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Rollins Celebrates America Recycles Day

The Recycling Program, co-sponsored by Eco-Rollins, sponsored an event Tuesday afternoon where they gave away free bottles of water with recycling information, held raffles for prizes, and encouraged students to sign a petition for more recycled trash containers on campus.

Rollins Gears Up to Host Literary Arts Festival

For the 66th year, Rollins will present its visiting authors series. Winter With the Writers, A Festival of the Literary Arts will be held every Thursday during the month of February 2006 with master classes at 4 p.m. and readings, on-stage interviews and signings at 8 p.m.

"Step It Up" For a Good Cause

On Sunday, November 13 at 7 p.m., students from Rollins College and UCF were accompanied by several community organizations to present a team exhibition step show. Money and donations raised at the event will benefit the Winter Park Teen Leadership Council.

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Building a Better Life for Youth, Five Stones At a Time

■ Mills Lawn hosts charitable tournament for impoverished Dominican kids.

by Kelsey Field

the sandspur

On Thursday, November 10, Mills lawn was set up for a spectacular volleyball event, where groups from all over campus, and even a few from local schools, showed up to duke it out on the courts. The tournament was sponsored by Five Stones; a group on campus which helps alleviate poverty and creates a sustainable economy in the Dominican Republic, specifically in the area of Cruz Verde. Tessie Swope, president and founder of Five Stones, created Five Stones when she was 17, following an encounter with a child in the village she was staying at where he showed her the five stones he had with the intention of building his mother a house. Since then, the project has raised over \$55,000 through events such as the volleyball tournament to build vocational centers, a house and build a scholarship program in Cruz Verde.

The volleyball game began with important speakers, such as the mayor of Winter Park, who proclaimed November 10th, 2005, the official Winter Park Five Stones Project Day, and awarded Tessie with a certificate. Following the mayor was the esteemed Jose Rafael Perez Modesto, the Sub Secretary of State from the Dominican Republic, who spoke of how important projects such as Five Stones are in creating a better world for everyone. Throughout the tournament, 34 teams competed to be the winners, while on-lookers enjoyed hotdogs, chicken patties and the like, grilled up by some Five Stones volunteers.

The event had a great turnout, as members of the Greek system, the teaching staff, administration and students all battled to be named



A GOOD CAUSE REWARDED: Theresa Swopes is commended for her work with the Five Stones Project (top) Students play volleyball and enjoy the night for a good cause (bottom).

KELSEY FIELD / The Sandspur

number one in the tournament, and to be awarded with medals to say congratulations. Even President Duncan threw on his best volleyball playing clothes and came out to support Five Stones. There were also a few teams from both UCF and Valencia, to the surprise of the Five Stones volunteers, who had not publicized the event to the greater Winter Park community. As the reigning TKE champions duked it out against the teams, raffle tickets for some great donated prizes were sold and donations were made, all while music drift-

ed in the background.

Despite the darkness that descended half way through the tournament, it raged on until TKE had won, beating the other 33 teams which had come out to show support their support for the Five Stones Project. The night ended with some awesome pizza and then the Caribbean party, where the raffle prizes were announced while people chowed on chocolate cake and Venezuelan food. Prizes included 4-12 oz steaks delivered to your door, dinner for 2 at Planet Hollywood, a gift certificate to Mellow

Mushroom, and other donations from the Winter Park Community. All donations that were received during the tournament will go towards this year's trip to the Dominican, when the Vocational center will be finished to the Cruz Verde community. The tournament ended on a happy note, as Five Stones races to meet it's goal of \$18,000 by the end of November, which is well on its to being reached as the Paul Newman Foundation had made a generous donation earlier in the week, which will go towards poverty alleviation in Cruz Verde.

Señor Perez Modesto Speaks on the Central American Free Trade Agreement

■ Government representative from the Dominican Republic, discusses CAFTA.

by Kelsey Field

the sandspur

Last week, Rollins College was honored with the presence of an extremely important government representative from the Dominican Republic, Señor Jose Rafael Modesto Perez.

Sponsored by the Anthropology Department, Señor Modesto came on behalf of the Five Stones Project, and on Thursday, November 10, he spoke to students about the relations between the Dominican and United States, emphasizing on the Central American Free Trade Agreement, otherwise known as CAFTA.

Translated by Rollins own Pedro Pequeno, the Sub Secretary of State described recent economic activity in the Dominican Republic, which is growing at a steady rate following a slump in 2000.

Although CAFTA for the Dominican is not in effect as of yet, Señor Modesto explained why

the trade agreement is so vital for the continual growth of the Dominican Republic.

The Dominican Republic has a crucial geographic location for trade, as it is in a time zone convenient for both Europe and the United States. Although the Dominican is a small nation, it is the 5th trading partner for the United States, and free trade between the two nations would allow for greater economic options for both.

As the Dominican economy continues its strong growth trend, (in 2002 the Dominican saw a growth of 3.9 percent, which is five times greater than the average rate of growth for Latin America) trade relations between the US and Dominican will become stronger.

As there are over 1 million Dominicans living in the United States, Señor Modesto dictated the importance of Dominican trade reaching those people, and capitalizing on nostalgic productions for that specific population of people, which undoubtedly would spread to other groups of people once they discovered how great Dominican products, such

as the sweets and beer, are.

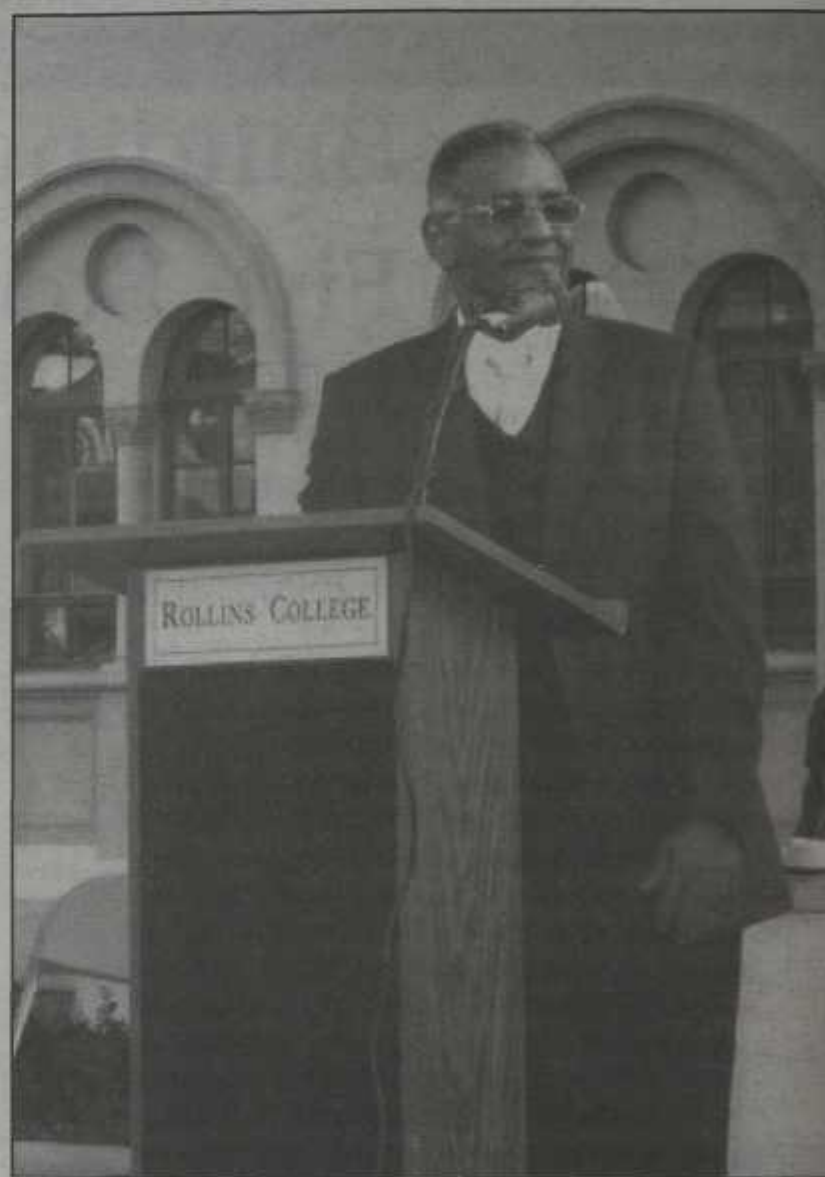
According to the CAFTA-DR website, a free trade agreement with the Dominican would not simply benefit the Dominican and the United States, but also the other countries already involved in CAFTA, which includes Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua.

Even Haiti, which has not yet been entered into the CAFTA agreement, would benefit as they are a major trade partner with the Dominican Republic.

The agreement would provide opportunities for US manufacturers and workers, as 80% of US exports would become duty free in the involved countries, and the other tariffs would be phased out over a ten year period.

Other aspects to the trade agreement include training on the USA Bio-Terrorism Law, seminars on technical barriers to trade and workshops on product rules of origin.

The Dominican Republic government has high hopes that the United States will be a stepping stone to greater trade capacity, and hope to open up markets in Europe and



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THE IMPORTANCE OF CAFTA: Señor Modesto speaks to the Rollins community on behalf of the Five Stones Project.

Asia as well.

Señor Modesto was optimistic about the great things that would come to the Dominican Republic with the CAFTA-Dominican Republic agreement, especially an alleviation of poverty in the Dominican Republic.

Although the economic growth has resulted in a GDP per capita of \$2200 annually, up from \$2900 a

few years ago, there is still rampant poverty that cripples potential. Many agree that the Dominican entrance to CAFTA would promote Dominican jobs who might otherwise immigrate illegally to the United States, would bolster political stability in the Dominican Republic and help create security between the North and South hemisphere.

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Police Arrest 17 in Australian Terror Plot

■ 17 People arrested on charges of planning a terrorist attack in Australia.

by **Rochelle Siegel**
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On November 8, Australian police arrested seventeen people, including a radical Muslim cleric, on charges of planning a terrorist attack and committing to "violent jihad in Australia" after raids in which one man was shot.

The police were on watch at possible targets such as the Sydney Opera House, the harbour bridge, oil refineries and the stock exchange. The arrested group did not have a specific target in mind but they were trying to buy chemicals similar to those used in the London bombings in July.

At the time of the arrests, police seized chemicals, firearms, computers, backpacks and travel documents. Bomb-making instruction videos were found in Arabic. The videos were titled "Sheikh Osama's Training Course" and "Are You Ready to Die?"

Documents stated that six of the men had gone on "hunting and camping trips," which police described as jihad training camps in the Australian outback in early 2005.

In the documents Benbrika, a jihad terrorist, said, "If we want to die for jihad, we have to have a maximum damage. Maximum damage. Damage their buildings, everything. Damage their lives." Four Australian are awaiting trial in Sydney and Melbourne on terrorism charges, linked to supporting and training with banned groups such as al Qaeda.

Australia, who is an ally to the US with troops in Iraq and Afghanistan, has never suffered a major attack on its home soil. The country has been on a medium security alert since shortly after the September 11 attacks on the United States.

The Australia Security Intelligence Organization (ASIO), said that this has been the first time that Aus-

tralia has had home-grown extremists, some of whom trained overseas.

The Melbourne court was told that the men had engaged in military-like training in rural Australia and that one man had expressed a desire to become a "martyr" in Australia. Prosecutor Richard Maidment told the court that the men were committed to the "violent jihad in Australia" and one had talked about becoming a suicide bomber. "There have been discussions about bomb making," he told the court.

The court was also told that the men had stolen cars to raise funds to buy firearms and chemicals. The Sydney group had tried to buy chemicals used in the London transport bombings and the Melbourne group had ordered chemical handling equipment.

Prime Minister John Howard has stated that Australia received intelligence about a "terrorist threat" and revised anti-terror laws making it easier for police to arrest suspects. Police did feel that the revision of laws helped in the counter-terrorism operation.

Australia is still pushing ahead with tough new anti-terrorism laws. Those not in favor of the new anti-terrorism laws believe that the police were able to disrupt a plot for a "catastrophic" attack. Those in favor of the new anti-terrorism laws believe that the police broke up a plot for a "catastrophic" attack, which proves the country's laws adequate.

Australia's Prime Ministers fight to strengthen the anti-terrorism laws seems to mirror those of Prime Minister Tony Blair. The anti-terrorism laws in London allow police to detain suspects for seven days without charge and they can use tracking devices on suspects to keep track of their location.

Several new telephone threats have occurred in the wake of the recent terror attacks. Some trains and buses had to be stopped once the threats were called in. Right now Australia is being over-cautious because they are not sure what a hoax is and what is real.

France Struggles to Restore Civil Order as Riots Continue

■ The French government deals with its colonial legacy as riots continue.

by **Erika Batey**
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After almost three weeks of rioting in Paris suburbs and other cities throughout France, the country is struggling to restore civil order and deal with greater long-term issues that lie at the heart of the unrest.

The riots that have swept the country into alarm began on October 27 in the north-eastern Parisian suburb Clichy-sous-Bois, when two French youths, one of Arab descent and the other of African descent, were electrocuted in an electricity substation while running and hiding from the police. Their death sparked off riots, arson attacks, and car burnings in cities and suburbs throughout the country, mostly in low-income housing projects with first and second-generation immigrant populations.

As violence increased throughout the week, the government declared a state of emergency, allowing authorities to impose additional security measures, including curfews. Last week, Lyon, France's third largest city, imposed a weekend curfew that barred youths under 18 from being outside without adult supervision from 10 p.m. until 6 a.m. Other smaller towns and suburbs imposed similar

measures.

Although the riots have mostly been confined to the suburbs, police remained vigilant in Paris after intercepting plans for rioting in the center of the city. Certain public gatherings were also prohibited.

