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Fox Day 2006 Unites Campus

Rochelle Siegel
the sandspur

At 6:12 a.m. the phone rang. On the other end of the receiver an excited student yelled, "It's Fox Day!"

A complete surprise for a sleeping campus, Fox Day was announced early Tuesday morning, April 11, while the majority of Rollins was expecting Fox day to be some time next week.

President Duncan wanted to make Fox Day a complete surprise to students and that is what he got.

Down the halls, students ran, yelling, "Fox Day." Students could be heard down in the celebration began before the sun even rose for many. Others tired to roll over and get a few extra hours of sleep, but sleeping was practically impossible considering the excitement going through campus.

From the beach to Disney World, Rollins students all over campus got ready early and began their stress-



BRANDY VANDERWERKEN / The Sandspur

ENJOYING A DAY OFF: Students and faculty joined together to enjoy free food, community, and fun with the Fox.

free, class-free day.

The 2nd Annual Fox Day Buses arrived at 10 o'clock in

the morning to take students to Cocoa Beach, where they enjoyed a day in the sun with fellow Rollins students.

Junior Karina McCabe said, "This was my first morning in three-years on campus finding out it was Fox Day, and I was so shocked at how excited and awake everyone was at 6a.m.! I completely wasn't expecting there to be so many people running around campus and screaming. I couldn't believe I was awake at that time! I wouldn't even be up that early if I had class! I ended up having a really great day at the beach with my friends though."

Junior John Ferreira commented, "It is amazing how Fox Day brings the campus together and how friendly people were."

Junior Josh Benesh, who also celebrated Fox Day in

Cocoa Beach, felt that, "Fox Day was great. I am amazed at the power of Fox Day to triumph over apathy."

For those students who did not feel like spending the day at the beach, they could hop onto a bus and go to Universal Studios or Disney World.

Junior Rochelle Siegel and Sophomore Nicole Fluet spent the day in Disney World, park hopping from EPCOT to the Magic Kingdom. Rochelle say of the day:

"It was amazing! I love Fox Day. Even though the parks were kind of busy, and we only got to go on one ride, Nicole and I still had a great time. The weather was also perfect, I do not think it could have been a better day, a nice breeze and sunshine."

The day concluded with a BBQ on Mills Lawn. Students could enjoy all the food they could eat along with the company of fellow students and staff.

More people attended the BBQ than actually were expected, a total of 1,300 people showed up. It appears that Fox Day was an overall success.



DANI PICARD / The Sandspur

PICTURES WITH THE FOX: Senior Jessica Ray takes some time to pose with the Fox to celebrate the annual day.



DANI PICARD / The Sandspur

THE COOKOUT: Rollins students and faculty gathered together for good food at the BBQ on Mills Lawn.

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Italy: The election between Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi and Romano Prodi came out too close to call a winner.

Italy: Authorities are getting more and more power to electronically eavesdrop through wire-tapping. The number of authorized wire-taps has tripled since 2001.

Malaysia: A Malaysian man nearly fainted when he received a phone bill for \$218 trillion and was ordered to pay up within 10 days or he would face prosecution.

Japan: Aging Japanese sit behind their desks and tackle simple arithmetic and other quizzes as part of a "brain training" program.

India: Almost all 210,000 employees of the State Bank of India went on an indefinite strike demanding higher pensions. Millions of people were left without access to their cash.

Kenya: A military plane crashed, killing the Cabinet minister, six other politicians and at least seven other people.

NATIONAL NEWS

Michigan: A lawsuit is being filed over the death of a woman whose six-year-old son called 911 to report his mother had collapsed, but the 911 operator scolded the boy for playing with the phone.

Minnesota: A lawsuit has been filed against College Board because of the 4,411 students who got incorrectly low scores.

New Jersey: Four teenagers who plotted to kill 25 fellow students during their lunch-period were charged under the terrorism law, created after September 11th.

Florida: During an Everglades restoration project, the South Florida Water Management District unearthed massive bones that experts believe belonged to an ancient giant sloth.

Florida: Rollins College got an early morning wake up call from President Lewis Duncan confirming it was Fox Day.

