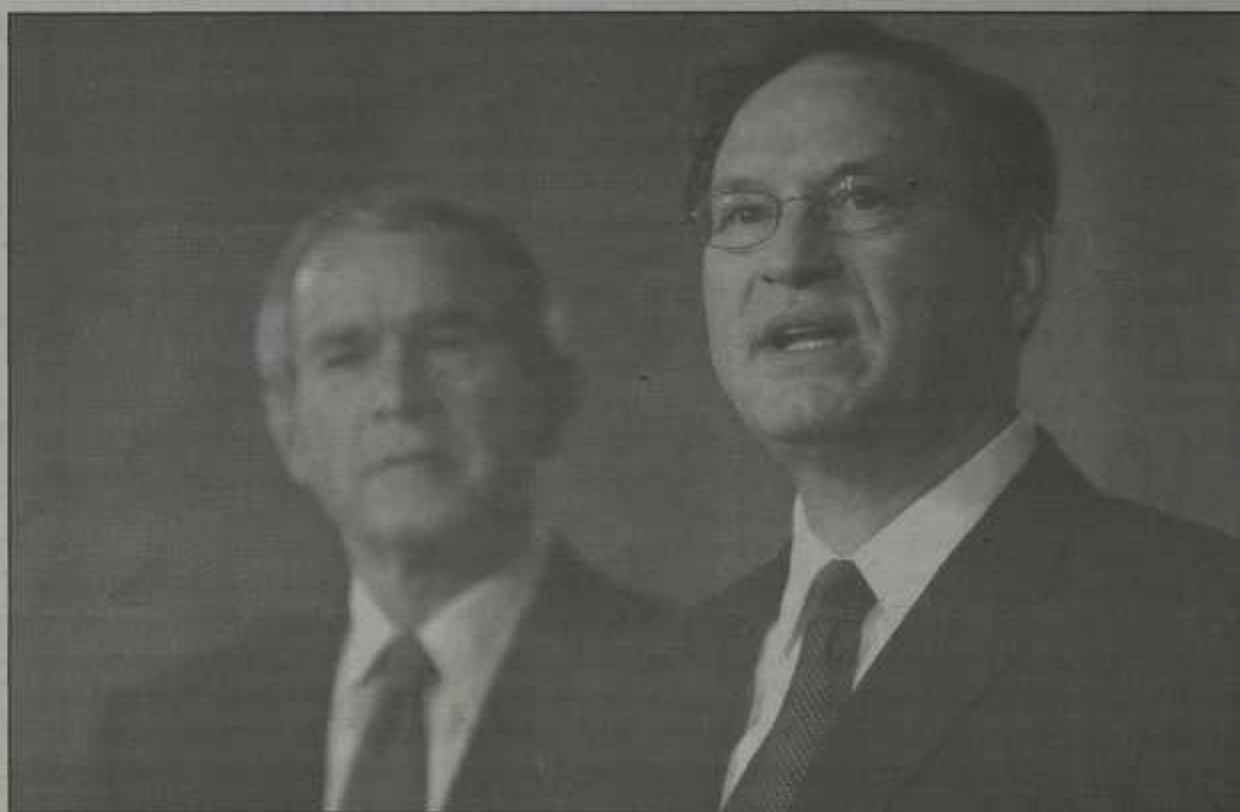
tion, a simply majority in the Senate is needed. However, Republicans hold only 55 of the 60 spots needed to end a possible filibuster that would block the nomination, and as the Democratic Party has not yet determined whether they will block Alito, the threat to his nomination still remains. In an attempt to oversee the filibuster process and determine if the situation truly deserves a filibuster, there is a "Gang of 14," a group of seven Republicans and

seven Democrats.

According to Senator John McCain (R-AZ), most members were "favorably disposed" towards the Supreme Court nominee. However, the Democratic opposition stands strong, and many claim they simply do not know enough of the nominee to make an educated decision about him. Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-MA), was quoted saying that "the people were so enthusiastic about knocking down Miers are so enthusiastic about this

nominee. We have to find out why they are so enthusiastic this time and what do they know that we don't know."

Past rulings made by Alito raise issues among the Democrats, including abortion rights, privacy, police powers and rights of the disabled. Prior to the hearings, there are 300 opinions of Alito that Democrats and Republicans alike must sort through in order to gain a clear comprehension of where exactly Alito stands.



JUDGE ALITO: President Bush introduces Judge Samuel Alito, of the U.S. Court of Appeals in Philadelphia, as Associate Justice to the Supreme Court of the United States.

Efforts to Resolve a Rebel Split in Darfur Fail

■ Dueling Sudanese rebel factions walked away from negotiation efforts.

by **Shashank Bengali**

knight-ridder tribune

A U.S.-led effort to resolve a split among rebels in Sudan's devastated Darfur region got off to a bad start Tuesday when the dueling factions walked out of the negotiating room.

Negotiators coaxed both sides back to the table after a half-hour, but there was little other progress at a meeting that U.S. and international envoys hoped would kick-start foundering efforts to end a conflict that's claimed at least 180,000 lives.

A widening split in the Sudan Liberation Movement, Darfur's leading rebel group, is undercutting peace negotiations with Sudan's government, while violence escalates in the western part

of the country. Hundreds more people were killed last month, including two African Union peacekeepers, and attacks on aid workers have increased.

The Bush administration, under pressure from lawmakers of both parties to find a solution, this week dispatched the No. 2 State Department official, Robert B. Zoellick, to Sudan for the fourth time since April.

On Tuesday, Zoellick met with the rebel factions at a luxury hotel in Nairobi, Kenya, to urge them to adopt a unified negotiating position before peace talks with the government resume Nov. 21.

Once hailed for rising up against a repressive Sudanese regime, the rebels are now battling each other in armed skirmishes in Darfur as their leaders jockey for position in the peace process.

The conflict in Darfur began in February 2003, when rebels began an upris-

ing against an Arab-dominated government it felt was marginalizing them. The government enlisted horse-backed militiamen-known as janjaweed-to put down the uprising. The janjaweed launched attacks on villages and slaughtered vast numbers of civilians in a campaign the United States has labeled genocide.

The African Union-sponsored peace talks have stalled, and experts say the Sudanese government will exploit the rebels' rift at the negotiating table.

"The rebels are increasingly problematic and increasingly an obstacle to a negotiated solution," said Dave Mozersky of the International Crisis Group think tank.

Two men claim leadership of the group. Minni Arcua Minnawi was elected president by SLM members last week, but the incumbent president, Abdol Wahid Mohamed al-Nur, says the election was invalid because he

didn't participate.

Complicating matters, Minnawi didn't attend Tuesday's meeting, sending a deputy instead.

The day began with Minnawi's people walking out of the plush conference room where talks were being held, followed immediately by al-Nur and his team.

Zoellick persuaded both sides to return after 30 minutes.

"My concluding point with the SLM was that we want to help them, but to help them they need to help us be able to deal with a unified movement," Zoellick said afterward.

Other participants had harsher words for the rebels, saying they couldn't count on international support if they continued to hold up peace negotiations.

"We cannot tell them who their leaders and representatives should be," said Baba Gana Kingibe, the African Union's special representative to Sudan. "But

we can tell them they better get their act together."

Zoellick was expected to travel to the Sudanese capital, Khartoum, on Wednesday to discuss implementation of a peace agreement that ended a separate conflict between the northern government and southern rebels in January.

U.S. and international officials hope that agreement, which provides for a unified government and power sharing among various factions, will pave the way for a similar agreement for Darfur.

Some 7,000 African Union troops are now monitoring an April 2004 ceasefire agreement that has been violated countless times. In recent months, aid workers have reported that the Sudanese government is continuing to arm militias in Darfur and has restricted access for African Union personnel.

God's Laboratory: The role of Science and Religion in the U.S.

by **Brett Heiney**

the sandspur

There has been much debate recently over the place of Intelligent Design in school curricula and whether this indicates that the United States is hostile towards science. Many argue that I.D. (Intelligent Design) should be taught alongside evolution in science classes to give various theories of how humans became what we are. Some argue that Creationism should also be included. And still others want only evolution.

I am a firm believer in the scientific method and that science and religion are not mutually exclusive but are two sides of the same coin. Science tells you HOW something happens, and religion tells you WHY. Evolution attempts to explain how life changes and differentiates. I.D. uses evidence from evolution to explain why and we evolved, but emphasizing the guidance of a "designer." It seems to me that it is simply evolution that emphasizes the "designer" to in large part make up for holes

still present in the current evolutionary theory. Creationism provides a how and why, but the answer to both is because God willed it. It is not scientific in the least and one cannot through empirical evidence or experimentation provide supporting evidence of it.

I am not against teaching both Creationism and I.D. as philosophical theories that act as counterpoints to evolution. However, evolution should remain in the science classes and I.D. and Creationism should remain in philosophy and/or religion classes. Students of all religious backgrounds deserve to hear differing opinions, but the non-scientific theories should stay out of science classes, except for maybe a mention in a science class that there are other competing theories to evolution.

Is our country as a whole hostile towards science? Are we become dogmatic opponents to the scientific method, relying on our faith alone to serve our needs? A recent CBS poll's results are interesting: 51% of Americans polled believe that God created humans

in our present form, 30% believe God guided evolution, and 15% believe humans evolved from lesser life forms without any guidance from God. This does not appear to be such a good thing for science in this country.

There is a strong fundamentalist Christian presence in this nation that could damage US science. These and other Christians are literalists, believing that everything in the Bible happened just as it is written. God created the world in seven days; the planet is only six thousand or so years old, and so on. Catholics on the other hand are contextualists. We believe that the messages in the Bible are the most important, that the Bible does not necessarily have to be a literal account of what actually happened. I personally do not care whether we did or did not evolve; I still believe that God created us whether through evolution or the Genesis story.

I believe that the trend of strong belief in Creationism will weaken and that people will start to realize the impor-

tance of science in our world. To borrow a saying from the Borg, "Resistance is futile." Science is coming whether we like it or not and I believe people will see that. People will begin to see the interdependence of science and religion and value their respective roles in telling us how and why.

Is the US hostile towards science? No, we are simply populated by a faithful group of Christians whose beliefs are and will continue to be important to them. We have a separation of Church and state that will keep the government from limiting science because of these religious beliefs. Our government has an obligation to keep religious or pseudo religious beliefs from guiding our nation's policies. Not everyone will like the direction of science, but that's usually the way of it. And instead of being opposed to science, I challenge Americans to find the value in both religion and science so that our future will be characterized by the cooperation between science and religion.

A Veteran's Day Reminiscence...

by **Tanisha Mathis**

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The past week leading up to Veteran's Day, I've reminisced about my time U.S. Army, stationed at Coleman Barracks in Mannheim, Germany. I simply cannot imagine my life today if we hadn't enlisted when recruiters came searching for new troops. Whether military recruiters should have access to high school students' records and prey on their limited finances for college and naiveté elicits a lengthy debate. This country hardly reacted with the implementation of the Patriot Act, which allows the government to invade our privacy in order to protect our country, but if privacy is invaded in order to strengthen the very military we depend on to protect us by entering high schools across America that causes a stir.

I admit if it weren't for a recruiter calling me and visiting my high school campus, I wouldn't have joined the Army. I didn't join because my recruiter lied and pressured me. I joined because I was presented with a choice I

had never considered before. Why put off until tomorrow what you can do today? Thank God I did. If I hadn't joined the Army directly out of high school I would have gone to college and ended up with an unfulfilling degree and an unrewarding career. The career aspirations I have today never entered my mind ten years ago when I graduated from high school.