The unrest has forced France to confront its long-term problem of integrating minorities and the anger that has been increasingly growing among its large African and Arab communities. The problems lie primarily in France's colonial history that lasted halfway into the 20th century. Residents of former French colonies and territories, such as Algeria, were considered born French and given French citizenship. Many of these new citizens moved to France during and following the colonial period. Integrating these new citizens into France's traditional society and culture has been a difficult process, and the government has often been criticized for its failure to achieve this. As a result, millions of French citizens, both immigrants and their children, have felt rejected by traditional French society.

French government leaders have admitted failings, but insist that they are working to bring equality to all citizens. President Jacques Chirac spoke at the Élysée Palace on Thursday that the government "hasn't been fast enough" in addressing the problems of discrimination, but that, "no matter what our origins, we are all children of the Repub-

lic."

Yazid Sabeg, a French citizen who was born in Algeria when it was French territory, moved to France as a baby and later earned a Ph.D. at the Sorbonne in Paris. He says that, "France always talks about avoiding ghettoization, but it has already happened." Many first and second generation immigrants have been separated in the housing projects, in their schools and in their heads, he added. "France doesn't know how to manage diversity," he said. "It doesn't want to accept the consequences of a multiethnic society."

Economic issues have also played an increasingly important role in the past decade. Although France's national unemployment rate is about 10 percent, in areas hit by rioting the level is as high as 40 percent. An official French study has also found that youths with Arab-sounding names have their job applications rejected up to five times as often as those with traditional French names.

Many are beginning to fear that this legacy of discrimination could provide the right conditions for the second-generation youth who feel neither French nor North African to seek an identity in anti-Western, political Islam.

So far, over 2,500 people have been detained since the start of the unrest. In addition, nearly 460 minors have gone before juvenile courts, according to the Justice Ministry.



ARGENTEUIL, FRANCE: Vehicles are torched in a parking lot west of Paris, as mass disorder sweeps the country.

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Rollins Celebrates Its Annual Greek Week

■ A variety of games and contests celebrate Greek life at Rollins.

by **Brittany Lee**

the sandspur

This year's annual Greek Week celebration ran from Monday, November 7 to Friday, November 11. As always, this year's Greek Week was packed full of fun events aimed at encouraging involvement in the Greek system. This long standing tradition provides sororities and fraternities on campus a chance to compete in a variety of games and contests that increase morale for the upcoming rush events. Additionally, Greek Week provides non-Greeks and potential new members an opportunity to see what Greek life is all about.

The week began with the Banner Contest. This event was held in Dave's Down Under starting at 8 p.m. Students crowded into Dave's well before the event began to receive free t-shirts and support the cheering frat and sorority members. For this contest, paired fraternities and sororities combined their artistic talents to create flashy, vibrant banners. All of the groups created colorful masterpieces, but the judges declared Tau Kappa Epsilon and Chi Omega the ultimate winners. This was the second year in a row for Chi O to be the banner contest winners.

For the second night of Greek Week, fraternities and sororities were again paired

to compete this time at trivia. The grueling trivia contest began at 8 p.m. in Dave's Down Under. For this event, each of the fraternity and sorority pairs selected one male and one female to compete. The contest was essentially Jeopardy, but Rollins style, with questions testing the participants' knowledge of the Greek system and each Greek house on campus. Questions ranged from comical movie quote material to more challenging ones concerning the number of Greeks at Rollins. The audience cheered as the teams puzzled over the hour marathon of questions, and ultimately it was Phi Delta Theta and Kappa Delta who took the trivia prize.

The week continued with the Greek Games. On the soccer field Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., the Greeks gathered to compete in a variety of contests that tested physical endurance and wits. The games consisted of a variety of obstacle courses and races. The teams were loudly cheered on by onlookers as they completed the arduous events. Tau Kappa Epsilon and Kappa Delta took the prize for this difficult day of competition.

On Thursday, Grand Poker Night was held in the Cornell Campus Center. Registration for the tournament took place from 7:30 to 8:15 p.m. and the 10 dollar donation was requested. All proceeds from the charity poker tournament went to St. Jude's Children's Hospital. This event tested the cunning and game playing ability of each competing

member. Phi Delta Theta fraternity were the winners of the night, and the charity received a large donation thanks to all who participated in the event.

On the final day of Greek Week, the fraternity and sororities were paired once again to compete in the highly anticipated Boat Race. The race began on the lake, behind the Cornell Campus Center near the gazebo. For this event, teams are required to build their own boats and race them around the lake. The unique event draws many curious onlookers, and its always exciting to see what creative floating masterpieces are constructed. The proud winners of this event were Tau Kappa Epsilon and Kappa Kappa Gamma.

At the completion of the boat race, at approximately 6 p.m., food was served and a band provided entertainment for the distributing of the Greek Awards. As Greek members gathered after an intense but undoubtedly fun week of competition, it was announced that the overall winners for the week were Phi Delta Theta and Kappa Delta. The week was exciting, fun, and successful in getting the entire student body psyched for the upcoming rush. Each fraternal organization put in a lot of effort and energy to the week's competitions, and were well rewarded for their contributions. Congratulations to all the Greek Week winners and thank you to all who came out to support Rollins' Greek life organizations.



LET THE RACES BEGIN! The boat race, which took place on the last day of Greek Week, was an intense competition testing the contestant's creativity and boat making skills.

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Southern Illinois University Sued Over Reverse Discrimination

by **Jodi S. Cohen**

chicago tribune

The U.S. Justice Department has threatened to file a lawsuit next week against Southern Illinois University unless the college opens up three paid fellowship programs once reserved exclusively for minority and female students.

The government says it will file the lawsuit because the fellowships discriminate against "whites, non-preferred minorities and males," according to a letter dated Nov. 4. Federal officials say the graduate student programs, which include monetary stipends, violate Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, which bars employment discrimination.

In its reply, the university has asked for more time to "consider appropriate modifications" and to provide the Justice Department with information about the programs, a spokeswoman for Carbondale-based SIU said.

"We have no reason to believe that these programs are discriminatory," said SIU spokeswoman Sue Davis. "They have successfully expanded the depth and breadth of diversity in many professions and many disciplines for people serving Illinois citizens."

The threatened lawsuit comes more than two years after the U.S. Supreme Court said universities can consider race in college admissions decisions but only among other factors and that each applicant must be evaluated individually.

If the government does file suit, it would be the first to legally challenge race-specific outreach programs at colleges and universities, said Sheldon Steinbach, general

counsel for the American Council on Education, a Washington, D.C.-based organization representing 1,800 college and university administrators.

Though the Supreme Court decision was widely regarded as a win for universities that wanted to keep affirmative action policies, since then, schools throughout the country have opened up minority scholarships, fellowships, academic support programs and summer enrichment classes to students of any race.

College officials, fearing lawsuits, have generally interpreted the court ruling to mean that they can no longer offer race-exclusive programs designed specifically to help minority students, Steinbach said.

A Northwestern University summer program, for example, was opened to all students last summer. At the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, a program for minority engineering students that provided internships, scholarships and tutoring was renamed and broadened to include non-minority students.

Universities, however, have been reluctant to change fellowships and other programs tied to financial aid that could make a difference in where a student chooses to attend.

"Are there schools out there who are still retaining race-specific scholarships? There probably are. But the mainstream of schools have amended their programs to make them race-neutral," Steinbach said.

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Republican Ideologues Straying from Their Conservative Ideology

■ Republicans defend liberal principles and become counter-productive idiots.

by John Ferreira

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It dawned on me in class a couple of weeks ago when one my colleagues and friends pronounced the word ideology: "Id-e-ology." It caught my attention because it sounded an awful lot like the word "idiot." It is an acceptable pronunciation of the word, I am not being picky or facetious to my colleague it just caught my attention. Ideologues become blind to other side of an argument, which handicaps them considerably. They become idiots when they are unwilling to see the truth as it unfolding before their own eyes, by still defending a cause that is obviously bank-

rupt.

That is what is occurring today within the Republican party. This administration is no longer a conservative one, and its cohorts are defending ideals which make it sound like an activist liberal one. The War in Iraq is an enterprise that is ideologically founded on what consists of a fundamental misunderstanding of what conservatism is. Nation-building is not a conservative venture. Remaking the Middle East in our own image is not a conservative undertaking. Assuming that our liberal democratic values can be easily transplanted by a violent social upheaval under the coercive power of the state, is not a conservative pursuit.

The moment of realization came to me when I had a long and loud article when a very Republican member of the Rollins College Republicans. He related to me that America's belligerent in-

volvement in the world today is necessary because of two reasons. Firstly, America needs to "raise the level" of third world nations with higher education and health-care. Secondly, America needs to combat the root causes of terrorism, poverty, which is causing a "class struggle" around the globe.

This proud Republican is obviously using liberal language to justify our bizarre foreign policy, which shoves democracy down the throats of the Middle East. His first argument smacks of racial and cultural insensitivity and assumes an American superiority which is not a fundamentally conservative notion. Conservatives limits the power of the state because it recognizes that virtue and knowledge are limited things in our world. It seems nonsensical to believe in limiting our government's power domestically while giving it a blank check

to do what it wills around the globe. Conservatives do not believe that a class struggle is going on, that insensate idea is left to Marxists and their apologists in the Democratic Party.

What was particularly insightful about my discussion with this Republican was that at the end of it all I was called a "liberal whack job who could not be reasoned with," even though I was arguing a conservative position. It shows how far the Republican party has fallen from its principals. The party now acts like an entrenched majority that is seeking to maintain power, even at the expense of our principles. Neocons, who work under liberal cognitive ideals, have seduced the party with ideas that are not conservative. Which makes them ideologues and not principled defenders of an ideal, which makes them idiots.

French Africans Tired of Police

■ Non-acceptance and racism dominate French society instead of multicultural tolerance.

by Jean Bernard Chery

the sandspur

Although my ancestors had to fight the French in order for me to be a free man today, and though the French deprived my little island of most of its nature resources, if that wasn't bad enough they made it paid a heavy indemnity for the recognition of its well-fought and deserved independence, I never had and will never have any hatred against the French. For one, it was the act of those who are no longer alive today, not the new generation, and it was the way that all countries with advanced civilization and culture preyed on the less fortunate as it was the case in Haiti and the African continent. In addition, I understand that hatred is not beneficial to our society. Hatred and racism are products of ignorance.

With my French background, I feel ashamed that I did not know of all the humil-

iation, hatred, discrimination, and racism that some the French population and its government have been directed to immigrants of African descent in France.

I must confess that I learned about this overt racism in France this past week while reading *We Won't Budge: An African Exile in the World*, a book written by the Malian native and NYU professor, Manthia Diawara. Coincidentally, the youth riots exploded on the streets of Paris at the same time.

My dear friend and classmate, Monica Sawdaye, bought me the book the week before in her attempt to reboot my confident after a poor LSAT performance.

On the first blank page of the book, she wrote, "October 25, 2005, Jean Bernard, [w]hen you are gone from this life, you can give up on your dreams. Peace & safe journey. Monica Sawdaye." Between the wrap and the string that concealed the book was a white piece of paper with the following words, "L'avocat du monde," French for the world lawyer.

Really, the book accomplished its intended objective, boosting my spirit, but one

thing that Monica did not know is that the book was going to prepare me for what was going to happen on the streets of France. I knew that racism was everywhere, but I did not know that it was that blatant and frequent in France, the country that once stands for, as Diawara says, "human rights and common humanity of all people."

When I started to go through some of the treatments that African immigrants are receiving from French Police, I hark back to the old saying that French people do not mean what they say nor say what they mean. I asked myself, how come the country that established the principles of universal human rights, abolished slavery, and where African Americans used to go to escape racism, is so inconsiderate to its principles.

The French have been living in a state of denial, and what makes it worst is that the French intellectuals are the major instigator of this state of denial. They believe that there is no racism in France. It is sad that it had to take the lives of two immigrant youths and destruction of such scale for the French government to

wake up and clean up its mess. I tried to put myself in the shoes of these black kids whose being harassed in a regular basis by the French police, but I cannot imagine their ordeal.

While reading the book, I tried to think of my cousins, nieces, and nephews who were born here; if they were to stop by the police; identified themselves as American, but the police took their documents, threw them on the ground, and called them names. Then I remember that I could file a complaint against the officer or perhaps the station for discrimination, but in France it is a whole different ball game. French law does not provide for a multiracial society, thus there is no groups like NAACP to fight for the rights of disenfranchise African and Muslim minorities in France.

Finally I see why the world is so suspicious of the French. It is true that one never knows where the French stand. They tell the world that they reject racism by creating *La Société des Amis des Noirs* while they segregate African and Muslim immigrants and treat them as second class citizen.

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Artists Ruining USA

■ Hypocritical artists complain about the ills of capitalism but don't using it.

by **Brett Heiney**

staff reporter

Down with the establishment! The nefarious "They" are ruining American society! Many, especially artists, within our great yet flawed society espouse these and other similar ideas. Why do artists feel so antiestablishment concerning the United States? Some observe valid social ills and as for the others, I doubt I will ever understand them. Often times I am so infuriated by the socially harmful complaints that I have to leave my TV, radio, magazine, or newspaper.

For instance, we have so called Punk bands getting wealthy off their music while they sing about how our capitalist system and its proponents are ruining our fine culture. I concede that our capitalist system has a problem with socioeconomic equality, but hypocrites cannot make it better. These "Punk" bands are exploiting our capitalist system gaining personal wealth while they tell our nation it is wrong for exploiting our free market worsening our socioeconomic inequity. If they want to tell us that we are wrong for being money grubbing capitalist pig-dogs then they should not be attaining that ultimate tax bracket of multi millionaire.

Some I know argue that the money they make is simply a byproduct of being part of a label and putting out music. After all, "Punk" bands do not tell people to

buy their music and they do not tell their labels to ask for money from the band's fans. If I have to explain the absolute ridiculous nature of that argument then this article is not for you. All bands know that when you sign to a label then you are going to make money; when you put out music that you know winds up in stores that you are going to make money. To achieve a wide fan base then it helps to sign to a large record label, but it is also an inherent part of those large record labels that they care more about the money they are making than the message of their acts.