Kentucky: A student was kicked out of a university because he was gay.

Tennessee: A former elementary school teacher who spent six months in jail for having sex with a 13-year-old student was arrested again, this time for violating probation by communicating with the victim on Myspace.com.

Music Department Offers Multitudes of Sounds

Jami Furo
the sandspur

The Rollins Music Department is buzzing with activity during the month of April. The past week alone offered eight concerts spanning a wide variety of performances, and the department shows no signs of slowing down.

On Tuesday, April 4, several different vocal ensembles from the department collaborated to form a showcase of choral repertoire. The concert began with the Rollins Chamber Singers under the direction of Dr. John Sinclair. This group sings music from the Renaissance and Baroque eras. At this particular performance, they sang four selections, featuring the music of early American composer William

Billings and early English composers John Dowland and Henry Purcell.

The concert continued with the Rollins Women's Ensemble, conducted by Christina Carter. The group, made up of nine female singers, performed five songs ranging from the work of Renaissance composer Orlando di Lasso to musical theater composer Jeanne Tesori. Before each song, one of the women from the group read a brief paragraph about the song and the composer. Two of the songs were trios, including Brian Homes' "Pie Jesu" (performed by Danielle de Alminana, Theresa Payne, and Alyssa Rabun) and Jeanne Tesori's "The Girl in 14G" (performed by Jessica Dillon, Liane LaMacchia, and Jena Whitaker).

Next on the stage was Rollins Singers, conducted and accompanied by Gloria Wills. This group sings jazz and pop music in an intricate eight or more part harmony. Their songs included a medley of "I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing" and the Carpenters hit "Sing a Song," in addition to performances of "You'll Never Walk Alone" and Cy Coleman's "Rhythm of Life," with student Pat Gallo playing upright bass.

The concert concluded with the Rollins Concert Choir, which is also conducted by Dr. Sinclair. The group of about 60 students, most of which are vocal majors, performed six songs, both sacred and secular in text and ranging a time span of 250 years. These included works by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Moses Hogan, and

Jane Marshall, among others.

The concert of vocal ensembles was not the only concert in the past week, however. It was also a big week for the brass groups at Rollins. On Wednesday, April 5, the Rollins Brass Ensemble and Trumpet Ensemble performed, and on Friday, April 7, the Rollins Horn Ensemble took the stage.

Ensembles were not the only focuses either. There were four senior recitals in the past week, including Holly Focht (piano), Ashley Bazemore (mezzo-soprano), Patricia Ayala (mezzo-soprano), and Scott Prusinowski (baritone). Also, on Thursday, the music department sponsored its weekly (and sometimes semi-weekly) Music at Midday, featuring a

variety of student performances.

There are still plenty of concerts left in the semester, however. These include everything from the student composition concert on April 16 at 7:30 p.m. in Tiedtke Concert Hall, to visiting jazz legend Chick Corea on April 23 at 7:30 in the Tiedtke Concert Hall. There are also still numerous more student recitals and one more large Bach Festival Society event, which will include the music of George Gershwin, Duke Ellington, and Scott Joplin performed by the Bach Festival Choir and Orchestra. For those looking for music here on the Rollins campus, opportunities abound. For more information, pick up a brochure in Keene Hall or look online.

American Art Scholar Comes to Rollins

Joshua Benesh
the sandspur

On Tuesday April 4 the Cornell Fine Arts Museum hosted Carrie Rebora Barratt's presentation "Gilbert Stuart At Home and Abroad," a presentation sponsored by the

Cornell Fine Arts Museum and the Thomas P. Johnson Distinguished Visiting Scholar Program.

Dr. Barratt is the Curator of American Paintings and Sculpture and Manager of the Henry R. Luce Center for the Study of American Art at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

She is a celebrated expert on eighteenth and nineteenth century portraiture and was co-curator of the recent Gilbert Stuart exhibition at the Metropolitan Museum of Art and co-author of its accompanying catalogue.

Dr. Barratt's visit focused around the life and work of Gilbert Stuart, America's pre-eminent portraitist.