I don't regret, for one moment, my decision to serve this country in whatever capacity I could. In fact, its not just Uncle Sam propaganda, it is a privilege to serve. I didn't spend the first couple of years outside my parents' home getting drunk at parties and learning how to triple kiss thanks to MTV spring break. My time was spent tossing live grenades, maneuvering obstacle courses with my squad members and gasping for fresh air after standing in a gas chamber. In other words, they were spent developing strength, learning the meaning of camaraderie and overcoming adversity. I remember waking at 4:30 a.m. to perform physical fitness, rucksack

marches with heavy equipment, and lying on my back doing flutter kicks as snowflakes fell on my face. I remember Thanksgiving 1997 in Kaposujlak, Hungary supporting Operation Joint Guard. I begged my command to allow me to deploy to an area where people spoke of landmines, walking in the snow from the tent I slept in to take a cold shower with no water pressure in a trailer and sequestered to a living space with hundreds that took four minutes to walk. After all those "harsh" experiences there hasn't been a flip of the calendar since 1999 where I haven't contemplated, even briefly, returning to the Army because I recall the good heavily outweighed the negative. I remember spending two consecutive Memorial Days in Paris, traveling Europe and proudly ordering McDonald's in German. I smile fondly at my favorite times in the Army, weapons training, expertly if I may boast, firing the M16A2 rifle, the SAW 249 and the M60 machine gun. I have forged friendships that will last a lifetime. My life had been filled

with people from all over the world; small towns in the Carolinas, army brats from the Philippines and Maryland who followed in their fathers' footsteps and city dwellers from New York City.

I have repeatedly heard the military isn't for everyone, I've even said it myself in the past but I disagree. Integrity, hard work, pride and discipline should be for everyone. If they aren't, I guess that makes the sacrifices of those in uniform even more special. And those sacrifices aren't just during war, they are during "peace" time when sent on six-month rotations to Kuwait, 24-hour holiday duty spent away from families and field exercises that prevent being present for the birth of children. Veteran's Day is about more than a three-day weekend. Whether they fought valiantly in a firefight or took care of the family members left behind by deployed service members, all veterans have played roles in the success of our armed forces throughout the years and should be remembered for their honorable service.

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War Means Fighting and Fighting Means Killing

■ Thoughts and suggestions for Bush on how to renew the U.S. War on Terror.

by **Tom Trasente**

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Americans evidently view 9/11 as a Hallmark Channel movie; a warm and fuzzy tragedy to be eulogized with somber conversations, bumper stickers, pathetic television documentaries, and even worse, sappy memorials with macabre pieces of the World Trade Center, oral listings of the dead, and empty vows to "never forget."

A more appropriate reaction would be as Nathan Bedford Forrest said, "War means fighting and fighting means killing." Anytime there is a murder or a rape or some other unspeakable act, sadness and shock are quickly—and correctly—replaced with rage and a desire for justice. As for 9/11 it seems to be the reverse, we have gone from "Dead or alive," to 'boo hoo for us.'

Instead of fawning over the numbers of feminine yellow magnets to show we "support the troops," we should be dancing on the piles of enemy dead a la 1918 and 1945. Instead of waiting three weeks to attack Afghanistan after 9/11 we should have sealed the borders with millions of landmines on 9/12 and razed the entire country. Instead of relying on bribes to capture our foes, and foreign mercenaries to do our dirty work, we should have relied on our own abilities and troops to

kill large numbers of Islamic fighters.

In our fifth year after 9/11; I wonder, *why isn't bin Laden dead?* Where are the mass graves for Al Qaeda fighters that we had for Japanese soldiers on Pacific islands? Why did our government—which continues to this day—make a half hearted and ill planned lunge against Al Qaeda? Why is our government more concerned with foreign opinion rather than protecting Americans? Why are our generals more adept at reading procurement contracts than killing?

Since our enemies wear no uniforms, and are scattered amongst the civilian populations, we should not shy from killing the innocent. Ever since 1918 wars have killed more civilians than combatants. The world out there is a zero-sum game with our choice being dead foreigners, or dead Americans. Sadly, this is our situation as it is, not as we would like it. By avoiding the kind of action that we need in order to annihilate our foe, we merely postpone the day when it will have to come, and ensures that even greater exertion will be required. Indeed, Machiavelli warned, "There is no avoiding war; it can only be postponed to the advantage of others."

Our war against terror should include this bloodthirstiness, but complemented with a change in foreign policy. Michael Scheuer, former head of the CIA's bin Laden unit, and author of *Imperial Hubris*, lays out six reasons for the growth of bin Ladenism in the Islamic world; (1) US support for Is-

rael, (2) US troops based in Arabia, (3) US occupation of Iraq and Afghanistan, (4) US support for Russia, India, and China suppressing Muslims, (5) US pressure to keep oil prices low, and (6) US support for Muslim dictatorships oppressing their people.

These people are never going to stop. As such, Scheuer has warned us that "America has a choice between war and endless war." There are some who merely advocate a change of policy, but they ignore the reality that a great deal of killing remains to be done in order to separate America from the Middle East. And there are others who state that they hate us because we are free and do not shy from war. But by believing as such, they drive America straight into an endless war.

To sum up, as Robert Young Pelton writes in *The World's Most Dangerous Places*, "Yes, you're a nice person, but your government is not." Put simply, they hate us for what our government does, not our way of life. As we continue to bump against "the Islamists who threaten us," we should recall that American god amongst mortals—George Washington—who wisely told his countrymen in 1796, "Why forego the advantages of so peculiar a situation? Why quit our own to stand upon foreign ground? Why, by interweaving our destiny with that of any part of Europe, entangle our peace and prosperity in the toils of European ambition, rivalry, interest, humor, or caprice?" Replace "Europe" with "the world" and Washington would have it exactly right.

RIGHT ANSWER



by **Jami Furo**



political columnist

CLOSED MINDS IN A CLOSED ROOM

I guess being a senator can become boring. You have to take actions to combat that boredom and bring attention to yourself in the process just to keep your sanity.

On November 1, a group of Democrats in the Senate called for a closed session to discuss a supposed lack of information before entering the war in Iraq.

This little known and little used political device (it has only been used five times since 1929) resulted in a meeting behind closed doors where none of the items that they discuss are disclosed outside of their meeting room.

My reaction to this: what?

These senators enter a closed session to discuss something that has already happened in a setting where only those who agree with each other are included in order to establish something that will not change anything anyway.

That sounds productive. This is not about whether or not we should have entered the war in Iraq. In this case, that is completely irrelevant. The issue is about the session. The issue is a question of why.

The intention of this session is to review evidence for entering Iraq. If they decide that the United States should not have entered the war, what will that accomplish? What will we do about it?

Whether or not we establish that the United States has, in fact, made a mistake by invading Iraq does not change the fact that we are there.

We have found their dictator, who is now being tried for all of the atrocities that he has committed, and we are aiding the nation in setting up a new, democratic government. We have soldiers in the midst of combat against insurgents. If we pulled out now, it would be a disaster. If we were to pull out our troops now, there would be a loss of life far greater than what we have experienced.

It may not be American

soldiers that die. Instead, it will be Iraqi civilians who are left with the mess that our troops left behind. Who are we to decide that American soldiers' lives are more important than those of Iraqi civilians? Who are we to say that they are worth more than the lives of women, children, and elderly people left in the shambles of Baghdad to fend for themselves?

At this point, you are likely yelling at your newspaper, saying, "But that would have never happened if we did not invade Iraq in the first place!" You are completely entitled to your decision.

But again, the issue is not about whether or not the United States should be in Iraq. The issue is about the closed session. The issue is a question of why.

Besides the senators' motives for meeting, it seems a little suspicious that they want to meet behind closed doors. Call me Fox Mulder, but that seems a little conspiratorial.

They are all senators that, presumably, agree that the war in Iraq should not have taken place. And they are not allowing senators or other figures that disagree with them into the session to give their opinions or even to hear what they have to say.

It is not even clear whether or not they will release the records of what they discussed in these sessions after they are complete. If this is true, that what will they have accomplished?

Nothing. They will have spent time getting paid with our tax dollars to sit in a quiet room and complain, even though there is nothing logical that they can do after they come to their decision.

If the Senate cannot find anything more productive to do with their time, they can go do my Christmas shopping or take my exams for me. Or how about combating issues of improving education, creating jobs, feeding the hungry, helping the homeless, or providing better health care. Just a concept.

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While Paris Burns, Latin America Smolders On...

■ Can this "clash of civilizations" be explained by simple matters of enfranchisement?

by John Ferreira

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Last week was a difficult one around the world. In France riots that began because of the deaths of two North African teenagers erupted into nationwide chaos. As President Bush toured Latin America, violent protests erupted in Mar del Plata, the pristine Atlantic resort. It should not be a surprise or shock to anyone that these violent outbursts have taken place, it is their belated nature which is truly astounding.

It is stupefying to see how little the world knows about the rest of the world, and by that apparently paradoxical sentence I mean that most of the world does

not take enough time to truly understand what is going on in other parts of the world. While in Mar del Plata President Bush was peppered with questions not about the Free Trade Agreement of the Americas, but about Lewis Libby and Karl Rove. Hugo Chavez and Maradona had planned to incite the people into violence long before Air Force One touched down at the Mar del Plata airport. But then again what should one expect when even the "holier than thou," to borrow a professor's phrase, *New York Times* the newspaper of the American intelligentsia is not aware that the President of Brazil does not actually own the Granja do Torto, it is owned by the government, a Brazilian Camp David of sorts.

Similar to Latin America, tensions in France have been growing in recent years with the enormous amounts of immigrants

from North Africa that have arrived at the land of de Gaulle. Unemployment in the immigrant heavy suburbs of Paris hovers around forty percent. The death of the teenagers was only the spark that lit what is becoming, the new "powder keg of Europe," a France that chooses to keep its immigrants at arms length and has not awoken to the reality that it is a changed country.

Many have chosen to frame both of these riots in the paradigm of a "civilizational" struggle; to do this is a blatant oversimplification of those who pay too much attention to pundits on television, who are themselves misinformed. It is not all of Latin America that is rising to oppose the FTAA, as it is not all of North African or Muslim immigrants that are rioting in France. Muslim organizations in France have issued a fatwa saying that it was wrong for Muslims to partake in the riot.

In both of these cases the riots were caused with disenfranchised sections of society who feel disconnected with their governments. Both of these groups, though different in almost everything, share the yearning for economic opportunity and social mobility not a social revolution or ethnic violence. In Latin America the populace feels excluded from the discussion table, they oppose free trade because they believe that it will breed further inequality in one of the most unequal of all regions. In France immigrants feel left out of French society, they want to join the political process, they want to be heard. They are not concerned with toppling Chirac or destroying French culture, they want their share of the democratic dream.

These groups represent sectors of society that feel disenfranchised, and violence is the only empowering medium available to have their voice heard. They are only a section of society though, and it would be erroneous to claim that they are demonstrative of a larger systemic problem of cultural warfare. They demonstrate a systemic political problem of empowerment and taking part in the contract of democratic free market society.

THE OFFICIOUS OMBUDSMAN



by Issac Stolzenbach

political columnist

BRACE YOURSELVES, THE RAPTURE IS NEAR

Go check the Rapture Index ... man, we are in some deep Schmitzel now!

How is our current reality comparable to a pork steak? Because our perceptions have been beaten, battered, and fried. Our government, the infamous "they" that control discourse, has mobilized our forces to fight Muslim religious fundamentalists around the globe in an effort to deflect attention from our own wackos. Rather than engage in double-spoonerisms like *Buck Fush he's Nuckin' Futs*, I'll try to pan-back and give you the big picture here.

Instead of living in quiet fear that the end of the world is coming, evangelical Christians—who interpret the Bible in a literal sense—think Armageddon is something to be accelerated and embraced. Who cares about the environment when "... after the last tree is felled, Christ will come back," as stated before Congress by former Secretary of the Interior, James Watt.

Our government is working to bring about Armageddon. It's true! Why do you think we are drilling for oil in endangered Alaskan tundra, causing an energy crisis by cutting taxes on oversized SUV's, lowering emission standards to cause vehicles to consume more fuel, waging war in the Middle East, and chopping down forests in Oregon? The nuts in Washington want the end to come. Never mind all that psychology babble about self-fulfilling prophecy, they're convinced the end is near and there's nothing we can do about it but try and bring it on faster.

Look, I'm tired of dredging through life day after day too, but why try and bring it all to an end for everyone else? If you're seriously bored with living, visit your local therapist and confess your obsession with goats,

and/or repeatedly tazor yourself in the groin to spice things up. But don't destroy our environment in hopes that it will bring about the second coming of Christ.