If a "Punk" band wanted to remain credible to its anti-establishment message then it should remain with an underground label that supplies its music to those who truly live the message. To remain credible these bands should only make enough money to keep making their music and maybe enough for subsistence. If they needed to, they could have a day job to pay the bills.

Not to focus solely on "Punk" bands, another group that gets to me are those so-called activist thespians who believe they are doing America a good by making all their public statements political in nature. When an actor or actress is receiving an award for one of their great roles, they should thank all the little people, their family, and even their God. What they should not do is molest and degrade the honor conferred to them by the award by turning their acceptance speech into a political speech. The issue is context. They are at the awards ceremony as an actor or actress; the ceremony is only about

all that acting and making movies and/or TV shows entails. The ceremonies are not political events, and these actor activists need to learn when it is appropriate to speak out about their political views.

Another question that I have when thinking about these politically outspoken actors is; what qualifications do they have to be political commentators. Sure people are entitled to their opinions and have the constitutionally protected freedom of speech, but the reason political commentators are around and paid for their thoughts is because of the very fact that they are qualified. So many actors are so far removed from reality living in their dream world that I would not even want their advice about what color socks to wear. They exploit their fame to become the ultimate champions of a better American society, when their children grow up not knowing what a department store or cubic zirconium is.

I suppose what I'm trying to say, is that I do not want my political criticisms coming from hypocrites and people who know not what they say. Bands and actors could be qualified to make political statements and have the right to believe what they wish, but I do not want to be forced to listen to it when I want to see music or awards shows. I believe that these people should devote actual time to the political, social, and economic problems of which they speak if they want to be considered credible activists. They should not make off-hand comments at inappropriate times when they are not even qualified to comment on such subjects.

"RIGHT" ANSWER



by **Jami Furo**

political columnist

FRENCH FRIES

France is burning, and Jacques Chirac is pulling up a camping chair to roast marshmallows in the fire.

This is one of those situations where I have to blame everyone. Both parties involved are faulty in this one.

Cities around the country (Paris most prominently and most severely) have been ablaze for the past three weeks. Young immigrants and young poor and unemployed individuals have become fed up with the conditions of racism and poverty in their country.

So what do they do? They burn it to the ground. That will fix it.

I know that when they describe the perpetrators, they call them the French "youth," but I know those reports are not talking about five- and six-year-olds because they would not be capable of torching hundreds of cars per night. And yet this mentality is pure juvenile.

"Mommy, I want a new toy!"

"Johnny, you can't have one."

Tantrum ensues.

This kind of widespread violence is unproductive, and no reasonable person would take part in it. These people are desperate and hungry—I know that. But I cannot empathize with street rioting. I cannot sympathize with acts where innocent people are getting hurt because of sociopolitical turmoil.

But the French government is far from being blameless. They declared a state of emergency that they have now extended to three months. Nothing says "I can't control my tiny little country" like a three-month state of emergency for civil unrest.

And as Chirac and his government buddies sit high and mighty in their fortress, national police spokesman Patrick Hamon has declared, "The lull is confirmed."

"Lull"? He says this because the number of cars

torched per night has dropped to around 200, as opposed to the 1,400 that were set on fire in a single night last week.

That is one way to measure success, but here is another: no cars being burned. No arson. No mass riots.

I feel that the French government is too easily pleased with their progress in this case. And why shouldn't they be? They are not living in the poor districts where this civil unrest is taking place. They do not need to look out their door and see it night after night. If it comes on the television, they can turn it off or change the channel. They do not need to watch their nation suffer if they do not want to.

And what about the bigger problem? Sure these rioters are going about this issue completely the wrong way, and Chirac and the rest of the Cabinet should absolutely not negotiate with this kind of violence.

However, has this not caused the government to think that maybe there is a serious problem with racism and unemployment in France? Maybe while they are declaring states of emergency and extending them for three months as their nation burns and their people fight amongst themselves, maybe they should be evaluating these issues. Maybe as they sit quietly in their wealthy homes, they should start formulating new plans where they can alleviate racism and unemployment.

There is no easy solution when both parties are at fault. France, which has been a strong civilization for a fairly long period of time has now resorted to a barbaric sort of chaos. The people are violent, and their leader is complacent.

As France smolders on, the whole world watches and shakes their heads.

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Islam: Peaceful Religion

■ Islam is not a dark and violent faith but one of light and peace.

by **Mehdi Taifi**

contributing writer

What is Islam? Who are the Muslims? What is going on in the world today? Why is there constant conflict in the Middle East? There are so many questions and concerns that people have today. To many people Islam seems to be something foreign. But Islam should not be something dark and obscure; it is something beautiful, clear and simple.

Like Christianity and Judaism, it is a monotheistic religion that says Believe in one God and holds many similarities. It is an extension of Judaism and Christianity, and Muslims, Christians, and Jews are all considered spiritual sons and daughters of Prophet Abraham.

So why do some people associate Islam with terrorism, when in Arabic the word Islam itself simply means submission, obedience, surrender, purity, and peace? And why do some people think that this is a religion of hate, when the basis of Islam is love; Love Allah (the one God), and love the prophet Muhammad (Pbuh)?

In addition, one of the most important aspects of Islam is for a Muslim to love his/her neighbor as oneself. In our religion we should not go to bed at night with a full stomach, if we know that our neighbor is going to bed with his an empty.

There is no doubt about it that Islam is all about peace. In Islam killing one innocent soul is like destroying humanity, and saving one soul is like saving all of humanity. Muslims consider Jews and Christians as the people of the book, that is, Muslims believe Jews and Christians were also given the word of God in their holy books.

Looking into history, we will see that for many

centuries Christians and Jews lived peacefully under the Muslims' rule with their full rights respected and well treated. There are many similarities within the three religions that many people do not know about. For example, many Christians don't know that Muslims believe in the miracle birth of Jesus as well, and recognize that he is the messiah, and also believe that he is going to come back.

These facts are all mentioned in the holy Koran. But Muslims do not believe that Jesus is God nor Son of God, but believe that he is a prophet, and that the one, unique God has no partners, and no sons.

The Koran says that the differences between people should be a reason for them to seek to know one another better, but not to kill each other. It is a shame that today Islam is seen as a religion of hate, and violence, and that it was spread by the sword. Prejudices and misunderstandings about Muslims and Islam are persistent problems.

We cannot hold a whole religion responsible for the actions of a few. Islam is the second largest religion in the World after Christianity. More than seven million Muslims live in the United States. So, we cannot say that all Muslims are terrorists, just like we cannot say that all priests are child molester. We should stop making those generalizations.

Muslims all over the world condemn the acts of those few radicals that kill innocent people. This is not what the great religion of Islam teaches. A few radicals hijacked the microphone of the media, and told the rest of the world to go away, whereas the rest of the Muslims want to take the microphone back, and tell people about the peaceful nature of their religion, and open their doors to the world. So, it is everyone's duty to listen to those millions of peaceful Muslims and to understand the nature of Islam.

THE OFFICIOUS OMBUDSMAN



by **Issac Stolzenbach**

political columnist

HAPPY VETERANS DAY FROM THE GOVERNMENT

In celebration of this year's Veteran's Day, a day to thank those who served their country, our "Support Our Troops" government axed a 55-year tradition and refused to allow veteran affairs organizations to testify about veteran needs before a joint committee of the House and Senate.

The handpicked replacement by recently indicted Rep. Tom DeLay (R-TX), House Veterans' Affairs Committee Chairman Steve Buyer (R-IN) is a flaccid replacement for Rep. Chris Smith (R-NJ). Rep. Smith relentlessly fought for veteran benefits regardless of his party's stance.

Buyer, a Republican who has made it a mission to cut veteran healthcare benefits, made the following motion just days before Veteran's Day, "veterans service organizations will no longer have the opportunity to present testimony before a joint hearing of the House and Senate Veterans' Affairs Committees."

Essentially removed from the democratic process, the National Commander for Disabled American Veterans, Paul W. Jackson, released the following statement:

"The right to fully participate in the democratic process is a cornerstone of our nation. Eliminating these joint hearings is an insult to the men and women who have fought, sacrificed and died to protect our Constitutional rights, including the right to petition the government."

Why would Buyers and the Republican Party do such a thing? Because they didn't want the American people to hear about how Veterans Affairs was budgeted to care for 24,000 troops this year—a far cry from the 100,000+ who requested assistance—and how disabled vets have to wait months to get in for routine medical care.

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praved . . .

Buyer announced he would now hold hearings on the VA budget in February instead of March. The hearings would be before the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs (HCVA) only, not the traditional House and Senate joint committee. Buyer, in typical Republican form of spraying cologne on a turd, said this was to "ensure that veterans have greater input in the [VA's budget] process."

For over five decades, various American Veterans' group had a joint session between HCVA and the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs (SCVA). With SCVA eliminated from the process, the Vet reps have no access to the people who actually grant the funds, and no chance of closing the gap on the widening healthcare deficit in the Department of Veteran's Affairs.

Moving the meeting date up prevents VA officials from comparing budget numbers released by the White House (how much money they're going to get from the government for veterans) to how much the officials plan to spread funds around the departments that need it most. Moving the date up prevents Vets from making informed decisions and prevents them from bartering to fund much needed programs; they would have to develop budget priorities right when the numbers are released

from the White House.

Then our nefarious government, to get this little blurb about fisting our veterans out of the headlines, Senator Richard Burr (R-NC) introduced this "great" new bill allocating \$25 million to help with our country's homeless veterans situation. Wow, \$25 million, whoopie. That means a *whole dollar* for each and every veteran currently under care; Big Oil gets more from our government in subsidies.

All this makes me sick to my stomach—seeing our veterans come home after fighting our politicians' war—to cold shoulders and turned backs. Someone needs to take these people for a vacation in a dark alleyway, shove bits of glass under their fingernails, allow some purple-hat wearing beefcake infected with syphilis, herpes, HIV, and gonorrhea to have his way with the offender's family while he's duct-taped to a bed of nails, and then . . .

Ho, Ho! I don't want to carry that train of thought all the way through. I think perhaps it would be better to do something *legal* like send the representatives' sons and daughters over there to the desert, so they can give first hand accounts to their mommies and daddies of Gulf War Syndrome (which veterans are returning with this ailment first discovered after the first Gulf War) and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

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The CAREER COACH

Marian Cacciatore

INTERNSHIPS: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Dear Marian:

I need to know about the Internship deadlines for the Spring Semester. I heard from a classmate that the dates are pretty rigid. What happens if I am not able to find an internship in time?

~Tony '06

Dear Tony,

The deadline to register for and submit the Credit Approval form for participating in a spring 2006 internship is January 5, 2006. This means that if you want to complete an internship for elective academic credit you will need to complete all of the following steps by that date:

1. Be a junior or senior status with a GPA over 2.5.
2. Obtain an internship site.

Not sure where to begin? You can access the listings on the Rollins website or I am available to assist students with the search. In addition to sharing possible internship leads, I can help students sharpen their resume, cover letter and interviewing skills in preparation for the search.

Participate in the one of the Required Internship Orientation meetings. The available sessions are Friday December 9, 5:30-6:30 p.m. or Saturday, January 7, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. At this meeting Sharon Lusk, Assistant Dean of the Hamilton Holt School will provide an overall orientation.

3. Complete the paperwork and submit it prior to the Jan. 5 deadline. You will also need to register and pay for this class during registration.

What happens if you are not able to meet these deadlines or if you do not need any elective credit? Holt students can also complete an internship for professional development without academic credit. With this option there are no registration dates or required paperwork between the Rollins College and the student.

However, I recommend that you make formal internship commitment to the internship site. Why? For the experience to be used within your future job search, it is important to clarify expectations and responsibilities so the experience will have the accountability and structure that you need.

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.

The Tide Of Student Debt Rises Across U.S.

by Charreah Jackson
knight rider/tribune

For many students college comes with a hefty price tag. As grants have declined and the cost of college has steadily increased, graduates are left with a degree in one hand and many loans in the other.

In the 2002-'03 school year, loans made up 80 percent of financial aid packages and 20 percent were grants a big difference from the 20-percent loans to 80-percent grants ratio seen in 1975-'76, according to the United States Student Association Foundation.

The Center for Economic and Policy Research says the major cause of increasing student debt and that shift from grants to loans is the rising cost of college.

"I have been awarding students grants for 30 years," said Steven E. Brooks, executive director of the North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority. "I would like to see more Pell Grants awarded, but the funding has not kept up with the increasing cost of college and number of students applying."

As student debt has continued to grow, the USSA pioneered the campaign "Stop the Raid on Student Aid." The 59-year-old organization is trying to make students aware of proposed legislation that could increase the interest rate cap by more than 25 percent and includes cuts that could trim \$9 billion from student aid.

"Currently we are experiencing a worst-case scenario for students," said Jasmine Harris, USSA legislative director. "First, you have an increasingly small portion of the cost of college being cov-

ered by grants, and second, students are forced to take (out) increasing amounts of loans. Their disproportionately high debt upon graduation prohibits them from participating in the economy and

should be held accountable to students.

"The federal and state governments must increase their investment in higher education. If we fail to take these steps, our nation's future economic standing could be at risk," Ward said.

CEPR's September report used this example to put college cost in perspective: In 1981, a student could work full-time, minimum wage all summer and earn two-thirds of a year of college. But in 2005, a student would have to work full-time, minimum wage year-round to afford a year of college.

"Students are practically being punished for not being able to afford college when they are born or when they graduate from high school," Harris said. "That's why we must demonstrate the power in students taking a stance."

The College Board found that over the last decade, Parent Loans for Undergraduate Students (PLUS) has become the fastest growing student aid program, and higher-income students are currently benefiting from financial aid more than their lower-income counterparts.