Her presentation coincides with the recent acquisition of Stuart's "Sir Robert Burton Coynynham" by the Cornell, the institution's first work by Stuart.

The lecture featured an overview of Stuart's work, casting him in a much more international light than the image his American roots and place in the history of American art have traditionally placed him.

Stuart traveled and painted extensively in England and Ireland, focusing on peripheral members of the aristocracy and the artistic community itself as a source for sitters.

It was this time and place that yielded the Cornell's work, depicting Sir Robert Burton Coynynham, a mem-

ber of the Irish landed aristocracy and figure within Irish national politics.

While abroad, Stuart befriended and worked with the leading portraitists of his generation. Dr. Barratt advanced that this period served as the catalyst for Stuart's transition as an artist.

In his travels, Stuart progressed from the provincial style of his early American works to a much more refined execution.

It was this dramatic shift in execution that yielded Dr. Barratt's conclusion that Stuart can best be classified as an English portraitist depicting American sitters.

Stuart's quest for fame brought him back home to the United States in order to paint the portraits for which he is best known, those of the founding fathers of the United States.

It was the idea of paint-

ing George Washington, the then world famous first president of a new nation, that served as the catalyst for Stuart's return.

Stuart went on to paint approximately 100 images of the president, the most famous of which appears as an etching on the one-dollar bill.

Dr. Barratt supplemented her lecture with slides depicting Stuart's work and the Metropolitan Museum's installation of his work in the Gilbert Stuart exhibition.

By arranging these works in a chronological progression Dr. Barratt demonstrated Stuart's shift in style and its concurrence with Stuart's travels.

The Metropolitan Museum's exhibition also brought together several executions of the same painting in addition to the original portrait painted from a sitting. These works, called copies, were

often commissioned by the sitter themselves, by organizations, or by other individuals. They are original paintings based off the primary portrait and demonstrate the artistic progression and refinement that took place with each subsequent execution.

What emerged from Dr. Barratt's lecture was Stuart's incredible impact on the American art scene. By focusing on the Cornell's Stuart the significance of the work within Stuart's career as well as its importance to the collection demonstrate the truly special nature of the acquisition.

Through the circumstances of his life, his travels, and his motivations toward fame Stuart afforded himself the ability to progress as a preeminent portraitist in the English style who history will forever associate with American arts and the young nation.



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AT THE BEACH: Students took Fox Day buses from campus to have fun.

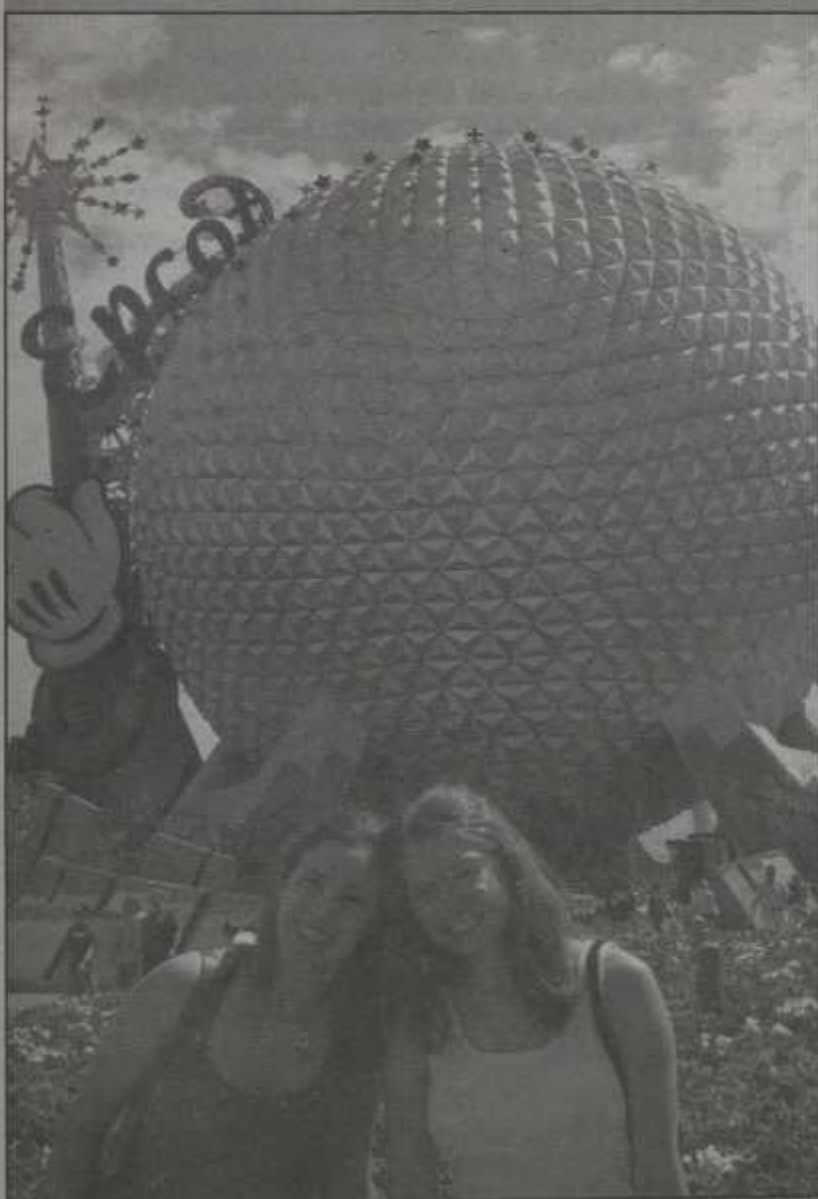
"It's amazing how Fox Day can bring the campus together and how friendly people are."