The Rapture Index, a measure of prophetic activities across 45 different areas, is maintained and viewed very seriously by RaptureReady.com. Go google it if you think I'm joking. It gets worse; at the writing of this article we are currently a full thirteen-rapture-points above the threshold of "heavy prophetic activity" thrusting headfirst into the "fasten your seatbelts" group at 158 points. There is no higher category, so go repent now! The end is near! Utter MaDnEsS-

Rapture Ready contends that their index is the measuring device alerting the "true believers" how close they are to the Apocalypse, as stated on their website, "You could say the Rapture Index is a Dow Jones Industrial average of end time activity, but I think it would be better if you viewed it as prophetic speedometer." These people are fanatical, they are for real, and worst yet ... they are running our government.

If you are lucky enough to go to the "right" church and believe in the "right" god, then soon enough you'll leave your clothes behind as you float up to heaven! Humbug! The rapture is a story—a steaming lump of mythical poo native to the United States—which is not even in the Bible; created by a circle of evangelicals who ate the wrong mushrooms.

Thus, while our president preaches about the war on terror and how dangerous religious fundamentalism is he fails to look at his own. I guess in this country the only time religion is dangerous is when it is someone else's. —Bah—

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The CAREER COACH

Marian Cacciatore

JOB APPLICATION FOLLOW-UP

Dear Marian:

I am looking for a new job and want some ideas on how I can follow-up when I do not hear back from the employer within a reasonable time frame. Can you help?

~Melissa '05

Dear Melissa,

I will answer this question from two possible situations:

Situation #1

You send in your resume via the online application and never hear anything back from the employer.

Although technology is a wonderful tool; it is easy for a job seeker to become lost in an abyss of unanswered applications. You can increase your chances of getting noticed if you succeed in one of these activities:

1—Many organizations have an active employee referral program. Do you know anyone within the organization who can refer you? Often these referrals will attract a little more initial attention. If you know a current employee, try and obtain the name and title of the hiring manager so that you can send a copy of your resume and cover letter to the person directly.

In your letter make sure to explain that you have applied online but wanted to contact them to express your interest in the position. *This will demonstrate your respect for the HR policies while also showing initiative and commitment.*

2—If you do not know anyone inside of the organization consider doing some investigation to find out the name of the hiring manager. Your research can include

exploring the website or calling headquarters. Once you obtained the name of the hiring manager, you would send a letter similar to the example above.

Be careful not to become a pest to either the hiring manager or the HR department. Remember, the ability to build effective rapport with others is critical!

Situation #2

You were granted an interview and then do not hear back.

My first question for this scenario is: Did you remember to send in a thank you letter after the interview? A follow-up letter after an interview allows you to highlight some of your key skills and experiences. It can serve as an effective reminder for the interviewer/hiring manager of your skills and experience. The interview follow-up letter is more than a nice way of saying, "Thank you for the interview." It is a chance to win someone over. It is one more opportunity to show what you can do for a company.

Assuming that you did send the follow-up letter right after the interview, I would probably recommend that you follow-up with a phone call to the hiring manager within a reasonable time frame. However, it is critical that you utilize sensitivity and respect since it can be easy to appear desperate.

I would be happy to discuss the issues that you have faced in more detail if you would like to give me a call!

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

Continue To Take Risks, While Enjoying The Ride

■ Insights and reflections on a successful journey through the Hamilton Holt School.

by Brandy McCabe-Brasher
contributing writer

I was born and raised in Dayton, Ohio, which is historically a service industry town to the Wright Patterson Air Force Base. The schools are in place to get students ready for jobs with the potential for middle management.

My parents Doug and Joyce were always very supportive of my goals and aspirations in life which mainly contained owning my own business and getting out of Dayton. We traveled a lot while I was growing up to drag or road races or seeing family who lived in other states.

My parents were not well off to say the least, and many times we had to scrape together every penny to make ends meet and even that didn't always work out. Although

my parents' relationship and finances were not always stable, I was lucky to always have their guidance and support throughout my school days.

Upon finishing high school in 1996, I began my college career at Sinclair Community College in Dayton, Ohio. This was the one step that kept many students from the area, myself included, from slipping through the proverbial cracks in order to obtain a degree.

During my first semester at Sinclair I was selected to go to Florida and attend the Walt Disney World College Program.

From January to May of 1997, I worked in Quick Service Food and Beverage. During this stay in Florida, I was able to see what it would be like to live outside of Ohio and also met my future husband William.

After completing my college program at Disney, I returned home with an ambition to finish my degree as quickly as possible and move back to Florida. I earned my

AA in Business Administration in June 2000 and moved to Florida the next day.

My goal from the beginning was to get my BA in Florida. I took time off from June 2000 to fall 2002, working at Disney again, this time as an Advanced Intern in Revenue and Currency Control and getting married.

In the fall of 2002, I began my search for a college to get my Bachelors. I checked out many colleges in the area and none seemed a fit. I was used to small classes and an open forum for

During my attendance at Rollins I have had the honor of serving as a peer advisor in the Hamilton Holt office, giving back to the school just as the peer advisor did for me when I first began. I was able to see how the Hamilton Holt School works as well as aid future students who are looking into Rollins as they pursue their degree.

My husband, William, began this past spring on his path to a BA in Computer Science at Hamilton Holt. He has said that he chose to attend after seeing the wealth of knowledge I was receiving and the attention he saw students receiving from professors and faculty.

In January I began my own computer consulting company, utilizing the knowledge I acquired from my AA and that of my husband. With both of us attending school full time and William working full time, it has become a juggling act of grand proportion. However, we have seen how Rollins has helped to raise the bar in our lives and continue to take on the challenge.

While attending Hamilton Holt, I have had many intriguing courses, such as, Japanese, Terrorism in the 21st Century, and Youth Cultures, and met many diverse people who have welcomed me and my opinions. Every student and professor I have met at Rollins has given me a fountain of knowledge that I will carry with me throughout my adventures.

After graduation in December, I will be pursuing opportunities to expand my business. I hope to merge my International Affairs degree with my computer business by doing networking for international companies or possibly use my ever growing knowledge of terrorism to help stop the escalating threat of computer terrorism.

To new and returning students I would say congratulations on making it this far in your journey. Continue to take risks, remember that every semester has an end no matter how far it seems away, and always take time to enjoy the ride.



COURTESY OF BRANDY MCCABE-BRASHER
HAMILTON HOLT DUO: William Brasher and Brandy McCabe-Brasher enjoy a moment away from the rigors of Holt academia.

discussion where professors are eager to help their students succeed. I was about to give up looking when a friend attending the Crummer Business School suggested Rollins College.

From the start all of the faculty and staff were very helpful. The gentleman I contacted first at the day school listened to my plight and told me that with my background and goals that I sounded suited for the Hamilton Holt School. This contact led me to a peer advisor at the Holt school who helped me get my paperwork in order. Before I knew it I was attending my first class at Rollins College, working on attaining my goal of a BA in International Affairs.

With my courses at Rollins I have been able to find all the valuable assets I was looking for in a college. The small class size left the courses open to more discussion; the diverse nature of the student body gives a flavor to the work like no other I have seen.

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Anthropology Majors In Great Demand

by **Tanisha Mathis**

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If you have contemplated a degree in Anthropology but was dissuaded by not having a succinct reply to the question, "What are you going to do when you graduate?" there are numerous reasons why you should once again consider the field of anthropology. Not only are the materials intellectually stimulating and valuable but anthropology provides critical skills in many industries to include business, advocacy and research.

Anthropology is the study of human behavior. It explores a range of factors in human society such as culture, human biology and language. Anthropology includes four broad fields—cultural anthropology, linguistics, physical anthropology and archaeology.

Anthropologists can study the marriage rituals of indigenous people of small non-industrial lands or the economic system of powerful Western nations. They can narrow their field of study and concentrate on ethnicity, health, gender, biology or poverty. They are observers who learn more than they may ever be able to teach.

Anthropological courses are credited with teaching critical thinking, strong oral and written expressions, research and attention to detail. Therefore, they provide a strong foundation for subsequent graduate level education and training in areas such as law, public health and the social sciences.

According to the American Anthropological Association (AAA), "Anthropology is the only contemporary discipline that approaches

human questions from historical, biological, linguistic, and cultural perspectives." Undergraduate anthropology students learn how to study people and communities while the master's degree students learn how to combine their data and skills to solve problems.

Family, friends and even classmates may not see the need for anthropology in modern society, adopting the myth that it is solely about digging up prehistoric artifacts and detailing the lives of ancient societies, but those who make hiring decisions are seeing the edge an anthropology background provides.

The Four Fields of Anthropology

Physical

Human evolution
Human variability
Primatology

Archaeology

Cultural

Ethnography
Ethnology

Linguistics

Their holistic view of the world makes anthropologists an asset for any employer while giving them access to the fields of New Guinea to the board room of a Fortune 500 company and everywhere in between. In the past, most anthropologists have worked in higher education institutions or exotic locales, but today more are finding themselves in a myriad of occupational settings.

Whether in the public or private sector, anthropologists help design and implement programs and strategies to improve corporations, non-profit organizations and all levels of gov-

ernment. FBI, CIA, Department of Housing and Urban Development and The World Health Organization have all employed anthropologists. Not to mention corporations such as Kodak, Hallmark, IBM and Microsoft have all sought out the services of anthropologists.

Anthropology provides training that is particularly beneficial to the twenty-first century. With the economy becoming more globalized, the workforce becomes more diverse. Consequently, the need for communication and cultural sensitivity become more important. Phil Gardner, director of the Collegiate Employment Research and Institute at Michigan State University says, "Most business students have never taken a cultural course." He adds that "Some of the stupid mistakes corporations have made cross-culturally have raised an interest in people who understand those differences."

Most people want a career that is not only practical but also exciting, a career where they don't wake up and dread the idea of going to work. Anthropology may be the perfect segue from students to happy professionals. The discipline offers flexibility and diversi-

ty that produce a thrilling and long-lasting profession. It provides fulfilling careers

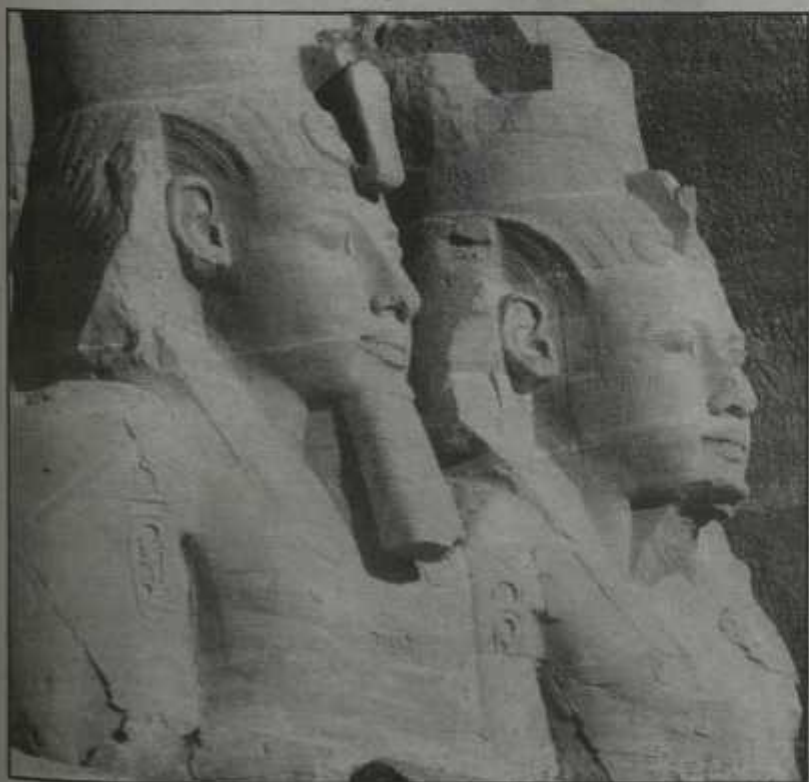
my findings." Says Anthropology major Doreen Barber, "My plan is to travel around the world, eat a lot, and get paid."