Though aid distribution may not be just and costs continue to rise and outpace grants, college is still viewed as worth the sacrifice. "Regardless if you have to go part-time, work more than you like or bypass your top choice for a more affordable education, it's still much better for students to go (to college) than not," North Carolina's Brooks said. "Loans may not be such a bad thing because they are a great investment in yourself."



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all it has to offer. It's a lose-lose situation."

The average senior graduated with \$17,600 in debt in 2004, according to CEPR.

Though cost and loans are rising as grants remain stagnant, the College Board found that tuition increases at public universities were not as large as they had been in the last two years.

"The good news is that tuition price increases have continued to moderate over the past year," said David Ward, president of the American Council on Education in a press release. "But I remain greatly concerned about the long-term outlook for college access in this country and its potential impact on our ability to compete in the global economy."

The USSA seeks to not only block legislation and cuts that would adversely affect financial aid, but also campaign for all monies cut from higher education to be marked for students. Others agree that the government



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HOLT SPOTLIGHT Interview

by **Jean Bernard Chery**
the sandspur

Professor Misty Haggard-Belford is an example of Rollins leadership and excellence in forming the next generation of intellects upon whom the future of the world depends. Respectively, Haggard-Belford earned her A.A. at Seminole Community College in 1997, her B.A. (Summa Cum Laude) in Organizational Communication, and her M.A. with distinction in Corporate Communication and Technology at Rollins College in 2000 and 2002. She specializes in Gender Communication, Interpersonal Communication, Computer Mediated Communication, and Public Speaking.

After her graduation in May 2002, she decided to stay at Rollins to pass her acquired knowledge onto the new generation of Rollins students. Subsequently, on spring 2003 she started teaching at the college. Since then she has been taught: Gender Communication, Interpersonal Communication, Computer Mediated Communication and Public Speaking. Also she has been teaching Fundamentals of Speech Communication (Public Speaking) at Brevard Community College since spring 2004.

Each professor interviews for this section has a unique reason for choosing to teach at the Hamilton Holt School, and Haggard-Belford is no exception.

Something real special about her choice is that she's been here for years as a student and she never gets bored with the place. Interestingly enough she says, "Finding the Holt school while I was working on my education was an absolute blessing for me. I suddenly knew that I was where I was supposed to be and I had amazing support along the way from my professors, advisors, and all of the Holt school staff."

"Teaching at Holt gives me an opportunity to create that life changing experience for my students as well," she continues.

"Additionally," she asserts, "I enjoy the challenge of the Holt students. They are dedicated, intelligent and diversified and that keeps me on my toes. Every session is a learning opportunity. Some may say that a professor should teach the students instead of learn from them but I think it is a fortunate professor who can

not only teach but learn from their students as well."

What Haggard-Belford enjoys the most about teaching in general and the Holt School in particular is "the freedom of teaching and the constant learning opportunities." "Teaching as an adjunct gives me the freedom to be there for my family, while also maintaining my career. I also enjoy the freedom I am given to develop my courses as I see fit." She is very pleased with her colleagues who are at all time happy to provide her with support and guidance, "but in the end," she says, "It is up to me to create a good course." She loves the learning opportunities that her colleagues have been provided her.

"I have had the opportunity to teach new courses on a regular basis keeping me fresh and interested but I also love learning from my students." She adds that "The Holt students are very diverse in their outlook and experience, and I consider myself fortunate to have the opportunity to interact with them and learn from them."

Because Haggard-Belford

has such a forthright and outgoing personality, she doesn't believe that there is anything about her that would be any surprise to her students. "I am pretty open with my students given the nature of the courses I teach. I don't think there is much that would surprise them," says Haggard-Belford.

She is interested in books that have anything to do with self-development. She is currently working on time management and organization, "but it is slow going" she says. Since she added a baby to her family, she is not as passionate as she once was about movies; she cannot recall a favorite one either. However, she makes it to plays once in a while.

"I like just about all music but tend to relax with Jimmy Buffet or Jack Johnson. My favorite foods would be chocolate and Starbucks White Chocolate Mochas. Although I am not sure they really qualify as food that is what I search for when I need comfort." She explains. Her favorite pastime is spending time with her "family outdoors doing something involving water sports." "But, by far," she states, "the

best vacation spot would have to be Brac Reef Beach Resort in Cayman Brac, B.W.I."

Haggard-Belford could not completely wrap her hands around a single wish for the future, but she thinks that, "If it came down to only one, I would have to say to raise a happy, well-rounded family."

Professionally, Haggard-Belford is currently focusing on increasing her knowledge of computer mediated education as she sees it being a significant part of future education, while personally, her husband and she recently took in a child that needed a family and are in the process of certifying as a foster home.

During her years in school, she earned a variety of honors and awards; among them are: Lambda Pi Eta National Communication Honor Society; Alpha Sigma Lambda National Honor Society; Director's Award for Rollins College Master's in Corporate Communication and Technology; Outstanding Senior Award for Rollins College Hamilton Holt School; National Public Speaking Competitor for Health Occupations Students of Ameri-

ca; National Competitor in Speech & Debate for the National Forensics League.

Her Leadership Roles include: Florida Public Relations Association Member; President of Communiqué, the Rollins College Student Chapter of the Florida Public Relations Association; President of the Rollins College Hamilton Holt Student Body; Writer for *Communication Matters*, the Rollins College Department of Communication newsletter; Writer for *HHSOA News*, the Hamilton Holt Student Government Association newsletter; Contributor to *Holt News*, the Hamilton Holt School newsletter.

As a student Haggard-Belford put her marks on so much within the Rollins community and the local community, it would take her a while before her many new successes and accomplishments could possibly overshadow her past accomplishments. I should mention that she is the co-owner of Mobile Marine Service located in Sanford. Haggard-Belford is holding very high the Hamilton Holt tradition of excellence.

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Jarhead Rocks All Audiences: Enlist Now!

■ Jarhead promises two hours of entertainment worth the price of a ticket.

by **Max Remer**

the sandspur

Inspirational, emotional and entertaining are just three in a long list of words that can be used to describe *Jarhead*. Jamie Fox, Jake Gyllenhall and Peter Sarsgaard star in this twisted tale of what it really means to be a soldier. The movie's premise is rather simple as it details the lives of Marines, specifically snipers, through their training and their involvement in the Gulf War. Often Gyllenhall's character Swoff

and Sarsgaard's "Troy" find themselves in compromising positions that they are ordered into. One such scene is that of the men trying to dig out sleeping holes while being rained on by oil. However, despite its notable simplicity and quite linear plot, the movie sends deep messages about the armed forces, American politics and the lackluster lives of the men and women who defend our country.

Jarhead's greatest attribute is how real everything seems. This is definitely not a "Rambo" movie with one man gunning down hundreds of others, inescapably never being struck by enemy fire. *Jarhead* realism is more along the lines of *Saving Private Ryan*. Despite this

common lack of realism, *Jarhead* does not contain the same mass violence.

Instead what *Jarhead* contains are many crude jokes and scenes which perfectly fit into the lifestyle that the Marines must live through. These crude comments, many about masturbation, and scenes, such as the Christmas party where Swoff is wearing only a Santa Clause hat, really add to the overall gritty feel of the film.

A second positive aspect of *Jarhead* was its development of characters.

Although there were some Marines that were not well developed into characters the audience really cared about, Jamie Fox's character Sykes, Swoff and

Troy all make deep marks into the minds of those watching. The audience quickly finds themselves tied to these characters, both sympathizing and empathizing with their situation. I personally enjoyed this character development as most of today's movies characters usually seem flat and uninteresting.

There needs to be a warning put out on this film for possibly misleading audience with its trailer. As I stated before, this movie lacks the body count and massive violence of war movies. Although the audience is exposed to several corpses, many charred beyond recognition, there are very few action sequences. This, however, is not a flaw

of the film but one of the strengths of the story. Without giving away the entire film, the lack of violence (for a war movie) really adds something to the over all meaning of the film.

This movie serves as a great source of two hours of entertainment and a night full of discussion. The issues brought up are more prevalent than ever given the current status of this country and war we find ourselves still in. *Jarhead* is worth the price of admission and is a movie I plan to purchase on DVD. I personally recommend this film as it starts off with a bang and ends with enough class and style to keep the audience talking well after the credits roll.

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Taurus (April 20-May 20): You are going to find yourself entangled in an obscenely lucky week this week. Everything will go your way. That paper deadline will be postponed. That special someone you've had your eye on might finally give you the time of day. Everything will just flat out go right for you. Don't develop a false sense of security, however. Next week, it's back to the grind.



Gemini (May 21-June 21): You are going to eat a lot this week. Specifically, turkey, potatoes, cranberries, stuffing, and pumpkin pie. Better loosen those jeans because you are in for a feast. Be careful the rest of the weekend, though. Haul out the treadmill and the pilates videos, and it's lettuce and celery for you from now until the Christmas cookies start coming out. You'll want to fit into your swingin' new outfit by the time all those New Year's parties come around.



Cancer (June 22-July 22): You will fall in love this week. Maybe you will meet someone while you're home for the holiday. Either way, you will find that perfect someone and fall head absolutely head over heels. Don't fall too hard, though. If you move too quickly, you may get hurt. Just be cautious.



Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): You are going to find yourself buried under a

proverbial mountain of nasty, ugly work this week. All of your professors are going to assign enormous projects at the same time, and you are going to be at the bottom of it. Don't get too frustrated, though. That will only make it worse. Relax and just work hard to get it done. Budget your time, and set aside time to do each task. In the end, you will get it all done. But it is going to be most unpleasant in the meantime.



Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): It is time for you to part-tay. Go to some great Thanksgiving parties, and kick back with your friends and family. Eat, drink, and be merry, but be ready to return to the real world next week. Until then, dance till you drop and eat to your heart's content. You've done well this semester. It's time for some fun.



Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): There is nothing particularly special in your future for this week. No particularly intriguing love interests. No hostile fights. No immense amount of work. No exciting amount of fun. Just life in general. Nothing more, nothing less. Don't look for anything earth-shattering because it won't be there. But that's really not so bad, is it? You could use the time to relax.



Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You are going to have the greatest week ever! Everything will be wonderful. You will have a fun Thanksgiving, you'll enjoy the rest of your weekend after that, you'll get all of your work done while still having time to play. All is right with the world for you this week. Just chill and enjoy your long weekend. Come back well-rested and ready to finish the semester.



Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You will have a very productive week. You may have a lot of work now, but just

work hard, and you will get it all done. Prioritize, and you'll get it done. Don't worry because that will make it worse. It will all work out, and you will be extremely productive. Then, you will feel a huge sense of accomplishment. When you do, celebrate. You've earned it.



Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Uh-oh. It's time to go home for Thanksgiving, and you know what that means—time with the family. The whole family. The whole, huge, loud, obnoxious, in your face family. Don't get too stressed out, though. Value the time that you have with them. Spend time talking to some family members you haven't seen in a while. You may find that they are a whole lot cooler than you ever thought they were.



Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Treat yourself this week. Don't just buy things for other people while you're doing your Christmas shopping. Buy a little something for yourself, too. It will do you good. It's nice to treat yourself from time to time. Get a pedicure. Buy a cup of coffee as you watch the world go by. You have worked hard this semester. It is time that you take your reward.



Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): It's a good week to be a Pisces. It's all about you this week. Don't let others get in your way or try to tell you what to do. Make decisions for yourself. Do what you feel is right, and make sure you feel right about it before you do it. Every once in a while, you have to just look out for you. This is a good week for that. Don't pay attention to pushy people who only have their interests at heart for you. It is your life. Act like it.

These horoscopes are for entertainment purposes only. Please do not take them as advice for your life seeing as they are only for your amusement.

Movie Review: The Legend Of Zorro

Director Martin Campbell does it again with the second half to an ongoing saga, *The Legend of Zorro*. Like many Zorro films before it, the screenplay stays true to the heart and purpose of Zorro's character. The only question that remains is whether or not the world needs another Zorro movie.

Starring returning actors, Antonio Banderas (*Desperado*, *Once Upon a Time in Mexico*, *The Mask of Zorro*) and Catherine Zeta-Jones (*Chicago*, *The Terminal*, *Ocean's Twelve*), *The Legend of Zorro* introduces such new characters as Joaquin de LaVega, played by the feisty and adorable child actor Adrian Alonso in his first film, and such new villains as Armand, played by Rufus Sewell (*Hamlet*, *A Knight's Tale*), and Jacob McGivens played by Nick Chinlund (*Tears of the Sun*, *The Chronicles of Riddick*).

This "legend" of Zorro begins with the voting by the people for California to become a free state of the union. It is quickly interrupted by the obvious bandits trying to keep this from occurring followed by Zorro's (Banderas) miraculous appearance to save the day. And this is only the beginning... But troubles of state, saving lives and fighting off dangerous criminals aren't enough exhaustion in Zorro's day as her returns home to his beautiful wife, Elena (Zeta-Jones) and son, Joaquin (Alonso). Upon finding that even after California is free, her husband is not planning on retirement as she expected, Elena de LaVega, kicks Zorro or Alejandro de LaVega rather, out of the house and soon after, surprisingly, sends him the papers for a divorce. Dejected and depressed, Alejandro returns to his old habits from the days before Zorro, when the bar and a bottle were his only friends. Quick to clean up his act for his son's well-being he is shocked when he find his wife has found a new suitor only three months after their unexpected divorce. Throughout the timing of these events, the fanatical McGivens is reigning terror upon the common people of California, calling it the "Lord's work." Soon Zorro begins to suspect that his wife's mysterious new suitor, the rich Armand, is up to something and he is determined to find out and to win back the heart of the women who once burned within him as the deepest passion he had ever known.

Though the film truly did stick to the heart of Zorro's character and history, I feel that the need for a sequel to such a classic as *The Mask of Zorro* was null, making the film quite unnecessary. At times the acting was fairly unconvincing and the action was way over the top. Although the point of going to a movie is to get caught up, most often in a world vastly different from your own, something too unbelievable can be quite ridiculous to its viewers. Its easy to feel that Campbell was attempting to update Zorro with the times and with a few new, more acrobatic moves. But all in all, while entertaining, it was nothing spectacular or really comparable to its predecessor. Why try to make something better out of something already perfect?