John Ferreira
Junior



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MAKING NEW FRIENDS: Freshman Juan Bernal enjoys the picnic BBQ on Mills Lawn.

FOX DAY FEVER SWEEPS CAMPUS



ROCHELLE SIEGEL / The Sandspur
HAVING FUN: Sophomore Nicole Fluet and Junior Rochelle Siegel spent their Fox Day at Disney World.

"Fox Day was great! I wish it was every day! We should reinstate Cat Day in the Fall!"

Rochelle Siegel
Junior



ROCHELLE SIEGEL / The Sandspur
AROUND THE WORLD: Sophomore Nicole Fluet and Junior Rochelle Siegel try on hats in EPCOT.

"Fox Day was great! I'm amazed at the power of Fox Day to triumph over apathy."

Joshua Benesh
Junior



DAN PICARD / The Sandspur
EATING GOOD FOOD: Families joined the Rollins campus for the Fox Day celebration.

Local News from the Orlando Area

Kelsey Field the sandspur

In local Orlando news, the Orlando Utilities Commission's garage was demolished last Saturday at 7am, attracted camera crews from around the nation as well as local tourists who came from as far as Geneva and Apopka to watch the spectacle. Although not as famous as the 1991 demolition of City Hall, where Mel Gibson and Danny Glover were on site as part of a scene in *Lethal Weapon 3*, the blast still made national headlines. The explosion, which lasted only about one minute,

brought in more than 100 spectators who lined up on the south bank of Lake Lucerne to enjoy the bog blast. The building, which cost \$200,000 to demolish, was destroyed at exactly 7:11 am, a number that was chosen by the contractor Ted Chapmen, who considers the numbers lucky, according to the Orlando Sentinel. The four story garage collapsed quickly with the 580 sticks of dynamite spread throughout the building. Upon demolition, four million pounds of rubble were left over. The parking lot, which has been a part of downtown Orlando for 35

years, was destroyed in order for the \$120 million renovation of I-4 and the East West Expressway. The renovation, which is expected to take three years in order to complete, is designed to reduce blockage along the two main highways in downtown Orlando.

In Winter Park, city officials are beginning to tackle the problem of side walk seating down the main street, which has lately begun to encroach as far as the curb. The tables, which are part of the al fresco dining that is so characteristic of Winter Park, are preventing wheelchairs and pedestrians from walking down the street. If the ordinance passes for Winter Park, the restaurants would have to maintain a path at the minimum of five feet wide between the tables, in order to create a passenger lane. Other parts of the bill include mandates stating that only two seat tables be placed parallel next to the curb, in order prevent diners from shoving their chairs directly into the paths of the pedestrians. If the ordinance passes, those who refuse to follow the ordinance have



THE DAMAGE: The parking garage is being removed to continue expansion of I-4.