Professor Connie Brown tells why she found anthropology an irresistible career choice. "I love Anthropology because it gives us the tools to strip away political, emotional and superficial excuses and replace them with insight and understanding for the diverse ways that humans make sense of their world."

If you never grew out of asking a lot of questions and have an unquenchable desire to learn, this may be the career path for you. Take an anthropology class, it may not be the major you decide to pursue but you will become a better all-around student and you will discover a department full of professors who are passionate about their field.



for those yearning for the nomadic life of field studies while living in the rain forests of Central Africa and it also affords equal satisfaction for those wanting more stable lives wearing suits and ties. "Ideally, I want to find a niche that will enable me to study the role of food in culture and communicate



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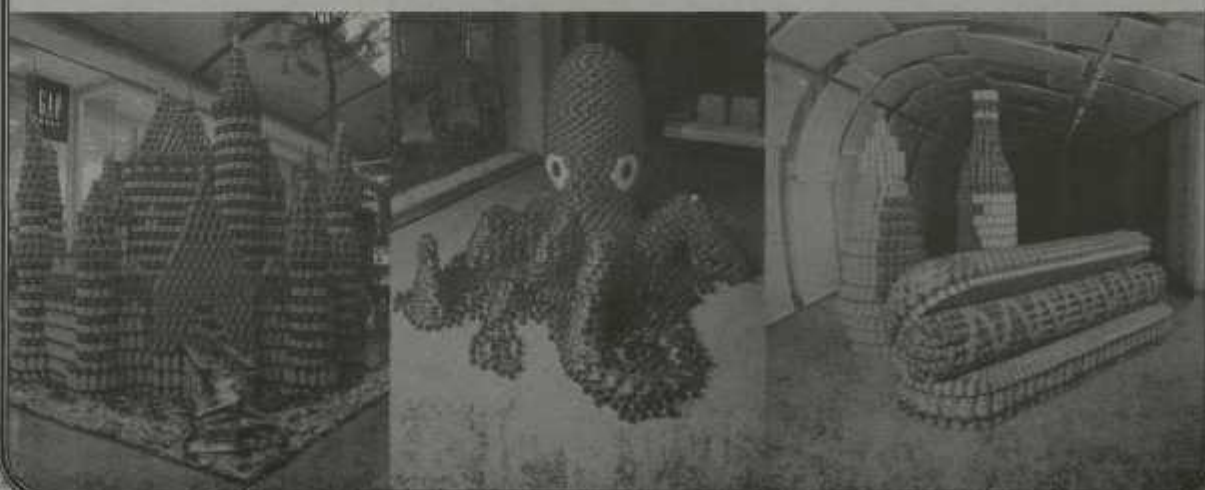
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"Saw II" Terrifies Audiences All Over Again

■ This thrilling sequel is just as frightening as the first and twice as creative.

by **Sophia Koshmer**
the sandspur

With film remakes rampant in Hollywood these days, especially in the case of horror films, it is impossible to find a quality, original horror film capable of horrifying and repulsing its audience sufficiently. "Saw II" can without a doubt qualify as a high quality horror genre screenplay, leaving even the skeptical terribly unsettled upon exiting the theater. Although it

stays very true to its original, the sequel is more revealing. While "Saw" was a blood-fest, "Saw II" is a blood-fest with a storyline; the explanation to all that was left unsaid in the first film.

Starring actors, Donnie Wahlberg ("The Sixth Sense," "Dreamcatcher"), Shawnee Smith ("Saw"), Tobin Bell ("Overnight Delivery"), Franky G ("The Italian Job"), Glenn Plummer ("The Day After Tomorrow," "Poolhall Junkies"), Dina Meyer ("Saw"), Beverly Motchell ("7th Heaven"), and Timothy Bird ("Cinderella Man," "Resident Evil"), "Saw II" begins a new tale of senseless torture and massacre

for a "sensible" reason. A killer who doesn't murder; the ultimate paradox, the catch to his crimes is that he makes them kill themselves. "Saw II" reveals the not-so-shocking return of Jigsaw (Bell), and with a purpose; to teach those that don't appreciate life to learn to or to die. True to its predecessor and its previews, "there will be blood." For those equally repulsed by torture, this is a film where many a head turn will be necessary. But even in utter disgust one cannot deny the brilliance in the premise, even the second time around.

This time the experimentation is on a larger scale with seven victims waking up in a place they've never seen before, a booby trapped shelter where no one will find them. The game is simple; a deadly nerve gas capable of causing its victims to bleed to death through every possible avenue of doing so, is released through the vents in the shelter. The time it takes for the poison to enter their systems completely and kill them is two hours. The doors to the shelter are timed to open in three. The victims must use the subtle clues to find the anecdotes hidden throughout the many rooms. But there is a



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SAW RETURNS TO TERRIFY: If you thought the first movie was frightening you'll find the sequel is brilliant.

catch you might say to the obtaining of any anecdotes and horribly cruel sacrifices must be made, so the directions must be taken carefully into account. However, the anecdotes have to be found or all of them will die. Meanwhile, a formerly hardcore cop, Eric Matthews ("Wahlberg") and his team finally catch Jigsaw. Unfortunately, one of the victims is the Matthew's son and everyone has to play by Jigsaw's rules or there will be no hope for anyone in that

house.

The connections seem simple at first, even ridiculously obvious, but in the end they come together in equal incredible detail, even more so than in the first film as the purpose and full history are revealed. As Hannibal Lector before him, you can hate Jigsaw for his indescribably sick and twisted experimentation but you can't help but be in awe of his brilliance. Every detail is covered to the very last seemingly insignificant one.

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WEEKLY HOROSCOPES



Aries (March 21-April 19): It may feel like life has been pushing you around lately but that's all about to change. This week is definitely going to have a positive impact upon your academic and personal life. Enjoy the time off from the drama and reality of life. This is the lull before the storm. The stars are going to hold challenges for you in the coming weeks and you should be prepared to face them well-rested.



Taurus (April 20-May 20): Someone is out there missing you right now if you could just remember to pick up the phone and call. You should especially cherish this friendship and others this week to encourage positive karma in your life. With luck, this karma will bleed over into your love life. Go looking for love, or cherishing love you already have, this week. Spoil someone special and they'll be sure to return the favor.



Gemini (May 21-June 21): You need to keep your emotions in check this week or you'll find they will tear you apart inside. If you have to decide between two courses of action this week then be decisive about your path. If you continually vacillate on small decisions in life then you will find that you are unable to make the important decisions in your life with conviction. Once you decide on a course of action, whether it be personal or professional, you need to stand by it. If you will stand by your decisions then you will find that others respect those decisions even if they don't agree with them.



Cancer (June 22-July 22): Take this week to make the friends around you remember how special your friendship is. Do something nice randomly or just tell them what you think about your friendship. Honesty is key to having a successful friendship that

can grow and prosper.



Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): You've certainly got the lion's share of the work to do in classes this week. If you're participating in a group project then start taking the initiative and be a leader for your peers. In other areas of your academic life you should be equally ambitious. Attempt every project and all activities with your full attention and you will find your productivity earns recognition.



Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): This is yet another week for placing your academic goals ahead of all other considerations. You're so close to successful completion of your work that you should follow through and finish with a flourish. Once all your work for the week is done you can finally relax and enjoy that booming personal life you've been enjoying so much.



Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): People in your life are looking to recognize your potential this week in love. Someone out there is just dying to tell you how they feel about you but your attitude may not be encouraging honest from others romantically. You should keep an open mind toward any love interests in your life just now rather than pushing them away.



Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You might want to take up meditation this week because it's going to be another stressful week. It's not that you aren't working hard enough. Instead, the forces in your life simply seem to align all at the same time to bring you undue stress. Focus on getting through the week intact and you'll find that the weekend isn't so bad.



Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): There is no time like the present to appreciate life, friends, and

love. In life this week you should seek out new opportunities that will enhance your daily routine. Try something new once in a while. In regard to friends you should plan an outing which unites all the best people in your life for a night of fun and frenzy. In love you should seek to make that special someone appreciate your presence in their life even more than they already do. Life can be infinitely good as long as you're willing to make it that way.



Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Are you still waiting to confess to that special someone how much you care? You need to gather your confidence and let them know how you feel once and for all. If you've already confessed and relationship bliss hasn't yet ensued then perhaps you should consider re-evaluating your priorities. Sometimes a little positive attention to your sweetie is all it takes to smooth out rocky relations.



Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): This is a good week for quiet reflection and meaningful assessments of your future academic and personal plans. Academically you should consider slowing down and focusing upon each project you encounter with deliberate attention. Don't just coast through classwork in the coming weeks. In your personal life you should consider seeking out individuals who are more conducive to a healthy and calm lifestyle.



Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): You will find yourself in a pensive mood this week as you consider your love life. If you're a single fish then you should look into finding a compatible and carefree partner who will not stifle your individuality or independence. If you're attached then make sure you and your love are getting enough space from each other to ensure harmony. Embrace love, but keep it in perspective this week.

Upcoming Event: The Trojan Women

The Trojan Women is a play following the ill-treatment of female characters after the end of the Trojan War. The women are waiting to be handed over to their new Greek masters. Misfortune is to take place for the women under terrible circumstance including murder and sacrifice. The director of the Rollin's showing of the Trojan Women, Celia Merendi, a senior theatre major, will make her directorial debut at the Fred Stone with a modern adaptation of this dramatic play by Charles L. Mee.

Celia has performed in many Rollin's production including William Shakespeare's Twelfth Night as Viola and most recently in Starting Here, Starting Now, a musical production that debuted at the Annie Russell early this fall.

Though this is a modern adaptation of an age old play, it is not set in any particular era, Celia explains that the reason for this is that the play is timeless and its themes are universal. The program begins with a Prologue that is based off of Euripedes' Trojan Women which chronicles the war area of the play and follows with the second act which brings us into the modern day adaptation following the aftermath of the war.

The play centers on the ill-treatment of women once the war has ended. Although the men have fought and died, the women are left with nothing but the charge of cleaning up the devastation of the war, both physical and emotional. The people are left with nothing and the women are handed out as concubines to the victorious.

The women are lead by Hecuba, whose daughter, Polyxena has been chosen as a sacrifice for the death of Achilles. It is this turn in events that causes the former acceptance with pride of was their initial reactions to end abruptly and the Trojan women are outraged.

The irony in Lee's version of this play, entitled, The Trojan Women: A Love Story, is that it is not quite a love story at all. However, basically Euripedes' The Trojan Women is the first half and the love story is the second half as Celia Merendi describes it. The character are completely different than those of the original play within this adaptation.

"The women must overcome their inability to deal with danger on the physical and emotional levels," describes Merendi. This version centers on the ideas of "letting the heart go, falling in love" and risk. In her director's notes, Celia explains that "danger becomes a catalyst for loss of faith and a sense of utter defeat." She goes on to explain that it chronicles the "inexcusable treatment of women."

When asked how she feels about how the production is coming together she says happily that she is very ecstatic. "It was all in my head and now getting it all to come together...it's amazing." She stresses that she feels a deep relation to the issues that are revealed in this play and found it very empowering. As a fellow actress, she found it difficult to direct her peers but easier to understand what they are experiencing through the journey of putting together a stage production.

The tag line for the play is "You might as well live." and Celia feels that this is the best reason she could give for seeing the play. "What do you do when hope is lost?... You might as well live and do what you must."

The Trojan Women will debut at the Fred Stone Theatre on Thursday, November 17th at 8:00 pm and will run through to Friday at this time, until Saturday and Sunday when a matinee is performed at 2:00 pm for both days and then the show is regularly performed at 8 pm on both nights.

SOPHIA KOSHER

Chicken Little Conquers The Big Screen

■ Disney once again creates a banging good film for both children and adults.

by Jami Furo

the sandspur

Disney conquered their traditional genre, the classic children's tale, and in their typical movie prowess, they shone in *Chicken Little*.

It is a fun twist on a story that everyone over the age of six weeks has heard. The tiny chicken telling the town that the sky is falling and causing panic for all. In the original story, however, there was nothing about aliens invading the earth, causing the sky to "fall."