This movie is recommended as a rental for a night in the future when boredom sets in and as usual there is nothing remotely watch-able on television, because the world truly didn't need another "legend" of Zorro.

BY SOPHIA KOSHER

Keene Music Hall Hosts Its First Student Composition

by **Jessica Scharf**

the sandspur

That "new smell" still permeated the air in the Keene Music Hall as Rollins students performed in the first student composition concert of the season. All fifteen pieces were written this semester and were played in front of an audience for the first time.

Starting the show off with a bang was Doug Moser playing a catchy song that he composed himself on the marimba.

Five piano acts followed, some resembling a classic Vivaldi-like ballad while others an intense Beethoven sonata.

The third piano piece took the audience by surprise as a tall, slim, blonde and blue-eyed girl walked onstage in a sleeveless black dress with high black heels.

This girl impressed the audience with each loud and passionate note she

played in her self-composed nocturne.

Following the piano acts was a lyrical piece written and performed by The Sandspur's own Jami-Leigh Furo. "Mercy" was sung with Furo as alto and two other female sopranos in perfect harmony.

Furo was also scheduled to showcase her talent on the piano as an accompanist to Adam Farabee's Cello solo, but that performance has been rescheduled to later on this year.

An "Alleluia" was next, followed by the highlight of the night, as the most beautiful piece titled "August" was performed. Resembling a song played in a dramatic movie at its climax, "August" was composed by Tom Ewing, who played the guitar alongside Russell Harrison on violin.

The two instruments created a melodious and relaxing yet powerful tune that caused listeners to close their eyes and savor

the glorious tones. Painted with each note was a somber image of red and brown leaves silently falling in a forest.

Afterward the mood switched dramatically to a string quartet, featuring Joni Roos and Russell Harrison on violin, Dawn Cunningham on viola, and Alec Troeger on cello.

A follow-up piece added Christen Westover on concert bass. The song kept the audience members on the edge of their seats as it abruptly stopped and restarted several times.

Three borrowed lyrical songs followed suit, the first from a larger musical work entitled "Apollo 13" (composed by Matthew Burke) and the next two from the musical comedy "Ulysses Goes Home" (set by Conrad Winslow).

"Marilyn's Aria" began with a verbal and lyrical explanation by its composer and pianist and Rachel Rollins (Burke's relative)

sang as Marilyn, the astronaut's wife.

The first song sung from Ulysses Goes Home was titled "Man with Maturity" whose singer, Patricia Ayala, smiled, danced, and winked expressively at the audience.

"You Ought to Know" was the second part, sung by Ashleigh Drake Teicher who proved to have just as strong a voice as her fellow performer.

A three part performance called "Angel's Revenge" was next, performed by a flute, bassoon, clarinet, oboe, cello, and piano.

The first two parts were presented only with the flute, clarinet and oboe, joined by the other instruments and a countertenor for the third and final part.

The countertenor was Gianberto Rodriguez, who instilled an "I-mean-business" aura without having said a word.

The audience was more than taken aback when he

opened his mouth to emit a high-pitched operatic and almost female voice which echoed through the hall louder than any instrument ever could. This was the only piece to receive a standing ovation at its end.

The final two pieces were electronic ones, one composed by Jeffery Gillespie and the other performed by K.C. Kelley.

The first was emitted through speakers, created with the Korg ESX-1 Sampler. Techno-like galactic beats had the audience tapping their toes and bobbing their heads. "This reminds me of video game background music," one audience member said.

The second was performed live on the synthesizer by its composer.

The audience was comprised of about fifty people, both Rollins students and adults. A concert of this caliber deserved more spectators to appreciate it.

Pack of Lies Entangles Audiences With Betrayal, Patriotism, Treachery and Friendship

■ Theater Performances Continue to Delight Rollins Audience

by **Sophia Koshmer**

the sandspur

The show *Pack of Lies* written by Hugh Whitmore, is a play which captures such themes as betrayal, patriotism, treachery and friendship. It opened at the Annie Russell theatre here at Rollins on Friday, November 11.

This "cold war spy drama" was set in the living room of an "anonymous suburban English family" the Jacksons as noted in the director's short description in the programs handed out to the audience. It delves into the question of whether or not one's devotion to their friends or one's devotion to their country is of greater importance.

The Jackson family is asked by the British government agency, MI5, to aid them in the imprisonment of their good friends, the Kroger family. The Kroger family is Peter Kroger and his wife Helen Kroger are American communists spy-

ing on England for Russia. The Krogers have disguised themselves as Canadians, after fleeing once their friends back home were arrested.

A Russian man, Gordon Lonsdale comes to stay with them periodically and is their connection to the Russian government in their current placement. When the British government suspects foul play, they ask the Jackson family to allow them to set up a surveillance team headed by an MI5 agent, Mr. Stewart, in their home in order to spy on the Kroger family.

However, to begin with Mr. Stewart is not completely honest with the Jacksons either. He does not inform them that the team has been sent to spy on their friends, the Krogers. By the time they find out, the question is posed as to whether or not allegiance to government or friendship is most important. Unfortunately, the Jacksons know that there is no choice, they must cooperate with the government, even if it means betraying their friends.

Eventually the Krogers are arrested, following the visit of the Jackson daugh-

ter, Julia to the prison where they are being held. It is their that Helen, the wife of the Kroger family informs her that she can never forgive Barbara, the mother of the Jackson family. Barbara, soon has a breakdown at this betrayal and suffers a heart attack before her untimely death at the end of the play.

Continually surprising and delightful, is the talent that Rollins College possesses, most especially in its theatre department. Two incredibly pleasing performance were that of Sarah Bittner as Barbara Jackson and Patrick Clark as Stewart. Bittner's portrayal of the matriarch of the Jackson family was convincing in her understanding of her character. She fully depicted the inner chaos and unrest of Barbara Jackson.

Patrick Clark, who was last scene in the Rollins production of *Sexual Perversity in Chicago*, has certainly impressed his audience with his ability to truly become without a doubt every character he takes on and his portrayal of Stewart in this production is no exception. He has so much comfort on the stage and it is impossible

for one to not get lost in each character as if they were truly standing right before them. Every word and movement was not only believable but very real to its audience.

Ana Eligio and Conrad Winslow were also produced quite well-acted roles, with the exception that their characters could have been more believable and personal. Overall, the other actors were decent,

especially in making the accents believable. The show dragged a bit and that is the only complaint but overall, it was a very well done performance.

Which is more unbearable, betrayal of one's friends, or one's country? This question was certainly answered by the dramatic events that finalize this play.

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Yahoo and TiVo Join Forces

by **Rochelle Siegel**

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Yahoo, Inc. and TiVo, Inc. are teaming up to blend some of their services together to give users the chance to experience technology in ways they never have been able to before.

In today's world there is a very thin line between the office and the living room. The merging of these two companies is another step in moving the lines between the offices and living rooms even closer together.

The partnership will offer customers Yahoo's Internet-based content and services through TiVo's digital video recording devices. Users only need their TiVo box and a valid Yahoo account with a Yahoo.com email address, as well as a valid TiVo account.

Users can click the "Record to my TiVo box" button from any Yahoo TV episode page and the request is automatically sent to a home the next time a TiVo box connects. TiVo's service costs \$12.95 per month, \$155.40 for 12 months and \$299 for a subscription that lasts the lifetime of the recorder, which

the company estimates is four years.

In the coming months, Yahoo's traffic and weather content page, as well as its users' photos will be viewable on televisions via TiVo's broadband service and easy-to-use screen.

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President of TiVo hopes that the teaming up will be the foundation of a long-term relationship. TiVo subscribers already have the ability to remotely

schedule recordings from the TiVo website, but this will potentially grab some of Yahoo's large user base and gain some much-needed new customers.

A California-based company has about 3.6 million subscribers but it gained fewer new customers in its last second quarter than it did in the previous year. TiVo has become a household name,

but it is still fighting to match the success of its brand name with a lasting business model in an increasingly competitive digital video recording market. Some analysts question



THE AGE OF TECHNOLOGY: Surfing the net is becoming one of the most popular ways to get information.

whether the company can continue to grow as satellite and cable companies develop their own Digital-Video-Recording technology that offer lower subscription fees.

TiVo is now looking for additional partnerships to make up for the loss of DirecTV, which said it has plans to stop marketing TiVo's product. Yahoo appears to be the leading des-

ination on the Web and is seeing remarkable growth as more and more people turn to the Internet for new, entertainment, communication, and other services.

Yahoo is still under the constant pressure to stay on top, especially since Google Inc. and Microsoft Corp. are expanding what they offer.

The partnership of Yahoo, Inc. and TiVo, Inc. will benefit both companies through a large expansion of both.

Especially for TiVo, which will give subscribers access to Yahoo's content from their television and open the door to download straight from the Web onto the TV. This marks a significant development in the company's year-old campaign to expand beyond basic digital video recording services to becoming more of an entertainment locale.

Yahoo has signed deals

with CNN and ABC News to expand the content it offers. Both Google and Yahoo have invested a lot of money to video services. Earlier this year Yahoo launched a searchable video archive for its users.

This is not the first time though Internet access has gone to the TV screen. WebTV tried, but failed. According to executives the Yahoo-TiVo offering will be different. "It's not about having a Web browser on your TV and having a keyboard on your lap. It'll still be focused on the TV experience and navigating with the remote control," executive say. "It will also not require people to relearn anything."

In addition, Yahoo reportedly will soon introduce a cell phone in partnership with SBC Communications, according to The Wall Street Journal. The phone will include links to music, photos, email, address books, and preferences on Yahoo user accounts.

The merge is just one of the things that Yahoo is doing to move itself up in the world of technology.

Massive Black Hole Found by Scientists

by **Brett Heiney**

the sandspur

Recently an international astronomical team led by the Chinese astronomer Zhi-Qiang Shen, who is based in the Shanghai Astronomical Observatory has most likely made an eminent discovery. Using many different radio telescopes in the United States, known as the Very Long Base Line Array, this Chinese scientist has found compelling evidence indicating that the baffling celestial body known as Sagittarius A is in fact a massive black hole.

This body is 26,000 light years away at our galactic center. It could be the super massive black hole that scientists have for a long time predicted lies at the center of the Milky Way and possibly all galaxies.

Black holes seem to devour everything around them, not even light can escape their intense gravitational pull. There is not much known about black holes. This possible black hole is likely to have a diameter equal to the radius of the Earth's orbit with a

mass density of at least one trillion times that of any known celestial entity. Such a wonder of astronomy is likely to command the attention of radio telescope observers and astronomers of all levels for a good long while.

It is impossible to observe a black hole directly and so anything suspected to be a black hole has to be identified by the effect it has on the matter surrounding it.

One important discovery about the possible Sagittarius A black hole would be its event horizon. The event horizon is the spherical area at and beyond which the gravitational pull is such that nothing can escape it. Evidence supporting such an event horizon will further strengthen Shen's study of our galactic center.

Though an event horizon has never been observed directly, some believe that if a telescope's resolution was high enough that a dark shadow with a ring of bright light could be observed that would be as close to ever directly observing one.

This discovery could change the way people look at the galaxy and the universe. The implications of finding supporting evidence that black holes are at the center of ours and all galaxies will have a profound effect on understanding the growth, size, rotations, and all other aspects of galaxies. How do these central super massive black holes affect all these? What will be the ultimate effect of these black holes' gravitational pull on all of the mass of their respective galaxies? Will they eventually suck in all of the galactic mass leaving nothing but a black hole?

These questions are unanswered, but as astronomers continue to study and observe Sagittarius A and other black holes in galaxy centers, hopefully the answers will not be long in coming. Mankind's fundamental understanding of the formation and life of galaxies is being refined and refocused as new discoveries such as central black holes are being made and studied.

A new threshold of en-

lightenment is likely at hand with such a propitious opportunity to gain vast knowledge about man's very existence.

Further observations and examination of findings could forever alter the understanding of how the Milky Way and all galaxies, stars, planets, solar systems, and life are formed, in direct response to these massive galactic centers with their immeasurable gravitational pull.

Soon the inhabitants of

Earth may know this and possibly how Sagittarius A, if truly this almost mythical central black hole, controls the fate of galaxy in which humans find themselves.

"Detecting black holes of only a few thousand solar masses is observationally challenging, but it is critical for establishing how super-massive black holes relate to their host galaxies, and which mechanisms influence the formation and evolution of both," said Professor David Merritt.



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NEW EVIDENCE OF BLACK HOLES: Andreas Eckart discusses the finding of a possible black hole at the 191st meeting of the American Astronomical Society.

Super Soap '05

■ The weekend that Super Soap Opera fans are able to meet their favorite stars.

by **Rochelle Siegel**

the sandspur

Super Soap Weekend presented by Colgate was held at MGM Studios on the weekend of November 12-13. This is the tenth year of Super Soap Weekend. Due to the tenth anniversary more stars were at the event than ever before.

This even give fans the best way to get up-close and personal with their favorite stars. All around the MGM Disney Theme Park stars of All My Children, One Life to Live, and General Hospital could be seen. They were welcomed by thousands of excited fans.

Susan Lucci, Ericka Kane from All My Children, headlined the event. It was a star-studded line-up of 40 ABC daytime stars.

At 5 o'clock in the morning people were already out of bed and on the road to MGM Studios. Some people were even out of their cars and running to the entrance before they reached the parking toll. Of course the park did not open until 7:15 a.m. so everyone stood at the entrance and waited; showing off their home-made shirts and pins or pictures of their favorite stars that they wants to have signed.

Once the gates opened Soap Opera fans ran for the lines, not lines for rides, but lines for fast pass tickets. There were no lines for any of the ride of course. General Hospital had the longest line, followed by All My Children and One Life to Live.