TOM TRASENTE / The Sandspur

DEMOLITION: The parking garage in Downtown Orlando is being demolished to make room for I-4.

up to three chances a year, with the consequence being a loss of their permit to operate their restaurants.

In other Winter Park news, Central Park will be enjoying its 100 year anniversary, with festivities planned for the entire month of April. The six acre park was donated in 1906 by Charles Hosmer Morse, with the stipulation that it must remain a public park. Activities so far have included a Central Park Family Picnic, which took place on Sunday, April 2, and Popcorn Flicks

in the Park, which was Thursday, April 13. On April 22, Winter Park residents can enjoy up to three trees in a giveaway, in promotion of the Keep Winter Park Beautiful foundation. They will also be having classes teaching the community how to care for their new trees and other tree related classes. The final event will be the Orlando Philharmonic Spring Concert, "Sea to Shining Sea", on April 30th at 7 pm in the park.



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Finals Week Filled With Fun Events

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This year, finals week could not have gone by more quickly, despite starting slow on Monday. Many exciting events occurred throughout the week, including two PMBA-sponsored end-of-the-year parties.

The parties, at nearby Urban Flats, started at 9:00 P.M. on both Wednesday and Thursday night and came complete with free food and drink. Many stu-

dents in both the Professional and Early Advantage programs showed up and had a great time.

The Center for Leadership Development also helped make an otherwise stressful week go by a little easier. Throughout the week, it provided students with a variety of food and drink, including coffee from Panera, peanut butter and jelly for sandwiches, milk, Nutella hazelnut spread, and a variety of cookies.

The highlight of the week, however, may have

been the festivities on Tuesday that came with the proclamation of Fox Day for the Arts and Sciences students.

Although Crummer does not (yet) participate in the main benefit of Fox Day—all events and classes canceled—it (along with the Holt school) is invited each year to the campus wide barbecue on Mills Lawn that starts at 5:00 P.M.

Several Crummer students showed up to mingle with colleagues, undergraduates, faculty members, and

staff. Of course, they also came to enjoy a free meal of hamburgers, hot dogs, macaroni and cheese, and the many other items on the smorgasbord.

Considering all of the other benefits of Fox Day, for some, the main attraction was finally getting a look at the elusive Fox. People would stop by to see the statue sitting by the flagpole, and some students even took pictures beside it.

The school-wide event wrapped up around 7:30 P.M. and a couple Crummer

students were among the last to leave.

Overall, the Fox Day barbeque was a huge success, and though the clouds threatened rain for most of the afternoon, they never let go of a drop that might ruin the festivities. There was plenty of food, plenty to drink, and even some ice cream to take on the road. For those of you who missed the event, there's always next year...unless, of course, you are graduating.

All About Graduation

Melinda Green
the sandspur

Most of you undoubtedly have graduating down pat by now, having attended at least a high school and undergraduate commencement ceremony. A little refresher course can't hurt, however, and for those of us whose commencement history is not as rich, the following information may just be a lifesaver.

First, make sure you show up on time. That means you need to pick up your cap and gown at the bookstore before 8:45 A.M. Saturday, April 29, and meet in the Bush Science Center Auditorium at 8:45 A.M. where you will robe and wait for a class picture to be taken. Considering we are all done with classes now and have loads of free time (probably not), a good idea might be to stop in at the bookstore ahead of time and avoid the Saturday morning rush.

Second, make sure your guests show up on time. That means they need to ar-

rive at the Warden Arena at the Harold & Ted Alford Sports Complex between 9:00 and 10:00 A.M. No tickets are needed, and there are no pre-assigned seats, so let them know the early bird gets the worm, which in this case might be the best views and picture taking positions. The arena is small, however, so no matter when they show up, they will still get a nice spot!