The characters are priceless. They each have individual personalities delightfully portrayed by their celebrity voice actors. These actors in-

cluded such talent as Zach Braff (*Chicken Little* himself), Garry Marshall (Buck Cluck), Don Knotts (Mayor Turkey Lurkey), and Joan Cusack (Abby Mallard), among others. The film also included cameo voice appearances by Patrick Stewart, Catherine O'Hara, and Adam West.

Chicken Little is full of clever little social commentaries and jokes about the animal kingdom. Some of these one-line quotes even poke harmless but hilarious fun at Disney itself. The only problem with this aspect of the film is that many of the lines moved by very quickly, and the majority of the audience did not catch them quickly enough. Children, of course, would not understand these lines at all. They might not understand the exaggerated bureaucracy that surrounds Mayor Turkey Lurkey or the clearly overemphasized di-

vision between the "popular" kids and the "unpopular" kids in the school settings.

These lines that comment on societal quirks are written with ingenuity and wit, and they are carried out by the fine actors with beautiful timing.

While children may not understand some of the humor in *Chicken Little*, there is still plenty in it for them, as well. Many of the protagonists are children themselves, and it is literally the "little" guy that comes out on top. The humor is (coming from Disney, of course) certainly appropriate for younger ears, though they may not always understand it. It is completely safe to bring children or younger brothers and sisters. *Chicken Little* is enjoyable for the whole family.

The only part of the movie that could have been a



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CHICKEN LITTLE PROVIDES FUN SOCIAL COMMENTARY: Full of clever humor and delightful witticisms.

little different is the ending. The end of the movie is a little awkward, and it seems fairly obvious that the creators did not know how to successfully complete the film. The did come up with an ending, but it seems a little like they were fishing for a way to put a cap on their masterfully done film. They could have done better,

judging by the success of the rest of the film, in leaving the audience with a better ending.

In general, however, *Chicken Little* is a major success for Disney. Don't look for it to be a life-changing experience. If you are just looking for some laughs and a great time, *Chicken Little* is the way to go.

Depeche Mode Fails To Measure Up

■ After 17 albums Depeche Mode lacks the originality and creativity of past releases.

by Jami Furo

the sandspur

Depeche Mode is back with a new album entitled "Playing the Angel," featuring their new singles "Precious" and "John the Revelator." The band has been around for more than two decades and has released 17 albums, but it is impossible to tell based on this amateur-quality album that sounds straight out of 1981, when the trio's first album was released.

"Playing the Angel" holds all of the originality of white bread, and in the electronica genre, originality is a necessity. It is a genre of technological and musical innovation, and this album has nothing of the sort.

The songs on "Playing the Angel" all sound mostly alike, as well. It sounds like a comment that only someone's grandmother would make. "All that kid's music sounds alike—it sounds like a lawnmower!" In this case, however, it is true. There is little variation from song to song, which would be tolerable except that it is not good enough to hear over and over again. One of the only songs that stands out

from that mold is "Precious," the group's new single that has been released off of the album. "Precious" is a catchy song with a good amount of feel and melody that can classify it as a decent song.

The British synth trio is one of the longest lived and most successful bands in their genre since they were founded in 1980. Andy Fletcher, Dave Gahan, and Martin Gore make up the group, and their talent is widely known and accepted in the world of electronic music.

However, this album does not coincide with their previous accomplishments.

The album begins with a loud distortion sound that fades into the first song, "A Pain that I'm Used To." The obnoxious sound seems to last for an eternity, and it gives a terrible first impression of the album. The band establishes the repulsiveness of "Playing the Angel" early on, causing the listener to begin their listening experience reluctantly waiting for the sounds to improve. Unfortunately, the distortion that begins that album is actually a fair reflection of the quality of the album.

Each song has a definite beginning and end, but when a new song begins, it is only a reminder of the song before. Ends sound like beginnings, and begin-

nings sound like ends. Not to mention that the album lacks anything that distinguishes it as being an album from the year 2005 as opposed to being an album from 1981. Neither the technological nor the musical aspects exhibit any great

degree of innovation. It is electronica, pure and simple. It sounds like plain, stereotypical electronica. You won't be bopping your head, and you won't be tempted to get up and dance. You won't be pondering the music, and you

won't feel anything as a result of the music. It is just...electronica.

Maybe die-hard Depeche Mode fans will be pleased with the release of "Playing the Angel." They would likely be the only ones.

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The Benefits of Applying for An Internship

by **Lindsey Chang**

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According to Raymond Rogers, Associate Director at Career Services, there are three main benefits of internships. First, it helps to make important decisions, such as what career field you want to pursue or not.

"[Internships] will give you the reality of the career field" said Mr. Rogers, and that is exactly what most undergraduate college students need. Many students say things like, "I want to be a doctor" because they have heard about other people's experiences as a doctor, watch ER (Emergency Room) on television or want to help people.

The point is that they

have never had their own experience as a doctor but only assume they know what it would be like. An internship will give you your own experiences and put you into a better position to make a smart decision.

Second, internships are valued highly by employees: "Internships are the most important things an employee is going to look for... you need relevant work experience" said Mr. Rogers. So, start researching for internships that correlate with the job you want to do after college. There are even some big internships that you can do, such as with MTV, Apple Computers or Wall Street in

New York, but you have to apply early.

Third, with an internship come connections, whether they may be references, or people who can introduce you to others who might be hiring. In fact, many companies use an internship program to recruit for their job positions.

So, apply now while it is easy. Unlike applying for a job, internships are a lot less competitive. There are a lot more internships than student applying. Also, you can get academic credit for doing some internships, and you can do it almost anywhere you want. You don't even have to be at school. Internships allow students to test and apply

their academic knowledge and concepts into real world settings.

Internships can only work to your benefit because whether you have a great time and realize what exactly you want to do or have a horrible time and realize what you definitely don't want to do, you are realizing something very important that can only help you in the future.

They help a person earn course credit as they are exploring potential career and occupational goals. Internships also have the ability to help a person further develop their skills and knowledge that will help them in the workforce.

Working with profes-

sionals can help a person gain key information in their field of interest which will help them in the future.

There are about 400 Central Florida internships listed on Foxlink with all the details, such as how employers want you to apply. You can also visit the Career Services and check out their 20 or 30 different books describing internships all around the world or make an appointment to talk to someone, like Mr. Rogers.

Visit the Rollins Career Services website on more information about internships. Their email is careerservices@rollins.edu or you can call them at (407) 646-2195. Good Luck!

Touch of Personality

by **Lindsey Chang**

the sandspur

According to Jennifer Browning, Assistant Director at Career Services, a personal statement is an opportunity to show yourself as a human being and not as just scores and figures. Having applied to college, many of you probably know how hard it is to think of a personal experience that will make you stand out from the crowd. Yet, the key is to not necessarily find the most outstanding life experience or be the ideal applicant, but it is to find the experience that best shows your personality and to illustrate it in a fresh, real way.

Remember the people reading your personal statement are humans too, and don't want to hear just the plain, dry facts. Add details to your story and make the experience feel real, such as: "From the first night in Costa Rica, I knew I made a huge mistake. Mosquitoes were attacking me, I felt like I was going to have a heat stroke and I couldn't even partly understand or speak Spanish..." Details will help the reader to connect and get to know you better. But, watch out. You don't want to get caught in just recounting an experience. Make sure there is a point and more importantly that you evaluate your experience.

For topics that require you to say why you would like to go to their institution, do some research, showing them how interested you really are. Mention specific professors or instructors, programs, courses or facili-

ties. Researching will also help you to differentiate from the majority who will probably give a general response, such as "I have been passionate about medicine since I was in high school. I know that your school will help to nurture my passion and help it grow." Notice that the person who writes a quote like that did not say how the school will help to nurture their passion—a small but interesting detail that many people leave out.

Then, of course there are small but important things you need to do, such as "FOLLOW DIRECTIONS," a major point Jennifer made. If the instructions say write a 500 word essay, don't write a 700 word essay or a 200 word essay. Also, different schools have different topics, and you will not be able to use the same statement for all of them. Therefore, either write an entirely new personal statement or adjust the original one to make it fit the topic.

Lastly, have other people, both people that know you and strangers, proof-read your essay. You may not think this is very important, but the people in admissions would like to see that you are at least capable of doing high school grammar and punctuation. Jennifer highly recommends that you go to both the Office of Career Services and TJ's. Both places will help you get professional opinions on your personal statement, and TJ's can assist with grammar.

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Wordplay: the Importance of Language

by **Rochelle Siegel**

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Human language is unique because it is a symbolic communication system that is learned instead of biologically inherited. Symbols are sounds or things which have meaning given to them by the users. The meaning is arbitrarily assigned. For example, the word "book" does not in any way physically resemble the object it stands for.

A word is one or more sounds that in combination have a specific meaning assigned by language. Dr. Lynne Nygaard, who visited Rollins on Thursday, November 3rd, from Emory University, spoke to students about human speech and communication. She completed her Ph.D. in Cognitive Science at Brown University in 1991 and joined the faculty of Emory University in 1995.

She is interested in using both linguistic and non-linguistic properties of the spoken language to un-

derstand more about human communication and how listeners interpret a speaker's intentional meaning, thoughts, and feelings. Linguistics is the scientific study of human language and communications. Linguistics focuses mainly on how humans can produce and use language.

An advantage of human language is that it is a learned symbolic communication system that is infinitely flexible. Dr. Nygaard has found that a person listening to someone else speaking must put together what is being said with how it is being said in order to completely understand.

It appears that in order for people to completely understand speech they must process the non-linguistic, (properties not relating to language), properties of speech. Non-linguistic properties of speech are preserved in representative forms. It also appears that non-linguistic and linguistic properties are processed separately.

Meanings can be changed and new symbols can be created. New words are invented daily and the meaning of old ones can change. When people learn new words they do not remember the unique voice qualities when they heard the new words. This allows people to respond linguistically to major environmental, historical, and social changes and able to understand the world better as the years go by.

Dr. Nygaard spoke about how it is especially important to pay attention to the way people with accents shape their sounds. According to Dr. Nygaard, a talker's identity is determined by the anatomy of their vocal tract, shape of their lips, length and shape of their vocal tract, and their size and weight. As listeners of speech we all listen for different speaker's vocal tracts.

She gave an example of how sometimes pilots have problems when they fly to foreign places because the

air-traffic controllers have accents that they cannot understand. Not being able to understand an accent can cause many problems in the real world. She stated that when learning a foreign language it is important to learn the accent.

Language and speech are not the same thing. Speech refers to patterned verbal behavior and language is a set of rules for generating speech. Speech is a highly complex signal. Speakers convey information intentionally with the syllables, words, and sentences that they utter.

Communication is far more than speech. Most people are unaware that they are communicating in many different ways when they are not even speaking. Growing up in a society people learn how to use gestures, glances, slight changes in tone of voice, and other communication devices to alter or emphasize what is said or done.

She did a lab experiment where she tested to see if

adults could tune linguistic properties to an individual's voice. In phase one of the experiment, participants learned talkers' voices, five male and five female, and then associated each voice with a common name. In phase two, the participant's transcribed linguistic content, what was said not how it was said.

Participants went through a total of nine days of training. The training days were so that participants could familiarize themselves with the voices of different speakers. On the tenth day of the experiment, the testing phase began. Over time the participant's correct answers on identifying the speaker's voices rose to 75%. Dr. Nygaard has found that it is easier for people to understand people who are familiar to them. She also concluded that being familiar with non-linguistically properties of speech helps people extract linguistic content that has been stored in their head brain.

Mae Fitchett: Friend and Counselor to All

by **Lori Lipkin**

the sandspur

If you're looking for a name you'll never want to forget at Rollins College, Mae Fitchett is the one.

Her business card calls her 'Coordinator of Academic Enhancement Services' but once you are in her presence; you realize how little that title describes the entire realm of the person she is to students, friends and faculty.

Located in the Mills Memorial Center, at the Thomas P. Johnson Student Resource center (TJ's), Mae could be described as the 'counselor to all' or the 'keeper of wisdom and warmth.'

She is immediately welcoming - specifically warm, and completely free from any falsity or social masks.

She presents to you exactly who she is - a task few accomplish, and cannot be fully described in one article - hence visiting is a must, walk-ins are welcome!