Not even half-way through the line General Hospital fans began to become very worried as they heard the announcement that Steve Burton's, Jason on General Hospital, fast pass tickets had already gone to stand-by which meant it was not very likely they would be able to meet him.

Many people figured out that the best way to get more than one fast pass was to send family members to other lines. Once a person was able to get a fast pass they could finally relax because they knew they would get to meet their favorite stars.

Some people were lucky

and the stars would walk right past them and they would get some good pictures or even an autograph. It was so exciting when they would walk by and smile and wave right at you. These are people we see on TV everyday so seeing them is thrilling.

Of course all the stars were surrounded by security so when you saw the men in the blue security uniforms you knew to get your camera ready because someone was coming. Greg Vaughn, Lucky from General Hospital, tried to fool his fan by walking by with no security. He thought no one would know who he was with his baseball hat on.

Everyone was guaranteed to see at least some of the stars even if they were not at the autographing booths.

The park was filled to capacity. You knew that their was a star near-by when a big crowd of people all began to run in one direction.

There were all kinds of shows that people could attend that were Soap Opera related. Fans could go to the show Wide World of Soaps and see and interview with their favorite soap stars. The show was hosted by Bob Guiney, who was hilarious and did a fabulous job at interviewing the stars. Another show that fans could attend was *Who Wants to be a Millionaire*. It was a special Super Soap edition where any lucky contestant would get a chance to share the "hot seat" with two daytime celebrities.

I was able to attend a show with Kelly Monaco and Kimberly McCullough, Sam and Robin from General Hospital, and Jacob Young and Justin Bruening, J.R. and Jamie from All My Children. Contestants played for prizes such as, Super Soap keychains and tote bags. The show was hosted by Walt Willy, Jack from All My Children.

Fans could even go into a store and look through a many number of props that were used on the sets of all the daytime dramas. Fans could even buy the wedding dresses of their favorite stars.

It was definitely a fun and exciting weekend, even if no sleeping was involved. The chance to meet and see my favorite daytime TV stars was something that was definitely worth it.

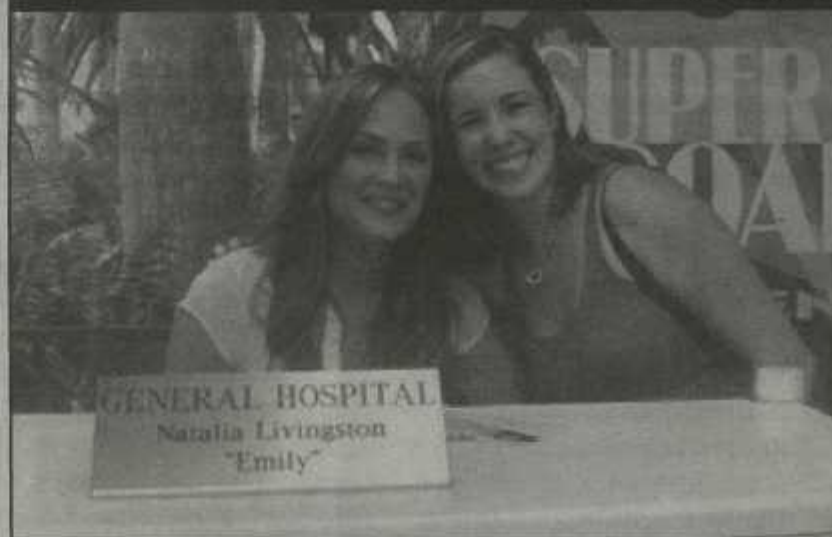


MAKING NEW FRIENDS: Rochelle Siegel happily talks with General Hospital's Kelly Monaco ("Sam") as she signs her autograph.

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GETTING COZY: Kimberly McCullough (Robin), Steve Burton (Jason), and Kelly Monaco (Sam) from GH.



SAY CHEESE: After waiting in line for hours, Nicole Fluet meets General Hospital star Natalia Livingston.

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ASK AWAY: Fans had the opportunity to ask their favorite General Hospital stars anything they wanted at Disney's Wide World of Soaps on Saturday, November, 12, 2005.

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Interview with Doug Little

by **Robert Hoffman**
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Most members of the Rollins community are familiar with Doug Little. From freshmen who met him during the orientation process to the peer mentors who work closely with him as part of the first year experience, many students recognize Little when they see him around campus. However, not as many know the role he has played in the revision and reorganization of the freshmen experience. As the man in charge of the Rollins Explorations Program, Little has overseen the expansion or alteration of old approaches and the creation of new ones. In Little's own words, all of this work has been "for the benefit of the students. We wanted to create a more comprehensive program that would best serve the freshmen class."

Little came to Rollins two years ago after completing his undergraduate studies at the University of Missouri and receiving his graduate degree from the Miami University of Ohio. Then, after the conclusion of a nationwide job search, he chose Rollins because he says the school "offered the opportunity to build a program that emphasized a mixture of leadership and first year experiences."

When Little came to Rollins, he described the freshmen experience program, then called the First Year Programs, as limited to an orientation that seemed "designed only to disseminate information." He envisioned the opportunity to create "an entire freshmen experience with a much more comprehensive orientation that is designed to make students successful."

He also instituted a selection process and mandatory training for peer mentors; the peer mentors, in turn, Little lists as essential to the improvement of the freshmen experience.

The Rollins College Conference courses, or RCCs, that all freshmen are enrolled in during the fall semester have also seen changes during Little's time in charge of the Rollins Explorations Programs. Thirty RCC classes are offered each year, all with a variety of different topics. Little says, "The students now have much greater freedom to get into the chosen RCC than they did in the past." Other changes to the RCC program include a renewed focus on the values of the college and, at President Lewis Duncan's suggestion, an attempt to build school spirit. Two of the most tangible effects of this emphasis on school spirit are the preponderance of Rollins t-shirts that are visible every Friday and the new RCC cup competition that spans the length of the semester.

Perhaps the greatest change in the RCC program was the creation of living learning communities, or the LLCs. The LLCs are RCC classes that also live in the dorms together, allowing for individuals of an RCC to get to know one another better. To date, half of the RCC classes have become LLCs as well, and Little says that given the improvement in the freshmen retention rate, there are plans in place to eventually make all the RCC classes into LLCs. This would allow for other communities like the newly renovated, all-freshman McK-

ean Hall.

However, there is always room for improvement. As part of the accreditation process, the school is asked to layout a quality enhancement plan, or QEP, that details an area in which the school plans to initiate major improvements before the next accreditation review. The current QEP involves increasing the number and the integration of the LLCs. Other goals expressed by Little include extending the RCC program into the spring of students' freshmen year and "coordinating more events that would serve to unite the first year class on a whole. Many of the RCC classes are tight knit groups, and we would like the entire first year class to experience that level of camaraderie."

Little also addressed the issue of freshmen orientation and its fate in future years. Acknowledging the complaints of many students, he called the orientation process "a double-edged sword. If students aren't busy enough, they become homesick. If they're too busy, they get burnt out." Little felt the orientation process succeeded in keeping students from leaving campus, getting into trouble, or feeling overly homesick, but he recognized that it was a work in progress. "There is a fine balance which we are refining every year."

This is only Little's third year at Rollins, and yet he has already introduced some sizeable changes in the first year programs. He has led the way for a more comprehensive freshmen experience and a more cohesive freshmen class. In the years to come he will continue to work toward the betterment of the future freshmen class.

Warning: Birth Control Patch Users

by **Nicole Fluet**
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The once "safe and easy" birth control patch now is being warned against because of increased risks. For those who don't know, the birth control patch is a small, square patch worn in discreet places of the body and changed once a week. It is thought to be easier to remember and less of a hassle than the more common, every day birth control pill. However, it is now thought to be more dangerous.

Because the patch is attached to a woman's body at all times during the week, hormones are constantly being administered into her blood flow. The pill, however, is taken in and flushed out almost immediately, only sending one "shock" of hormones, rather than a constant flow.

Researchers as msn.com have found: "The warning from Johnson and Johnson subsidiary Ortho McNeil, makers of Ortho Evra, says women using the patch will be exposed to about 60 percent more estrogen than those using typical birth-control pills because hormones from patches get into the bloodstream and are removed from the body differently than those from pills."

This warning was sent out after many women suffered or died from blood clots due to the birth control patch. It is found that three times the amount of women on the patch experience blood clots than those on the pill.

Four million women, if not more, have been put on the birth control patch since 2004, and msn.com has stated that "Citing federal death and injury reports, the AP also found that about a dozen women, most in their late teens and early 20s, died in 2004 from blood clots believed to be related to the birth-control patch, and dozens more survived strokes and other clot-related problems."

This means a variety of things for birth control users. Either they can continue to use the patch, and now be aware of the increased risk it was cause them, or they can

stopped taking their once a week patch and begin to adjust to the harder to remember birth control pill.

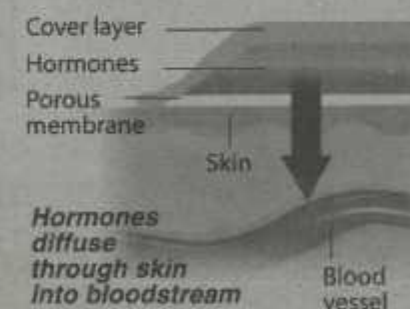
Blood clots are thought to be part of the body's healing process, however, can be very dangerous and deadly if formed in the wrong places. According to PersonalMD online, "Blood circulates in large and small blood vessels, reaching every corner of the body, bringing life-sustaining nourishment and oxygen to your body's tissues and organs. If blood stops flowing to a sector, that sector dies...when that system goes awry, clots may form which occlude blood vessels and cause illness."

The signs and symptoms of blood clots are very telling and explicit. It is said that blood clots in the leg are first noticed by a pain that starts in the ankle or foot and travels up the leg. The pain is accompanied by increased heat and redness in the leg and a "discomfort when the foot is pulled upward." For more information on signs and symptoms of blood clots and other related injuries, visit www.ehealthmd.com.

Patch delivers contraceptive

A new method of birth control - a skin patch that prevents ovulation - has been found safe and effective.

Patch releases the hormones estrogen and progestin



Hormones diffuse through skin into bloodstream

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Aussie Slang Words

By: Karina McCabe - Australian Times Journalist

Arvo - afternoon

Aussie - an Australian

Barbie - Barbeque

Billy - pot for boiling water

Biscuit - cookie

Blake - man

Crook - sick

Dead Horse - ketchup

Dinki-di - genuine Australian

Dog's Eye - meat pie

Elephant's Trunk - you're drunk

Fair Dinkum - for real

G'Day - hello

Gorilla's in the mist - you're pissed (drunk)

Jug - Pitcher of beer

Lollies - candy

Mate - traditionally means a very close friend, but used now for any person

Mozzie - mosquito

No worries - everything will be fine (used ALL the time)

Ask The Fox!



Dear Fox,

My girlfriend and I have been dating about 8 months. This will be our first big holiday together - Thanksgiving - and she wants us to spend it together. My parents live in New Jersey, and her family lives about an hour away from Rollins. So, she asked me to spend Thanksgiving break with her family, rather than going home to see mine. I would love to spend the time with her, I love her very much, but Thanksgiving is a huge deal to my family. My mother has relatives fly in from all over the country to come to dinner. Since we don't really celebrate Christmas, this is our time of year to spend together. Plus, since my family is so far away, I didn't go home for fall break and haven't seen them since the end of the summer. I feel like if I don't go home, my mom will be very hurt, and my family will be very disappointed. However, I don't want to hurt my girlfriend's feelings. She's my first serious girlfriend and I want to marry her. I don't want to screw this up. What should I do?

-Rock and a Hard Place

Dear R & HP,

Tough situation. On the one hand, you want to spend time with you girlfriend and make her happy, but on the other, you miss your family and you want

to see them for Thanksgiving. Plus, your mom would be really hurt if you didn't go see her (along with the rest of your family). In the eyes of both your family and you girlfriend, it seems like you are having to choose who is more important. However, that is not the case.

In my personal opinion, whether you chose to take it or not, I think you should go home. First, your family is the most important aspect of you life no matter what. Whether you end up marrying your girlfriend or not, your family will always be around to support and love you, just as they have been your entire life. Therefore, you have an obligation to put them first until you have a family of your own. It comes down to the simple fact that you and you girlfriend are not married yet, you've only been dating for 8 months, and your family has been around forever.

I think you need to sit down and talk to your girlfriend about this. Explain to her how important the Thanksgiving holiday is to your family and how you feel you need to be there with them. Tell her that it's not that you don't want to be with her, it's just that your family is your family and they have to come first. Plus, if you two do get married, you'll have tons of Thanksgivings to spend

together with a family of your own. Try to have her put herself in your family's shoes. Would her family be hurt if she went up to New Jersey instead of coming home for Thanksgiving? Probably. And it's completely understandable. Thanksgiving is a time to be joyous for the wonderful things in life - including both family and loved ones such as your girlfriend.

I would also suggest an alternative. Maybe instead of going home directly after finals week, you could spend a week with her here before going back to New Jersey. It won't be Thanksgiving, persay, but you can still meet her family, spend time with her outside of school pressure, and maybe go to Disney World or Universal. This way you won't be upsetting your family (you'll get to see them at Thanksgiving so a week longer away won't be too big of a deal, hopefully) and you'll get to spend pressure-free time with your girl where you can focus on doing fun things and spending tons of time together.

This is a tough decision to make. But, no matter what you decide, your family loves you and it seems like your girlfriend does as well. Love is about understanding and trust, so when you decide, the other will understand with time.

~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

Rejection: Who Hasn't Felt It?

■ One student's look at rejection and how to combat it in a healthy manner.

by **Kelly Castino**

the sandspur

Name a person that hasn't been rejected at least once in his or her life. You can't. Rejection can come in all forms: a significant other, a boss, sport, club, a college or group of people.