By 10:00 A.M. the commencement ceremony should be underway in the Warden Arena. All students will receive their diplomas and have a professional picture taken, then everyone in attendance may proceed to the reception in the McKean Gymnasium at 11:00 A.M.

Third, celebrate! That's it. You're done. Finished. Nothing else to do ever. Well, maybe not that last part, but you are officially graduated and are now armed with your own MBA. Enjoy the day, because it's probably the last one you will see like it until you start attending other people's ceremonies.

Students Can Maintain Contact After Leaving

Melinda Green
the sandspur

As many of us move toward graduation, there is the tendency to think we are done with Rollins and done with Crummer. We came, we saw, we conquered, and now we are going into or back into the "real world" and attempting the same feat.

The relationship with our alma mater does not have to end now, however, because there are many beneficial opportunities to pursue after graduating from Crummer that allow you to keep in touch and reap more benefits into the future.

One of these is free classes. You know you didn't get enough the first time around, so come back again and again. You can do it forever and you can do it for free. What more could you ask for?

The second is through the Crummer's wonderful Alumni and Development Department. Everyone in there can tell you more about it, but after you are out

there conquering, don't forget about all the people you worked long and hard with in the Crummer basement. Hang out with them, network with them, see what they have been up to, and connect with soon-to-be-Crummer-grads at events all throughout the year.

Additionally, volunteer your time by giving speeches and being a mentor. Then, when you make it big, take advantage of one of the department's many ways to give back to the school that helped you on your way so that someone else can be helped on his or her way.

Another way you can keep in touch and maintain that link is by being a class

ambassador. These people volunteer to be the link that holds classes together and helps keep everyone connected to the Crummer school. They do this by attending events, encouraging alums to keep up-to-date information on file at the school, and by orchestrating various activities designed to reinforce the bonds built during the program.

Finally, keep in touch with the Center for Entrepreneurship, the Center for Leadership Development, and the Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership Center. They host events you can attend and are always trying to maintain contact with graduates.

Upcoming Events

4-27
Business EDGE Online Chat
Find out more about the Business EDGE Summer Business Skills program in an online chat with the admissions committee. Noon to 2:00 PM.

4-30
2nd Annual Crummer Golf Tournament
Come to the Red Tail Golf Club in Heathrow Country Estates for a 4-person scramble. There is \$1,000 in prizes and gifts and a registration fee of \$75. Sign up by April 14, by calling 407-646-2537.

5-11
Executive-in-Action Speaker Series
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Leidy M. Hurtado's Journal of Her Trip to Ecuador--Part Two**Leidy M. Hurtado**
contributing writer

Thursday the teacher from sixth and seventh grade gave me her ring for appreciation and to remember them forever. And I promised her that I would never forget her and the students. Friday was the big day. We had new chalkboard for first grade, which was a gift to the kids. They were very excited and there were many thanks to us from the principal and the teachers. Emotions were very high.

Teachers bought purses for all of us and brought us sodas to show appreciation. The principal's speech was amazing and the best part, guess who translated? ME!!! All the kids got together in the playground after we worked with them with pic-

ture frames so they could remember us while they sang all the songs we taught them that week. I did not want to cry because I was in charge of the big speech for the good bye "Ahhhhhhhh".... I wanted to die. I thanked them for hosting us and also announced all the things they were keeping. Afterwards we said our goodbyes. All the kids started crying, and I could not help it but to cry also. It was a very sad afternoon. The kids were standing in the fence waving at us and screaming "thank you," "we would miss you," "I love you," so many more. It was great, and I don't have enough words to describe the experience.

At night was our reward for such a great work. Dr. Les Lloyd really surprised us by giving roses to all the girls. Then we went to La Mansion

Del Belcazar — what a great place? It is beautiful and perfect. That night we had great fun and also great sleep. We were tired. Cuenca was really the best city for me in all the three big cities that we went to. It is such a great place with great people.