"I see myself as a facilitator for students, particularly an advocate for them by understanding the academic policies, the options before them, and whatever I can do to help them succeed here," Mae states humbly.

"I try to help them gather as much information as they can and then hope that they

will make the best decisions."

She definitely gathers all of the information. Once Mae has touched your life, it would be hard for you not to make the best decisions.

One of the most interesting aspects of Mae's history is how she ended up with us at Rollins.

Born in a small town near Virginia Beach, Mae attended Virginia State University receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree in Health Education to become a Physical Therapist.

"My freshman year I walked in and they said, 'Here's your plan. This is what you need to graduate.' There were not many choices at my school as there are at a Liberal Arts school but I hung in there."

After she finished her BA, she worked at the college in a summer program as a student counselor.

"When I was a junior, I wanted to transfer to a medical college in Virginia that had the physical therapy but I was too far gone. So I understand when students come in and say 'I've got to do something, I can't afford to transfer. I've got to stay here and finish.'

She ended up directing the Advising and Orientation program helping organize summer programs for students, writing a number of

grant proposals, even taught a few personal health courses along side the professors who taught her.

"I believe that's why I didn't think about transferring until later because I really bonded with my professors and I tell students here that you've got to make a connection. Make that a priority during your first year."

One day the dean of graduate studies approached me, "Have you thought about grad school?"

And I said, "I can't afford to. I'm paying back loans right now."

He said, "Well how about if we were to offer you a fellowship?"

Her natural ability to bond with students, to aid in their acclimation to college and being an informational force during her summer work with student counseling, paved the way for her real calling.

After receiving her master's in Guidance and Counseling, Mae headed to Texas Tech to work in Student Support Services once again, directing the Upward Bound Program and created a mentorship program that enabled students to shadow professionals in the community.

In October of 1998 Mae came on board at Rollins College.

She has created a Probation Program for students having academic difficulties along with many forms and contracts to assist in empowering the students to take initiatives for their own progress.

This program has had a good retention rate, "I'm proud of that," commented Mae.

"I contend that every student is at risk when they come to college in their first year.

They may be academically prepared, but in terms of making the transition, and the adjustments - even the top honor student is at risk, so we need to have a support system in place."

"That's the beauty of getting a Rollins education: we have so many resources.

The one on one that students get in terms of an advising capacity is just unbelievable. The support services for students are outstanding, and certainly match the quality of the education here.

I tell my students 'find something that you enjoy that you are inquisitive about; do an internship, get involved. Your undergraduate years are once, take advantage of them.'

Mae also teaches a course called Learning Strategies Seminar, INT 100. During

this course she inspires students to really explore their academic likes and dislikes.

"This is how I help many of them start thinking about planning and tracking, developing their own plan for academic success.

My goal is to continue being an advocate for students as much as I can. I measure my success by each student in terms of what I can help them with."

Mae's services are open to all students who seek academic support - well mainly Arts and Sciences, specifically, but she seems welcoming to all!

Some more of what Mae does on a daily basis includes helping students with:

Understanding academic requirements

Identifying academic support resources

Planning and time management

Identifying preferred learning styles

Developing good decision-making skills for academic success

Exploring academic major/minor options

Developing a course plan to graduate

"My door is always open so when you're ready stop by," said Mae Fitchett.

Ivy Meritocracy

by **Kim Lyon**

the sandspur

Jerome Karabel, author of "The Chosen" released last month, drives one more blow to the "meritocracy" of Ivy League universities. He shows how the current admissions process consisting of personal essays, interviews, résumés and recommendation letters was fashioned out of 1930's anti-Semitism.

Initially, the Big Three universities (Harvard, Princeton and Yale) saw no problem in structuring an incoming class. Applicants took a test and those who passed the test were admitted with the exception of athletic recruits and sons of alumni. But when immigration exploded during the Second World War, the three most prestigious universities on the East Coast saw their Jewish matriculation triple. The presidents of the universities, feeling compelled to uphold their brand, sought a way to keep their Jewish student population to a 'manageable minimum.' In short, they feared the influx of Jews would scare away the members of the WASP establishment, that is, the white upper class Protestants. Needless to say, the Big Three could not afford to offend their very generous WASP alumni.

The new admissions process was a smokescreen of objectivity behind which the admissions officers could hide safely from scrutiny in their subjective search for "leadership" and "character." The number of Jews admitted to Princeton, Yale and Harvard fell tremendously, and though the universities were admitting less apt scholars, they were maintaining the status quo and that was more than enough. But during the Cold War, when intellectual capital was ever so important, the defini-

tion of 'merit' shifted again from breeding to brains, and the admissions officers made the necessary adjustments.

Today, the major controversy lies in how the smoke-screen admissions process of exclusion has flipped into one of inclusion. With all the talk of Affirmative Action, the definition of "merit" once more underwent a transformation, this time to mean diversity. While the top universities make a greater effort to admit students from racially more diverse backgrounds, most of those admitted are still from the upper echelons of economic privilege. It must be unfair that the rich are being given the esteemed higher education necessary to succeed in today's marketplace, in effect reinforcing the lack of social mobility. But really, how valuable is an Ivy League education?

A National Bureau of Economic Research study by economist Alan Krueger and Stacy Dale a few years back claims not more than any other college education. This, of course, is good news for Rollins students who feel secure in attending a reputable accredited college. The study shows that those who went to Ivy League schools earned the same income, down the line, as graduates from other colleges who exemplified the qualities that employers are looking for. "It's not the school that has the magic touch," Krueger said. "It's the students." Once you get past the first interview with an employer and into the workplace, competence matters more than credentials.

So while the privilege of attending an Ivy League might be decided upon by the archaic principles of the old boys, and while it might not be very "meritocratic" depending on whatever today's definition of merit is, it is a privilege that only takes one as far as names.



THROUGH THE IRON GATES: Sophomore at Yale, Sarah Weiss, is photographed at the entrance to Yale's Old Campus.

Cellular Technology What's Up to Your Ear?

■ An inside look at the new and improved technologies in cell phones.

by **Nicole Fluet**

the sandspur

From Cingular to Nokia to Alltel to Sprint, cell phone companies and manufacturers are coming up with new ways to entice the public into buying their product. Something new is coming out on a daily basis, it seems.

In response to bans on cell phones in cars in New York, in hopes to reduce accidents caused by drivers talking on their cell phones and not paying attention to the road in front of them, car and phone companies are now coming up with technology to make talking on the phone in the car second nature.

Ford Motor company has just released a new plan for a cell phone docking system in their cars which allows the driver to "pick up" or answer their phone through voice activation and never have to divert attention from the road. There are speaker and headset attachments that the driver will have to buy separately, along with a \$50 or \$60 charge for the adapter for the cell phone.

According to Mobile-dia.com, Motorola is releasing its new cell phone for the Christmas season: the V360. Better than anything Motorola has put out before, the V360 has Bluetooth technology, bringing the power of the Internet into the palm of your hand, and allowing for wireless headsets and other devices. Aside from Bluetooth, the V360 also has an MP3 player integrated into the phone's technology, along with a camera which records both still and moving pictures.

Also according to Mobile-dia.com, Google offers map service to cell phones. "Working on Java-enabled devices, Google Local for Mobile shows full-color satellite imagery from its Google Earth service, allowing overhead views with zoom in and out, and drag capabilities," says Mobile-dia reporters. This also includes directions for both driving and walking. The only prob-



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GLOBAL COMMUNICATION: Cell phones connect the world through new technology and interest.

lems arise in the availability of Internet resources on the cell phones using the map technology.

Last week, Nextel released the new RIM BlackBerry 7100i. According to reviews at Mobile-dia.com, this cell phone is "ideal for mobile professionals who desire an integrated device with email, a wireless phone, personal organizer, Bluetooth Technology, speakerphone, Web browsing and support for third-party Java Applications."

Sprint recently announced the availability of Nextel Direct Picture Send on their cell phones. Mobile-dia.com explains how this works: "The picture simultaneously appears on both the user's and recipient's phones during the call - so they can both view and discuss it without changing between voice and data services." This is ideal for many different people, both executives and students. "Direct Send Picture is now available on the recently announced Motorola i870, and will be included on all fu-

ture Nextel phones."

Throughout the next month or so, more and more new technology will be introduced in the cell phone market for the Christmas season. For more information on previous and future cell phone technology, visit Mobile-dia.com to see reviews and upcoming news.

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Ask The Fox!



Dear Fox,

My boyfriend and I are going through a rough patch. We've been in a long distance relationship for over two years now. He just started to make a ton of new friends at his college and he's spending all his time with them. Instead of saving the weekends so we can see each other, he's going to football games, having fun with his friends, and has been too busy for me. I'm jealous not because he's spending time with them but just that they get to spend time with him and I don't. I miss him so much in the month we don't see each other, so when we get the chance to see each other and he wants to be with them, it really hurts me. I don't want to seem selfish but I don't know what to do. I'm afraid to talk to him about it because I don't want him to be mad at me.

~Lost and Lonely

Dear Lost and Lonely,

This is a tricky situation and I'm sorry you have to go through it. Long distance relationships are very hard simply because the time you get to spend with each other is almost sacred, and anything that cuts into that time feels like a problem.

However, with every relationship, whether long distance or not, there needs to be complete communication. So, even though you're afraid to talk to him, you need to. You need to tell him, as nicely and

sweetly as possible, that although you're happy he's making new friends and having a wonderful college life, you miss him and feel like he doesn't want to come see you. Let him know that you're hurting and you need him right now. See how he responds. Chances are, he has gotten wrapped up in making a ton of new friends, and just figured you would understand.

You two have done this long distance thing for a while now, and this is just a bump in the road. Talk to him, and maybe work out a schedule so that he could spend a weekend with his friends, then a weekend with you. That way both of you are happy. Either that or maybe you could go up there and hang out with him and his friends, that way he can show you off and you can feel like you're part of his new social life.

I know it's hard to talk to him because you're afraid he's going to be mad, but just let him know you're not trying to attack him, but rather, you just want to let him know that you're hurt. Be honest and tell him how you feel. He'll understand. All relationships go through rough patches. It's completely normal and nothing to worry about. Just remember, when you get through this, you'll be a stronger couple because of it. Good luck, and be strong, you can do it!

~Daisy Fox

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

Juggling Love and College

by Sophia Koshmer

the sandspur

With the end of the semester approaching too quickly, it is a wonder how the many college couples in existence can keep up. What with finals, major requirements, Spring Registration, work, homework, projects, deadlines and the list goes on, there is often great difficulty as students struggle to get everything done before the term is indeed terminated.

Throughout our college years we will struggle with many of these things and with finding some kind of balance; a college life equilibrium perhaps, that allows us to find the time to be a million places at once is the ultimate goal. However, the impracticality of this leads us to question many things, including; how do you juggle keeping you love alive with the responsibilities and demands of college life.

Sarah Morris, a junior at Rollins says of her relationship with Socrates Perez, a sophomore here as well, that one must set aside time for each other instead of having quick meeting such as grabbing lunch. Socrates added that due to both of their background, studying is priority for them and they have things done when they are supposed to be regardless of the time spent together, most of the time.

But they also add that there are times when they have not been able to spend enough time together, that they will put off a school responsibility to make time for their relationship. When asked what they would recommend for couples on this particular subject they included also that it helps to have classes at different times so that when one is in class, the other is able to do any homework that needs to be done and vice versa so



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CROWNING ACHIEVEMENT: It's happily ever after for this prince and princess at Disney's "Cinderellabration!"

that things are done beforehand.

They added that having a class in common or even just working on homework together without being in the same class helps to get in time for both, especially with how difficult it can get to prioritize at this point in the year.

Sophomore Sarah Mills, a theatre major here at Rollins, said of her relationship of four years with Alan Himes, a student at Full Sail, that "you must prioritize and decide what's more important at the time, your grades, college activities or your relationships and give whichever that many be the majority of your time while still giving each thing efficient time."

However, she mentioned that when this becomes seemingly impossible, you must undoubtedly compromise. "You have to let people down sometimes to get done what you need to, it is important that the person you

are with is understanding and vice versa. You have to be understanding of each other's responsibilities, that way when you need to get things done, you are able to without worrying about causing tension in the relationship."