Many people have trouble dealing with rejection and cope with it in different ways. Some people like to be left alone to reflect, while others like to talk to their friends or family. It doesn't matter how a person deals with rejection as long as he or she doesn't ignore it.

There are many ways to deal with rejection in healthy ways. The person who was rejected can seek counseling, get help from friends or family, or join a support group. There are many websites on the internet devoted to overcoming rejection from first choice colleges and from girlfriends or boyfriends.

One website I found interesting was <http://netburst.net/hot/rejection.htm>. It tells interesting facts about famous people being rejected. A few interesting facts from the website are that, "Walt Disney was fired for lacking ideas" and that Margaret Mitchell's *Gone with the Wind* was turned down by publishers thirty-eight times.

As we all know, Walt Disney became one of the most successful people in the entertainment business as a pioneer and innovator. Walt Disney opened Walt Disneyland in 1955 and started the first full length animated musical picture, *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*. A story a few of you might have heard of. A high school basketball coach once cut Michael Jordan from his team. Can you imagine that coach's shock when Jordan became one of the best basketball players in the world? Rejection happens to everyone, no matter what status, race, creed, or gender a person is.

But no matter how hard a person tries or works to succeed, failure happens to everyone. If you're rejected you have to handle it in a

mature matter, since we are all almost adults.

Don't flip out at someone because you had a bad day because they can't do anything about it. If you make a rash decision to curse, cuss out a person, or use violence in any way you will regret your actions. Try to talk to the person in a calm and soothing manner while taking deep breathes. Try to count to ten to relax. If that doesn't work have a great big cry. It helps!

JUST REMEMBER TO REMAIN CALM AND KNOW THAT EVEN THOUGH IT FEELS LIKE THE END OF THE WORLD, IT ISN'T.

A breakup may feel like the end of the world but be thankful for what you still have: food, clothing, friends, and your health. Don't make a spare of a moment decision. One of my teachers has a rule that helps prevent those rash actions from occurring.

My professor says that she will not talk to a student about a paper he or she got back until after twenty-four hours because the student may need (which is likely) a cooling down period. I like that teacher's idea and it has helped me when I have been unhappy with a grade she has given me. The most important action you take is after you hear those words, "I'm sorry but..." or "I don't think you are cut out for this." It is your reaction of the rejection that really shows what kind of person you are, not the failure.

Remember that it is not the end of the world and that the rejection can open up many different opportunities for you. Don't dwell on it, instead deal with it and move on.

A person's reaction to failure or disappointment tells the people around them his or her maturity level and self-control. Next time you get rejected, or fail (which you will) remember to stay calm and know that you are not the only one rejected even though it feels like it.

Once again, remember that you are not alone and there are people other there that care about it and want to help, even if it feels like there aren't. Trust your family and friends to support and care for you. They are there for a reason. Good luck and keep your chin up!

Week 12: Final Week Aussie Reality Shock!

As I sit in class the morning after I return from spring break and turn four sad little pages of my weekly planner, I notice how the fifth page has words to the effect of "pick up work schedule" and "meet with advisor at Rollins." Spring break is definitely over, and it looks like my time in Sydney is just about over too. How depressing. After the previous night's happiness at returning "home" from Queensland, the reality of returning "home" to the United States sinks in.

Before my parents and friends tear me apart for this though, it is not that I do not want to return to Florida to see them, but more so that I feel going home in November will be just like leaving college for the first time. I want to see my family, but I have grown accustomed to a new home, have new friends, and have probably changed somewhat and it will be difficult to readjust to home.

Not everybody feels this way however. Most from the Rollins group are beginning to look forward to going home because they feel that they have done everything possible in Sydney and, I guess, in a way we have. We have lived here, found our way around the city by ourselves, felt like locals when we can give directions to tourists, gone to school here, taken classes that made us feel we know more about Australia than those who grew up here, (I'm going to include writing articles as working here...should count for something!), experienced two seasons, explored just about every means of entertaining ourselves on three-day weekends, and even taken a vacation away from the city for a couple of weeks! Perhaps, then, I thought, it is time to leave and look for a new adventure.

Considering how we were all accustomed to our new way of living in Sydney, the final few weeks were rather routine. Aside from returning from spring break only to realize I had 5,000 words due in papers the following week in addition to two presentations and four essay exams the following

week, there were no other real shocks.

The first weekend back, the group took a trip to beautiful Jarvis Bay, an Aboriginal-owned national park. On the Friday morning, the group split into two, where the Flora and Fauna class visited a wildlife preserve, and the rest of us had to pack a little van with camping supplies for almost thirty people for three days. That was an experience...I wish I could find the photograph of the finished product!

Finally, after packing, unpacking, and setting up camp, a group

of

Aboriginal musicians came to show us some traditional dances to the sounds of the didgeridoo and clapping sticks. At first, I was quite wary at the sight of a group of grown men in tiny, red-toweled clothing, wondering what was going on. Within a minute of the first song starting, however, everyone was mesmerized. We had never seen or heard such a sight before. In fact, we were so amused that when they called for all the girls in the group to get up and do some dance that appeared as if we were feeding chickens from a bowl in our arms while running around in a circle, every single girl in the group joined in! The men had to do another dance involving flapping their arms like birds and whooping. Unfortunately, I never took the Aboriginal Studies course over here, so I really have no idea what any of this was about, but I was amused anyway!

The remaining three weeks were filled with intense paper writing, studying for exams, and writing

essay exams until I thought my hand was broken—I wrote eleven three-page essays in exams in three days! In between, we were growing nostalgic about revisiting all of our favorite places around the city (four months is plenty of time to get nostalgic!), the occasional celebration at incredibly touristy places like the Sydney Hard Rock Café, and then trying to catch some sleep here and there.

I never got abseiling, skydiving, to the wine valley, any crazy tattoos, or enough t-shirts from pubs. I think, instead, the most important souvenirs any of us have taken from Australia is a better perspective on the world. By living and studying in Sydney, we had the opportunity to see how another western culture views the faults in our own, but we also had enough time to recover from culture shock to appreciate their understanding and perhaps accept some of theirs regarding preserving the environment or even our own sanity with their "no worries" approach at life.

I have enjoyed sharing my experiences in studying abroad, and if you have any questions about Sydney, or even if you would just like to buy my Australian cell-phone off me (I have to make these articles lucrative somehow), then please feel free to contact me! kmccabe@rollins.edu.



Used I-Pods?

■ Could buying Used I-Pods be the new craze of the season? Let's have a look.

by Kelsey Field

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The average life span of an IPOD, any style, is about 1.5 years, as Apple continues putting out new and trendier MP3 players to an ever-demanding market.

Although many people give their ipod to their friends and family, there has been a recent growth in selling your used ipod, or trading it in to get a newer version. Online websites, such as eBay and Craigslist, sell hundreds and even thousands of used ipods online, offering refurbished ipods at a significantly lower price than what is paid for a new ipod.

The demand for old ipods is especially great as Apple has discontinued specific types, such as the mini version. As a result, many people hunt online for versions of the desired mini ipod in a specific color, purchasing the used ipod since Apple no longer offers the mini through their own stores.

Many of those selling their used ipod capitalize on the desire for a "retro-cool thing", according to cnn.com, and the older versions tend to bring up feelings of nostalgia. Apple will often discontinue the products which are selling well to bring in even more profits, as people will purchase the ipods because of a nostalgic feeling they have for the trendy technology.

In fact, many of the websites selling refurbished ipods will discount your purchase if you trade in your old ipod.

This is especially tantalizing for much of the used ipod buying market, as 30% of all ipod purchasers already own an ipod, and are simply adding to their collection, such as the ipod shuffle or the special ipods, such as the U2 version.

eBay, Craigslist, Small Dog Electronics and Podswap are all major players in the used ipod phenomena, as the 28 million ipods that are sold every year have paved a strong market for refurbished ipods.

eBay is considered the leader in online sales of ipods, as thousands of ipods and related products are for sale. eBay is followed in sales by Craigslist. Small Dogs Electronics offers a third generation, refurbished ipod for about \$210, significantly less than the original \$400 paid for a 30 gb ipod. Podswap in fact will take it a step further by shipping the buyers ipods loaded with music, and offering cash to the sellers.

Many of these companies offer a \$100 discount if you sell the ipod and purchase a new one, compared to Apple's offer of 10% off the purchase price of your new mp3 player. Unfortunately, this translates into \$45 off the ipod video 60 gb, or a mere \$10 off of your ipod shuffle.

Even Dell offered a \$100 mail-in rebate for old ipods when purchasing a new ipod through them. Sites such as eBay will ship the ipod with all the music still on it, and many include instructions on how to transfer the music to your computer.

More information on new and used ipods can be found throughout the internet and Apple Inc. webpages. As with any expensive product, research before buying is recommended.

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Crew Ends Fall Season with a Bang

by **Kelly McNoldy**

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Last Saturday the Rollins College crew team ended their fall season with high hopes for spring. Despite the grueling headwinds and the two mile long race course out in Melbourne, Fla., the FIRA Fall Classic was many of the novice's first race and a chance for the varsity to finish off their season with a bang against rivals such as FIT, UCF, and UF.

Crew, also known as rowing, is a year-long sport, with seasons both in the fall and the spring. The men's varsity team had already been to two other races, both up in Tennessee, before competing in Saturday's race while this was the first race of the season or the varsity women and novice men and women.

"It was great seeing our novice crews', in their first race ever, performance out on the water," said head coach Shawn Pistor. "It was also great to see our varsity men's four finish off the

year with a victory."

The men's varsity four won their race while the men's varsity eight got second. The novice switched off between getting anywhere between second and fourth place, depending on the race. The women's varsity four tied for fourth in their race with the University of Miami.

The race itself was grueling. "It wasn't a pretty race," said senior Skylar Wilson. "We had a bad set, it was pure pain, but we pulled as hard as we could and won."

"It was a very emotional victory," said sophomore Tex Tavares on their win over FIT in the men's varsity four race. "It was a real slugfest all the way to the end, too. But the crew with the biggest balls won."

However, crew is just more than racing. "It's been a great experience and a good opportunity to make friends and it's a good way to stay fit," said freshman Shareef Doumet.

"Crew is amazing be-

cause of the teamwork that goes into it and Brandon's mom," said Tavares.

Other members agree. "Brandon's mom has always been there for moral support and a loyal supporter of the Rollins Crew Team," said Wilson, who has been rowing for three years.

Colleen Reagan, the coxswain for the men's varsity eight, the men's varsity four, and the women's varsity four believes that after seeing the performance of the team in this race, commonly known as Head of the Drainage Ditch, that this season for the team will be great.

"This spring will be one of the most successful seasons in Rollins history for the men," said Reagan. "It will also be a chance for the women to rebuild a stronger team with a great group of girls."

When asked what really drove these people to "watch the sun rise and set all on the same day out on the lake," as Reagan put it, the common consensus was



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SMILE FOR THE CAMERA: (L-R) Joey Jolly, Louis Cullen, Lisa Knapp, James Bagush, Shareef Doumet won second place in Men's Novice.

teamwork. "I love the type of people that stick with the team," said Pistor. "I feel that they are all going to go very far in life, and to I see people who wouldn't have the opportunity to row on a varsity team and at a national level."

"I do what I do because of the team atmosphere here and everyone working to-

gether for a common goal," said Reagan. "That and I get to yell at the boys."

To sum up the racing experience, eccentric team member Sean "Wiggles" Weigold said regarding the entire experience Saturday, "It was early, it was painful, it was bar-b-q."

Terrell Owens Suspended: Who's to Blame?

■ Did Terrell Owens sabotage his team or did the Eagles bring it on themselves?

by **Tanisha Mathis**

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The Philadelphia Eagles announced the deactivation of 5-time Pro-Bowl wide receiver Terrell Owens for the remainder of the season. I can't understand or defend Owens' actions but I refuse to sympathize with the Eagles organization.

At the risk of seeming like a person who takes pleasure in the downfalls of other's, watching the Eagles in their own dysfunctional soap opera brings me joy. Anytime a team self-destructs due to its own lack of restraint I'm all for it.

Terrell Owens has been accused of sabotaging a proud organization. He hasn't done anything; the Eagles did this to themselves. After Owens and the San Francisco 49ers bitterly departed ways the Eagles courted him willingly and gleefully. They ignored his uncomfortable sideline blowup at his offensive coordinator. They grossly misdiagnosed his dislike for his own quarterback. They

rejoiced when he blocked a trade to Baltimore and openly voiced his desire to pack his bags and move to Philadelphia. Therefore, they deserve every bit of distraction, aggravation and frustration they incur by having him on their team.

What exactly did Owens say that was so much worse than anything he said previously? The Eagles would be better off with Brett Favre. I'm not a Favre fan and I agree. I don't think Brett Favre would have choked in the Super Bowl, figuratively or literally. Since then, the Eagles have had a lot of problems off and on the field and they haven't all centered around Owens.

ESPN football analyst Ron Jaworski actually said the Eagles would be better on the field without Owens. He wasn't the only analyst whose personal opinions clouded his professional judgment and made himself sound like an idiot.

After their Monday night loss to the Redskins, ESPN's Skip Bayless and Sean Salisbury said the Eagles' offense looked good. Looking good wins beauty pageants not football games. It is impossible to score ten points in an NFL game and still look good. We have to pardon Bayless

who looks like he never played a contact sport in his life. As far as Salisbury, considering his NFL career he probably did think the Eagles played a great offensive game.

Throughout this entire melee, the outrage over Owens' actions and comments has been the most staggering to me. Nothing commands more indignation in sports than a guy who isn't the supreme team player; it is the ultimate infraction.

Sure, there were the compulsory words of condemnation but never this much anger when Baltimore Raven Jamal Lewis served time for drug trafficking or when his teammate Ray Lewis lied to the police during a murder investigation. Where was the need to suspend and ultimately end a man's season when Michael Pittman was repeatedly beating his wife? If we must have idealistic notions in sports it should be about those things not someone who runs off at the mouth.