Our next city was Quito. It was very cold. Our hotel had the worst service but at least our beds were very comfortable. A phone call there was \$1.80 a minute, while in Cuenca it was \$0.10. I don't even want to remember how much I paid there in phone calls. We did a lot of touring and shopping, especially in Octavalo market. One of the things that I most like in the tours was the bike-ride. When we ride the bikes, it was very scary. I really thought I was going to fall. I went very slowly and I was the last one to arrive to the

park, but hey... I did not fall like others. When we went to la Mitad del Mundo, I was really excited because my parents visited it before but so mad at myself because I did not bring the camera. I was furious. Thank God my instructor took at least one picture in that place for memories.

I had a great roommate, except for two nights in Cuenca for her own personal reasons, but I still thank Dr. Lloyd for putting us in the same room. She is a very organized person, and I love that. I did not have problems with her. My group for the class Justine, Kayla and Trevor were perfect. I never had problems with them and I never felt they left all the work to me because of my Spanish skills. Food was great, cheap and good all the time. I can't complain be-

cause Dr. Lloyd and Heather made great choices all the time. All the students had different personalities, and I think that is why I had such a great time. I was afraid at first but everything went well after I became friends with everyone.

When got back to the United States, it was another nightmare—my papers Again! I was in an office for almost one and an half hour explaining to the immigration officers my situation in America and I had to wait for them to confirm each paper before I was let go. Finally I passed all the security barriers and I made it home with almost one thousand pictures to share with friends and family. This great experience in Ecuador is like no other, it will be engraved in my memory forever.

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What Is the Future of the Holt News Section at the Sandspur?

■ If Hamilton Holt students continue to stand on the sideline, there may not be a Holt news section next year.

Jean Bernard Chery
the sandspur

Let's make it clear right up front that the likelihood of having a Holt representation at the school newspaper next year is not clear.

Although the current assistant editor, Tanisha Mathis, will try her best to keep it going after my departure at the end of this semester, I am afraid she will be the only one committed to the task. If it is so, she will be forced to drop it all together.

Based on my own experience at the newspaper as section editor I know that it is not the work of one person alone. Let's put things in perspective. Since the beginning of the semester, the section occupies two pages. It is not an easy job when considering the lack of participation from the student body.

The section is not my section; it is the Holt community's; I happen to run it. It is, in other words, the voice of the Hamilton Holt community.

Although on a typical Tuesday night at The Sandspur workroom I leave no earlier than 11 p.m., I am forever grateful to the few students, staff and faculty members who sometimes send me articles for publication.

One may not know how much of a relief it is for me when you save me a few hours by sending me an article.

I love working for The Sandspur in general and the Hamilton Holt community in particular.

In addition to getting the experience of working in a newspaper staff, I get paid and earn extra curricular activity credits.

As far as I know, The Sandspur is the only student newspaper in Central Florida that pays its staff. There is no better job than getting paid to learn.

I heard many excuses for not getting involved in extracurricular activities,

but no one knows where life will take them in the future. Maybe the experience one acquires at a school newspaper as a student will open the door of the New York Times or the Washington Post years from now if they decide or force to abandon their projected career path.

I do understand that we, students, are here for our academic pursuits but I can assure you that getting

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Everyone could spare an hour or less a week to write about something of interest to the Holt community, and on top of getting the privilege of writing for a greater audience, which will greatly improve your writing, you will also get paid.

How long will it take to write a 500-word article? As someone with English as third language and who has been exposed to it for just eight years, I can tell you that it does not take long.

Without downplaying all the tasks that a Holt student has to perform during any given semester, I want to give you a glimpse of my schedule this semester. I am taking 16-credit hours, working an average of 32 hours a week at my regular job, attending most of HHSGA and CSA events and meeting (executive and general) but still find time to write for the newspaper and serve as editor for the Holt section.

For instance on Tuesdays, I wake up at 5 a.m. to get to work, get off work at 2 p.m., manage to be at The

Sandspur workroom around 4:30 p.m. to start the section layout, leave the workroom at 6:30 p.m. to go to my 6:45 class, then go back to the workroom after class to finish layout.

Not so fast! If someone who had promised me an article fails to turn it in, I will have to write something on the spot so I can get the section ready to go to press by early morning.

This does not happen every week, but I remember it occurred once this semester where I ended up leaving the workroom around 3 a.m.