Proof that such values transcend location, Grant Johnson, a UCF English major said of his six month relationship with his girlfriend, Amber Greenlaw, that again one must have an understanding partner, and be willing to make temporary sacrifices (like sleep) in order to get things done. Procrastination is an obvious difficulty due to relationships but ultimately it is about getting it done even if it is last minute. You must be aware of your deadlines, he added, because with work and school, it can be tricky.

However, when asked how to keep that love alive through all of the prioritizing and sacrifices he says that planning in advance is very important, but if the person you love needs you right away, in emergencies it helps to speak to professors who are understanding in order to get back on track once you have taken care of your partner.

And so, while it is obvious, the difficulty of juggling love and college responsibilities and in some cases, work as well, the keys are prioritizing, sacrifices, understanding and of course ultimately love to get through the difficulty of this four years of life and beyond.



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LOVE IS IN THE AIR: Beloved Disney characters are "feelin' the love" in front of Cinderella's Castle in the Magic Kingdom.

Week 8: Coaching, Sailing and Survivor

While the first week of spring break was incredibly fun, the second week revealed major flaws in the plan of the Urban Backpacker. Unfortunately, in the excitement of planning white-water rafting, quad biking, etc., the rest of my little group's plans of sailing and camping for the following week sounded completely unappealing, and so I never bothered to check on any of the details for this package. That was a big mistake!

Somehow, I ended up agreeing to three overnight greyhound busses, including a thirteen-hour trip, a fourteen-hour trip, and an awe-inspiring, never-to-be-repeated twenty-four hour trip. Now, in my last article, I did mention how I was growing accustomed to using public transportation everyday and, besides that it is a more environmentally conscious means of traveling, I find it more useful for traveling about the city instead of having to deal with the hassle of traffic and parking. However, traveling the entire length of Australia's eastern coast by bus is an entirely different matter.

I vaguely recall the travel agent mentioning something about a coach, and whether we were sure we really wanted to travel such a distance in that way. Unfortunately, I was still gazing at brochures on the wall and planning a lifetime of trips around the world, and so I had tuned her out by this point. Australia's only a little island, I half-recall thinking, it can't be that bad to travel down just one coast? When, later that week, the professor in our physical environment course mentioned Australia is actually the size of the United States, I failed to connect the two. I guess this serves me right for not bothering with travel guides again!

Nevertheless, even though I keep forgetting my own important rule as the Urban Backpacker—actually opening and reading my travel brochures—Ariel and I still managed to find our way down the coast to the picturesque resort town of Airlee Beach. Here, we met up with two other friends, Sara Shaw, '07, and Andrea Williamson, '07, and set off

sailing in the exquisite Whitsunday Islands.

At first, this translated to, "oh no, I have left fun, interesting Cairns, and now I will be

ing goes wrong.

I was wrong. Instead, this fantastic trip ended with a fourteen-hour bus ride to Hervey Bay, another seaside resort town, where we stayed overnight (in real beds for a change!), awaiting to join a tour of Fraser Island the next day. Fraser, a popular filming location, is the world's largest sand island, and was once occupied solely by an Aboriginal tribe who used the abundant crystal-clear lakes for spiritual purposes.

Today, however, the Aboriginal presence remains exclusively on signposts encouraging tourists to behave in the same manner as the island's original inhabitants and leave the island as one finds it. This comes from the strong Aboriginal belief in the concept of Intergenerational Equity, where one ought to leave the earth in a comparably good condition, and it is now extending into a considerable amount of current Australian environmental legislation, for instance, many of the Wilderness Preservation acts. This includes the recent Queensland Wilderness Act, an act providing for the allocation of land to be restored to its pre-European occupation state.

Fraser, on the other hand, is largely untouched aside from a few inland resorts, but all of the beaches are completely undeveloped. Again, though, the Urban Backpacker has failed. All four of us recall signing up for a guided tour of it considering that we are all under twenty-one and, therefore, are unable to receive driving insurance; however, on the morning of

departure, we discovered that we were being placed into some kind of Survivor: Fraser Island style, four-wheel, self-drive safari trip. Here, we had to elect a driver from one of the nine in each car and, unfortunately, only two people could drive a manual, but none had any experience in driving four-wheel-drive. Additionally, the tour we recalled signing up for had all meals provided, but here we were given one hour to organize into "teams" and grocery shop for what we thought we would need for three days in less than half an hour.

Interestingly, our team comprised of five Europeans, three Americans, and me (a weird combination of the two), and I had to play translator for the very different concepts of what camping food entailed. While the Americans planned sandwich combinations of peanut butter, jelly, ham, and hamburgers, the horrified Europeans planned for sausages, cheese, chicken, and plenty of food that was not even available in the country. I, on the other hand, was beginning to think that a three-day juice detoxification sounded like a far better plan than having to compro-

mise, but, two loaded shopping carts later, somehow we did.

Driving on Fraser later this day was...a unique experience. Again, like sailing, this three-day trip seems to blend together in my memory, but not in the pleasant terms of sunbathing and sleeping; instead, words like dingo and "oops!" and the car just wouldn't stop!" sounds a little more reminiscent of this trip. While we had a fantastic time at the natural amusement park of Fraser, including the Champagne Pools, the pure drinking water of Lake McKenzie, the floating rapids of Eli Creek, and sand boarding into Lake Wabby, I do not think that any survivor-style reality television shows are in my near future.

So, when our coach finally pulled into Sydney, and I noticed that the Urban Backpacker actually survived, we noticed how happy we were to be "home." Surprisingly, Sydney has become home much quicker than transitioning from home to Rollins during our first year. Unfortunately, though, there is only about a month left in the semester before we have to return to readjust to our own homes and families.



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WHITEHAVEN BEACH: Tourists and locals spend their time relaxing and enjoying the beauty of this Australian Beach.

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Basketball Community Mourns Jason Collier's Untimely Heart Related Death

■ Hawks players will wear patches on their jersey's to commemorate Collier's death.

by **Juan Bernal**

the sandspur

Jason Collier was a "funny dude" according to Atlanta Hawks forward Al Harrington. Collier was one of those blue-collar guys who worked extremely hard just to be in the NBA. He was also one of the locker room clowns and you couldn't be able to tell him apart from any other NBA journeyman unless he played in your city or on your team. What wasn't so funny were the events that transpired on Saturday Oct. 15.

At around 3 A.M. on Saturday, Jeff Collier, Jason's father, says he received a call from Jason's wife, Katie. Katie said she had called the Atlanta paramedics and that she was performing CPR. In a matter of minutes the paramedics rushed Collier to the hospital, but the precious minutes Collier had left were exhausted.

He died in the ambu-

lance on his way to the hospital. Collier was 28. He was about to enter his sixth season in the NBA, third with the Hawks.

As of Saturday, the autopsy was still incomplete. But Collier's agent, Richard Howell said that there was an "abnormality" found in a preliminary medical exam. Howell said that he did not have any more information other than that, but said that when it is all said and done that a serious problem could have been found.

Hawks General Manager Billy Knight had a different view. He said that Collier passed all of the preliminary physicals that the NBA provides before the NBA season. The autopsy was released on Nov. 1 saying that Collier had a heart rhythm caused by an abnormally large heart.

Katie Collier says that she or Jason had never been informed and that there was no cause for concern. Doctors say that an enlarged heart is very difficult to detect and it's even more difficult considering Collier's 7 foot stature.

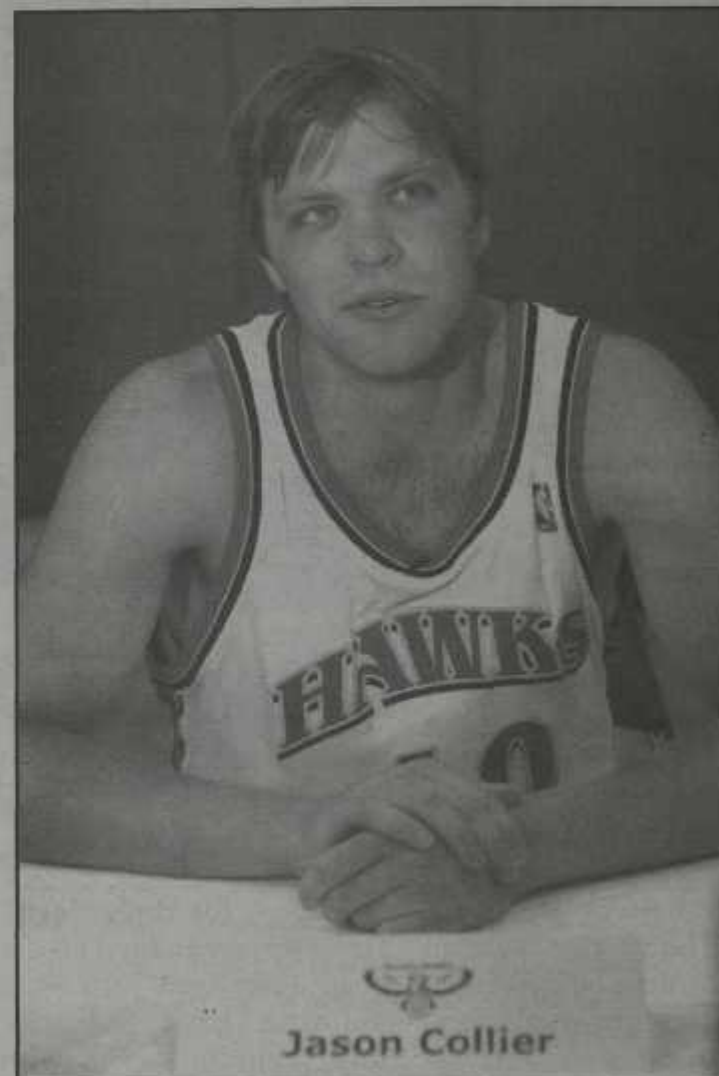
In an era where the health of a professional athlete is watched like a hawk, Collier's death comes as a

shock. Collier did not do anything in the previous 24 hours that warranted such a sudden heart attack. His wife and him went out to eat on Friday night, and then he went home and played with his daughters.

Collier's only medical history that the Hawks might have been concerned about was that he had knee surgery in 2000, while with the Milwaukee Bucks. Collier's death is the third heart-related death among basketball players in the past fifteen years.

Loyola Marymount star Hank Gathers collapsed in the middle of an NCAA tournament in 1990. Boston Celtics star Reggie Lewis died before the 1993 season because of cardiac arrest. Collier is also the second player who has become a victim of a heart ailment.

Recently acquired New York Knicks forward Eddy Curry is suspected to have a heart ailment similar to the one that Lewis had back in the say. Curry was traded from the Chicago Bulls to the Knicks two weeks ago because he hadn't passed a physical and refused to take a DNA Test. Curry missed the last 13 games of last season because of that heart ail-



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REST IN PEACE: Jason Collier is photographed at a media event just weeks before his unexpected death.

ment. Doctors said that it could be potentially severe if not treated appropriately.

Collier's funeral was Wednesday in Atlanta, the town in which Collier had called home. He played his college ball for Georgia Tech. In October 17's pre-

season exhibition against the Charlotte Bobcats, the Hawks wrote "JC" on their shoes and left an empty locker and jersey to dedicate Collier. They will also wear patches on their jerseys throughout the season to dedicate his legacy.

Unlimited Minutes? No, Unlimited Sports Marketing via Cell Phones and PDA's.

by **Sarah Talalay**

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With improvements in technology and ever expanding gadgetry, sports fans can get a lot more than just ring tones, wallpaper and game scores on their cellular telephones these days.

The NFL recently signed a reported five-year, \$600 million partnership with Sprint that allows fans access to NFL Network programming, fantasy statistics and quarterly audio game updates on their Sprint and Nextel phones.

The NBA has formed a marketing partnership with T-Mobile that lets fans vote for All-Stars and MVPs on their phones, and get special programming focusing on rookies — in addition to the league content already available through most cell carriers. And ESPN is launching its own cellular service so

fans can access ESPN content on the go.

Under the NFL-Sprint partnership, for \$5.99 a month fans can keep current on the latest game score or action, access fantasy statistics and alter their teams all on their phones.