Leave utopian idealism out of professional sports. Professional sports are about two things: winning championships and making money. That's it, nothing more. Leave the kooz-bayah stuff for kids' Little



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WE'VE HAD ENOUGH! Terrell Owens career has been put on hold because of his suspension from the Philadelphia Eagles

League baseball and peewee football teams. You want to make an impact on kids' lives be a teacher or a social worker.

It isn't a game of life; it's a game of business. You don't have to like your co-workers; you just have to get the job done and Terrell Owens did that without fail. If his teammates were so distracted by his antics during the week that they couldn't perform on Sunday it seem to me they are the problem.

The key word I've continued to use is "professional". In professional athletics

you don't need friends; you need talented athletes. Friends are good for playing video games with on the couch. You need a playmaker. You need someone who has the fearlessness to go across the middle, the speed to go down the field and the strength to push off a defensive player at the line of scrimmage.

The Eagles had that guy but instead choose to lose in tranquility rather than win in chaos. They'll have a lot of time to make friends when their season ends short of winning a title.

An Early Look: Men's Basketball

by **Juan Bernal**

the sandspur

The Rollins College Men's Basketball team enters the 2005-2006 campaign with one of the youngest teams in the Sunshine State Conference and one of the youngest longtime coach Tom Klusman has coached. The Tars have one senior, six juniors, four sophomores and two freshmen. The Tars will clearly feel the loss of Eric Faber and Placide "P" Muhizi, who graduated in the spring.

The Tars will be led by lone senior and team captain Nate Rusbosin. Rusbosin is a 6-3 crafty southpaw from Hamilton, Ohio who has drastically improved his jump shot and defense from a year ago. He also possesses great court vision. Rusbosin's experience and off the court leadership will be invaluable on such a young team.

At the guard position, the Tars will be led by 6'1 sophomore Johnny Reibel (Chicago, Illinois). After making the Sunshine State Conference All Freshman team, Reibel is set to benefit the most from the Tars offense, as he is the only true point guard that the Tars have on their roster. Reibel also has significant experience starting 18 games in place of then-injured and now graduated Eric Faber. Reibel possess a good three point jumper and has great court vision.

Joining Reibel in the backcourt is leading scorer Deon "Cruiser" Troupe (St. Petersburg, FL). Cruiser possesses great athleticism and can score from all over the floor. The Tars will rely on Cruiser to maintain his average scoring average of 13.0 points/game and his 42% from behind the arc.

Other guards that are expected to compete for playing time and maybe even a starting position are Kevin Hogan (Sophomore, Pensacola, FL) and John "JT" Thinnies (Junior, Cincinnati, Ohio). Hogan and Thinnies are two of the best pure shooters that the Tars have. When they get their feet set, they are almost automatic. Hogan is tough and is the most physical player the Tars have. He is also one of the Tars' best defenders. JT is the Tars' best mid range player and can virtually score from anywhere on the floor.

Other guards who will compete for playing time are freshman Joe Doyle (Sarasota, FL) who is a great athlete, can get to the basket and has an outstanding competitive desire. Joseph "JoJo" Kuhlman is an outstanding shooter, a great athlete and is the hardest working players on the team.

The forward position is an outstanding asset for the Tars as the players who man that position are very versatile. Junior and returning starter Isaac "Ike" Codrey (Junior, Winter Park) is the Tars' most skilled player at the position. Codrey possesses a good shot from the outside, is a great inside slasher and his playmaking can create shots for himself as well as other teammates.

Junior Forward Jon Smith (Cincinnati) is the other half of the tandem that will man the frontcourt for the Tars. Smith is a great athlete who can jump out of the gym. His ability to rebound the basketball will pay huge dividends if the Tars are going to be successful. He has improved his three point jumper from a year ago, and the Tars hope that he can become an inside outside threat.

Newcomer and fellow Cincinnati native Greg Sweeney will come off the bench and help the Tars with his solid outside shot and rebounding. At the center position, the Tars return Junior Jordan Kolosey (St. Petersburg) and sophomore Chauncey Gibbs (West Palm Beach).

Kolosey is an outstanding rebounder and has spent the off-season honing his made range jump shot and free throw shooting to add to his outstanding arsenal of post moves. Kolosey is also an intimidating defensive presence and will use his 6'9 frame to keep opposing offensive players out of the paint. Gibbs is a 6'7 athlete who has a decent array of post moves, and is able to step outside and shoot the three.

The Tars go into the 2005-2006 season with relatively low expectations. They were picked to finish 7th in the conference out of nine teams. They will clearly look to defy the odds and try to improve last year's .500 record. The Tars' biggest game away at UCF November 18 comes three days after opening night.

Women's Basketball Preview

by **Juan Bernal**

the sandspur

The Rollins College Women's basketball team opens the season with high expectations coming off their third straight appearance in the NCAA Tournament. The Tars are highly favored to make it a fourth straight appearance if things go as well as they did against Stetson in their exhibition on Saturday night.

In the Tars 20 point victory over Division I foe Stetson, the Tars used a mix of youth and experience that frustrated the Hatters into several mistakes. The Tars flawlessly executed their offense and they looked like a Division I powerhouse as they dominated Stetson 74-54. To experience success the Tars will employ the motion offense and play man defense.

The Tars will be lead by senior forward Joslyn Giles. Giles, the reigning MVP of the Sunshine State Conference tournament and a former Stetson recruit, is virtually unstoppable on the low block and is an excellent rebounder.

Giles is also a shot blocking machine in the low post as she has lead the team in blocks the past two years.

She will be joined in the frontcourt by junior Jenn Catti, who is a very good shooter and rebounder. Randi Weiss is a frontcourt player that can pose as an inside-outside threat. Larissa McDonough returns as the leading scorer and second leading rebounder. The Tars will rely on McDonough to provide the scoring that she did last season.

In the backcourt the Tars will be led by sophomore Jennifer Musgrove. Musgrove is a good point guard, and possesses a formidable outside jump shot. Joining Musgrove in the backcourt is senior Sally Johnston who plays excellent defense and leaves it all out on the floor every night.

The Tars return from their NCAA Tournament last season with a significant number of role players. Sophomore Rachel Workman led the team in field goal percentage and will be counted on to score in the low post. Natalie

Wilmers is an excellent three point shooter, who finished second on the team in field goal percentage last year. Megan Schroeder is also expected to see some playing time at the guard position.

The Tars bring in five freshmen who are all expected to vie for playing time and make significant contributions. Jen Dyer is a great shooter and is a great slasher. Wideline Jean is a good rebounder and is very good in the low post. Rachel Malatesta is another three point marksman that is expected to pay dividends in the motion offense. Tabitha Curry is a point guard who can run the offense well and is expected to compete for playing time in the backcourt behind Musgrove and Sally Johnston. Jesse Barker brings some athleticism into the backcourt.

With a mix of youth and experience; power and finesse, the Tars are favored to bring home another conference title and hopefully be able to secure another position in the NCAA Division II Tournament come March.

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Rollins Men's Basketball Shocks Stetson

by **Juan Bernal**

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The Rollins College Men's Basketball team pulled off a monumental exhibition victory in Deland on Friday by defeating the Stetson Hatters 70-67. The Tars were led by Junior John Thinnes with 19 points and Kevin Hogan was the second leading scorer with 12 points. When the Tars beat Stetson two years ago they advanced to the Elite 8.

Stetson came into the game with lofty expectations. The same couldn't be said for the Tars, and that was just the way Coach Tom Klusman liked it. The Tars were picked to finish 7th in the Sunshine State Conference, while the Hatters were expected to contend for the Atlantic Sun Conference crown.

The Edmunds Center was filled with approximately 2,000 fans, with some of those being Rollins faithful. The game started out slowly with the score tied at 5 through the first five minutes of play.

Then throughout the next five minutes the Tars and Hatters literally traded baskets until the eight minute mark with the score tied at 18. That is when Hatter standouts Anthony Register and E.J. Gordon started to emerge. Register hit two of his five threes before the halftime buzzer and Gordon

was a force inside and on the fast break as he had 11 points at halftime.

Just before the half, Deon Troupe hit two big threes and freshmen Greg Sweeney was effective in relief of Jon Smith, who was on the bench with three fouls. The Tars went into the halftime locker room with a five point advantage, 35-30.

In the second half, Stetson quickly tied game at 35 behind the hot hand of Register. Register hit a three to open the half and assisted on an E.J. Gordon layup. For the next eight minutes, the Tars and Hatters continued to go back and forth. The Tars did an admirable job executing the Princeton offense against a bigger, faster, stronger Hatter zone.

Their 2-3 zone also did a good job of neutralizing Gordon, who every time he touched the ball, it seemed like he traveled. But what kept Stetson in the game was the hot hand of the Senior from Atlanta, Anthony Register. Register had 24 points and it seemed like he hit every big bucket when it counted the most.

With eight minutes left and the Hatters up 54-53, it looked like the game was going to end up being a nail-biter. Eric Diaz hit a three to put the Hatters up 4, and the Tars answered with consecutive John Thinnes jumpers.

With five minutes left in the game, the Tars suffered a

big blow when starting forward Jon Smith fouled out. Smith did an admirable job of neutralizing Hatter forward J.J. Hirst who was 0-6 with no points and zero points. But when Smith went out is when Jordan Kolosey started to look like Shaquille O'Neal.

Kolosey had seven blocks on the night, with many of those rejections coming in the second half with the game on the line. In the final minute with the score tied, Kevin Hogan knocked down a huge 3 pointer to put the Tars up by 3.

On the ensuing possession the Hatters missed, and were forced to foul Johnny Reibel with 22.4 seconds left. Reibel missed the front end of the one and one. On the final possession, Will Holloman missed with ten seconds left. But E.J. Gordon rebounded and Karl Hollingsworth buzzer beater rimmed in and out and the Tars were victorious.

The Hatters were led by Register and E.J. Gordon who had 23 points. Other notables for the Tars were Jordan Kolosey who had 10 points and 7 blocks. Johnny Reibel had 10 points and 7 assists despite shooting just 3-11. Greg Sweeney, in his first collegiate game was all over the stat sheet with 7 points, 4 assists, 5 steals and two rebounds.

Golf Recapped

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On November 7 and 8, Rollins Men's Golf Team traveled to Deland, Florida for the Stetson Invitational. The Men's team has been struggling to find a win yet this season placing within the top four every meet this year. Despite the disappointment of not winning the Rollins Invitational and repeating last years victory, the Men's team was hungry for a victory.

The first day of the Stetson Invitational was about endurance as members of each team shot 36 consecutive holes of gold. Despite this burden, Rollins was up to the challenge and had an amazing first day of competition. After the first 18 holes of golf Rollins found themselves tied up with Bethune-Cookman atop the leader board.

Each team shot an impressive combined team total of 294 strokes. Inspired by the competition Rollins charged ahead in the second round shooting 290 as a team and taking a commanding lead of 13 strokes over second place Bethune-Cookman and 17 strokes over Campbell. This impressive second round showed exactly how well the Men's team can play when they are on their game.

The second day was just as successful as Rollins continued to pour on the pressure of their commanding lead throughout the day. Rollins finished the Stetson invitational with a jaw-drop-

ping 20 stroke victory over the rest of the field. This victory marks Rollins' first and hopefully they can continue this type of play into next year.

On an individual basis Rollins was well represented. After the first day of play the team had four members in the top 12 of the tournament. After the second day however, it was clear that Rollins had dominated the field. Senior Tim Acquaviva (70-72-75) captured first place overall in the tournament with senior Dan Walters (68-77-73) finishing a stroke back in second place.

Overall, Rollins put three members in the top five of the tournament with Darren Lundgren placing fourth over all with 78-70-71 for a total of 219 for the tournament. Also noteworthy are the performances of Bobby Leopold, shooting a combined 230 and placing in the top 20 tied at 19th, and Jeff Golden who tied for 22nd place shooting 84-75-72.

Rollins Men's Golf will resume play next semester and should be a fun team to watch. Hopefully this victory will inspire confidence and drive in the men and next year will be even better than this one.

If the team keeps up its current level of play, as displayed by the thrashing of the competition at Stetson Invitational, there is no reason the Men's team can not reach some great achievements next year.

ROLLINS COLLEGE - CAMPUS CALENDAR

Friday 11/18	Saturday 11/19	Sunday 11/20	Monday 11/21	Tuesday 11/22	Wednesday 11/23	Thursday 11/24
Pack of Lies Annie Russell Theatre 8pm The Trojan Woman Fred Stone 8pm	Swimming vs. Tampa Alfond Swimming Pool 1pm The Trojan Woman Fred Stone 8pm	Pinehurst Thanksgiving Dinner Faculty Club 6pm The Trojan Woman Fred Stone 8pm	Men's Basketball vs. West Florida Alfond Gym 7:30pm Bedouin Night Mills Lawn 8pm		No Classes! Women's Basket- ball vs. Puerto Rico - Rio Piedras Alfond Gym 5:30pm	Happy Thanks- giving From The Sandspur No Classes!
Friday 11/25	Saturday 11/26	Sunday 11/27	Monday 11/28	Tuesday 11/29	Wednesday 11/30	Thursday 12/1
Women's Basketball Florida Tech Classic Melbourne 2pm	Women's Basketball Florida Tech Classic Melbourne 4pm	Enjoy your Sunday! School is almost over!	GBLTA General Meeting French House 5pm Film Screening of Little Buddha Faculty Club 7pm	Rollins Wakeboard Club Darden Lounge 6pm Darkness Visible Radio Show Dave's DownUnder 8pm	Women's Basketball vs. Flagler Alfond Gym 5:30pm Wicked Wednesday Dave's DownUnder 8pm	BSU Meeting Warden Dining Room 7pm Christmas M.U.G. Darden Lounge 8pm

THE SANDSPUR IS OFF FOR THANKSGIVING ON 11/25/05 AND WILL BE BACK ON 12/02/05.