"We view this as being an enhancement for fans, who are out and about doing other things or you're a displaced fan," said Dave Mellin, Sprint public relations manager for sports marketing.

Although it's early to tell how many fans will order the service, the NFL expects it to be popular, particularly given the high volume of visitors to NFL.com. According to the league, a record 16 million individuals logged on to the league's Web site in September, compared with 5.4 million in September 2000.

"This is not a substitute for the live game on televi-

sion," said Brian Rolapp, NFL vice president of media strategy. "As the device gets smarter and the networks get more efficient, there's a lot more we can do with content."

Meanwhile, ESPN is establishing its own cellular service provider, Mobile ESPN, which will operate over the Sprint Network. Last week, the service was rolled out in Reno, Nev.; Austin, Texas; San Antonio and Minneapolis, with another limited rollout in December. It is expected to be available nationally in February.

Black phones with the red ESPN logo will allow fans to customize ESPN content to their favorite teams and columnists. The top-of-the-line version is expected to cost \$399, with subscriptions varying depending on the content and minutes supply, said Manish Jha, ESPN Mobile senior vice

president and general manager.

In addition to its new three-year \$100 million sponsorship deal with T-Mobile, the NBA is working on other partnerships for video highlights and other services for cell phones.

Brenda Spoonmore, NBA senior vice president interactive services, said fans will be able to set their phones to alert them of certain action — when a player is about to break a record or each time the Heat is up by four points in the fourth quarter, for example.

"Mobile devices are especially well-suited to the NBA," Spoonmore said. "We have a lot of games, a relatively long season and our fan base is tech savvy. This is better than on-demand content because you don't have to ask for it, it's essentially coming to you on your hip pocket."

SOX STOCK?

The World Series was a ratings bust, and it didn't offer much marketing potential.

"It speaks volumes about this World Series that its most compelling personality isn't a player, it's a manager," Pickett Advertising's Bob Dorfman wrote in his 2005 World Series Sports Marketers Scouting Report. "(White Sox manager Ozzie) Guillen's high energy, irreverence, outrageous mouth and 'Venezuela!' shout-outs have endeared him to fans and the media, and will make him the darling of the post-Series talk show circuit."

Dorfman predicts Hispanic marketers will seek out Guillen, and he suggests: "His big mouth could work stateside selling toothpaste or mouthwash."

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NBA Season Preview and Predictions

by **Juan Bernal**
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The 2005-2006 NBA Season kicks off with many key off-season moves. The biggest move was made by the defending champion San Antonio Spurs who acquired swingman Michael Finley from the Dallas Mavericks and point guard Nick Van Exel from the Portland Trail Blazers.

Both of those moves bolster the Spurs depth. Van Exel and Finley both have significant playoff experience with the Dallas Mavericks, who lost to the Spurs in the 2003 Western Conference Finals.

Another key headline is the return of the ZenMaster-Phil Jackson to the Los Angeles Lakers. Since Jackson's departure, many things have changed for one of the NBA's most prestigious franchises. The departure of Shaquille O'Neal to the Miami Heat prompted numerous amounts of vociferous criticism.

Jackson authored a book called "The Last Season" in which he critiqued Bryant, and called him "an uncoachable player." That seemed to affect Bryant, as he failed to lead the Lakers to a playoff spot for the first time in 11 seasons.

Another coach who's in a new location is Larry Brown. Brown left the Pistons for the New York Knicks after coaching them to consecutive Finals' appearances. Brown, who has never stayed in one place for more than six seasons has always had a knack for pursuing new challenges, has a significant one in rebuilding the Knicks.

Coaching the Pistons is Flip Saunders who was ousted as Minnesota's new coach midway through last season after the Timberwolves

struggled to open the season on a positive note. He also combated with players such as Latrell Sprewell and Sam Cassell. Sprewell has still not been signed, and Cassell has since been traded to the Clippers.

The Miami Heat added former Celtics All Star: the ever controversial Antoine Walker and the flashy Jason "White Chocolate" Williams to complement Dwyane Wade and Shaquille O'Neal. These moves are very questionable because Walker doesn't take advantage of his athleticism and shoots way too many 3 pointers. Williams has added more substance than style to his game over the years, but has not led his team to a playoff series victory in his eight seasons in the league.

The Cleveland Cavaliers made moves that virtually assures superstar LeBron James of a playoff spot. They added Larry "Smooth" Hughes, who had a breakout season with the Washington Wizards last season. They also signed veteran Donyell Marshall and re-signed center Zydrunas Ilgauskas.

My pre-season predictions for the following NBA Season are as follows.

The Pacers will clearly be re-energized with the return of Ron Artest. If Artest adds a little more of an offensive arsenal to his game, he could emerge as a MVP candidate. I firmly believe that the Pacers have enough firepower and defense to hang with the San Antonio Spurs.

The Spurs have proved that they can play with any team in the NBA, but Indiana can play at any pace with Jermaine O'Neal, Artest, Stephen Jackson and Jamaal Tinsley running the show. The Pacers strong young players make up for their lack of depth.

Awards

MVP: LeBron James- Cavaliers

Scoring champion: Gilbert Arenas- Washington

Most Improved: Dwight Howard- Magic

Rookie: Chris Paul- Hornets

6th Man: Earl Boykins- Denver

Coach: Mike Montgomery-Warriors

Defensive Player: Ron Artest- Pacers.

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division (Conference Rank)

1. Nets (3)
2. Sixers (6)
3. Knicks (11)
4. Celtics (12)
5. Raptors (15)

Central Division (Conference Rank)

1. Pacers(1)
2. Pistons(4)
3. Cavaliers (5)
4. Bucks (7)
5. Bulls (9)

Southeast Division (Conference Rank)

1. Heat (2)
2. Magic (8)
3. Wizards (10)
4. Bobcats(13)
5. Hawks(14)

Playoffs

Pacers over Magic
Heat over Bucks
Sixers over Nets
Pistons over Cavs

Heat over Sixers
Pacers over Pistons

Pacers over Heat

Western Conference

Southwest Division (Conference Rank)

1. Spurs (1)
2. Rockets (4)
3. Mavericks (5)
4. Grizzlies (10)
5. Hornets (15)

Northwest Division (Conference Rank)

1. Nuggets (2)
2. Timberwolves(7)
3. Sonics (9)
4. Jazz (11)
5. Blazers (14)

Pacific Division (Conference Rank)

1. Suns (3)
2. Kings (6)
3. Warriors (8)
4. Lakers (12)
5. Clippers (13)

Playoffs

Spurs over Warriors
Nuggets over Timberwolves
Suns over Kings
Rockets over Mavericks

Spurs over Rockets
Nuggets over Suns

Spurs over Nuggets

Finals

Pacers over Spurs

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Men's Golf Hard Work Not Quite Enough

by **Max Remer**

the sandspur

On Oct. 31 Rollins Men's Golf team played their third tournament this season in Ocoee, FL. This tournament, the Rollins College Invitational, was Rollins' only home tournament this semester. Last year Rollins won their home tournament and are looking for a repeat as champions this year.

The boys in blue and gold matched up against 11 other teams including: Lynn University, Columbus State, Florida Southern College, University of Tampa, Brevard CC, Florida Institute of Technology, Eckerd College, Florida Gulf Coast University and UCF.

Rollins field two squads for their home tournament placing fourth and eleventh respectfully. Lynn University ran away with the tourna-

ment winning by 12 strokes over second place Columbus State.

Rollins was lead by senior Dan Walters who posted two very impressive 71's the first day and also contributed a 73 on the final day. These scores put Walters in a three-way tie at (-1) for second place overall at the tournament.

Junior Jeff Golden also scored well with a three round total of 219 placing him in a tie for 11th at (+3) for the entire tournament. Rollins' Tim Acquaviva finished in a four-way tie for 13th place shooting +4 over the two days and three rounds of competition.

Darren Lundgren finished the tournament (+13) in a four-way tie for 37th place. Despite the commendable efforts by all Rollins golfers, Lynn Univer-

sitie's Hoyt McGarity ran away with the tournament. McGarity shot an impressive five under on the first round of competition. He finished off the tournament at six under (210) leading Lynn to a dominating victory.

When asked how he felt the team did, Golden said, "I feel as if the team has not reached its full potential. But we are looking forward to the tournament at Stetson."

Rollins was a single stroke off placing third in the tournament and is still searching for their first win. Rollins' next tournament was played on Nov. 7 and 8 and was the Stetson Invitational in Deland, FL. This is Rollins' last tournament to be played this year and hopefully the boys come out strong.

So far this year Rollins has struggled to find the win

they have been looking for. On Sept. 26 and 27, Rollins tied for third at the Coker Invitational. More recently Rollins placed tied for third again in the Spartan Invitational in Tampa, Florida.

The highlight of this tournament was Jeff Golden leading the Rollins in his first college tournament. Hopefully the men's golf team can muster a win during their next invitational and go into the New Year on a high note.



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WHAT A SWING: Rollins tees off in hopes of getting a win.

Volleyball Dominates in Conference Win

by **Juan Bernal**

the sandspur

The Rollins Tars volleyball team looked to take another step towards the NCAA Division II Regionals as they hosted conference rival Eckerd last Friday night at the Alford Sports Center.

Before the match, seniors Allison North, Whitney Jones, Lindsey Crosby and graduating junior Julia Caner were honored for all of their hard work and dedication to the Rollins volleyball program throughout the years. They were all trying to go out in style and the Tritons stood in their way.

The Tars were looking to avenge an anguishing loss suffered in September at Eckerd. In their first conference game, the Tritons took the Tars out of their game early and the Tars suffered their first conference loss. This time the stakes were higher and the outcome ended up being completely

different.

In the first game the Tars got out to a quick start, leading 11-3. The Tritons never threatened their lead, and the Tars easily took the first set 30-16. In the second set, the Tars continued to make the Tritons look like a middle school team by opening the set 21-13. Eckerd never seriously threatened and the Tars made relatively easy work out of a lethargic and dismal Tritons squad. They took the set 30-22.

The third set was the storybook ending to senior night at Rollins College. The Tars took an 18-7 lead and Eckerd once again failed to make any sort of legitimate comeback as the Tars cruised to a 3 set victory by closing out the set 30-18. Offensively the Tars were led by Julia Caner and Lorena Orlandini who each had 12 kills.

Defensively the Tars were led by Kim Cline who had 16 digs. As a team the

Tars had .295 hitting percentage. The Tars improved their record to 22-9 and for the first time this season have a winning record in conference, with a mark of 6-5.

The Tars' stretch run to Regionals continues this week as they host St. Leo on Nov. 8 and Tampa the following night. They close out the season with a road trip down to Florida's south coast.

On the Nov. 11 they play at Nova Southeastern and close out the regular season on Nov. 13 in Boca Raton as they face the Lynn Fighting Knights.

As the Tars are ever so close to qualifying for Re-



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OVER THE NET: Lorena Orlandini, Lacey Malarky, and Allison North take part in a big play.

gionals for the first time in school history, coach Sindee Snow has these words: "I think our team played the best. This was my biggest game in my five years here at Rollins, and I think our girls

played the best that they could out there."

If they keep playing like they played Eckerd, the Tars will be ever so closer to the NCAA Regionals in less than two weeks.

ROLLINS COLLEGE - CAMPUS CALENDAR

Friday 11/11	Saturday 11/12	Sunday 11/13	Monday 11/14	Tuesday 11/15	Wednesday 11/16	Thursday 11/17
R-Friday CCC All Day	"Pack of Lies" Annie Russel 8pm	"Pack of Lies" Annie Russel 4pm	Pilates Alford Sports Center 5pm	Yoga Alford Sports Center 12:15	Wicked Wednesday Dave's DownUnder 8pm	"Trojan Woman" Fred Stone 8pm
"Pack of Lies" Annie Russel 8pm	Rowing FIRA Fall Classic Lake Melbourne All Day	Volleyball @ Lynn Lynn University 12pm	Yoga Alford Sports Center 12:15	Muscle Toning Alford Sports Center 5:15	Strength Training Alford Sports Center 5:15	Abs & Core Alford Sports Center 5:15

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