I must tell you that I do not regret a single minute of my experience at the newspaper. For those of you who are thinking of graduate school this is an opportunity for you to add something of great value to your curricular activity list.

Without getting into great detail, I must tell you that it helps. It could be the difference between getting admitted to your favorite school or program and being rejected. In my case, it works in my favor.

Therefore, I want to encourage every one of you to get involved in the newspaper; you can be just a reporter, writing an article at will and get paid for it, a photographer, or be part of the editorial board where you get paid twice: a stipend for being on the board and for your articles.

You don't have to be an English major to join; you will get all the help and support you may need to make your experience an enjoyable one at The Sandspur.

If there is any one who is interested in joining the staff, especially, as assistant editor for the Hamilton Holt section, please feel free to contact me at holtnews@thesandspur.org.

I will love to pass onto you what I have learned at the newspaper.



The
**CAREER
COACH**
Marian Cacciatore

WHAT IS THE LIKELIHOOD OF GETTING A JOB AFTER GRADUATION? GOOD OR BAD?

Dear Marian,

I keep hearing that it is a "good" job market. As a graduating Senior, what can I expect from the current job market? Anonymous '06

Dear Anonymous'06

In general, the job market for the college Class of 2006 looks good.

"Employers are optimistic about their hiring plans, and they report that they're seeing more competition for the best new graduates," says Andrea Koncz, employment information manager for the National Association of Colleges and Employers, which tracks job market trends for new grads.

In spite of these positive words, however, I want to caution graduating seniors from sitting back and waiting for a job.

The job market still requires a great deal of effort and hard work.

One of the biggest mistakes that I see Holt students make is an "over-reliance" of internet searches.

Since three out of four jobs are filled through networking, it is critical that individuals in a job search make sure their time is allocated appropriately.

Here are three actions you can take to increase your chances of getting a job offer:

Use the resources available to you through the Hamilton Holt office of Career Services.

Start your job search here. You will find a variety of career and job-search related resources already collected for you, and you will have access to ongoing guidance.

Among the services your career center provides are: assistance with resumes and cover letters, mock interviewing and job search strategies.

Did you know that you are able to register for Rollins College Monster Trak?

By registering, you will automatically receive notice

of companies seeking Rollins alumni for their openings.

Research employers and their opportunities:

This may be the single biggest secret to job-search success!

Research can give you a direction for your job search; it will provide you with solid information you can use in crafting your resume and interviewing; it demonstrates to employers that you are interested in their opportunities and organizations; and it will help you figure out which organizations will be the best match for you.

Surprisingly, many job seekers skimp on research or skip this important step completely.

Employers say they can tell when a student hasn't bothered to investigate their organizations.

Given the many resources available to today's job seeker—including corporate web sites—employers think there is no excuse for failing to conduct research.

Network—You will gain an edge by building a network that can help you learn about organizations and their opportunities.

Your network contacts may help you get your resume into the right hands or your foot in the door.

In fact, many employers reward their current employees for referring candidates.

And, your network is something that can help you throughout your career.

Need to schedule an appointment? Simply call the Hamilton Holt office at 407.646.2232 or email Marian Cacciatore at 407.646.2232.

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.

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More Than You Ever Wanted To Know About Rollins

■ Ten interesting, but little known facts about Rollins.

Harry Reyes
the sandspur

Rollins College has an overwhelming amount of historical and traditional legacies not known by the majority of the student body and faculty and staff. Our past is composed of traditions, influential people, and historical events that shape today's Rollins, so unique and special than any other private institution of higher learning. The following are some of the top ten most interesting facts about Rollins history and its past.

10. Hamilton Johnson was the first man to graduate from Rollins College in 1893. This is eight years after Rollins received its first charter in 1885.

9. In the 1940's, first year students were invited to be a

known as Rats. During the whole orientation, these freshmen had to wear "Rat Beanies" as a symbol of their meekness.

6. In 1963, Rollins Crew Team coached by Professor U.T. Bradley, achieved advancement to the semi-finals in England's prestigious Henley Royal Regatta.

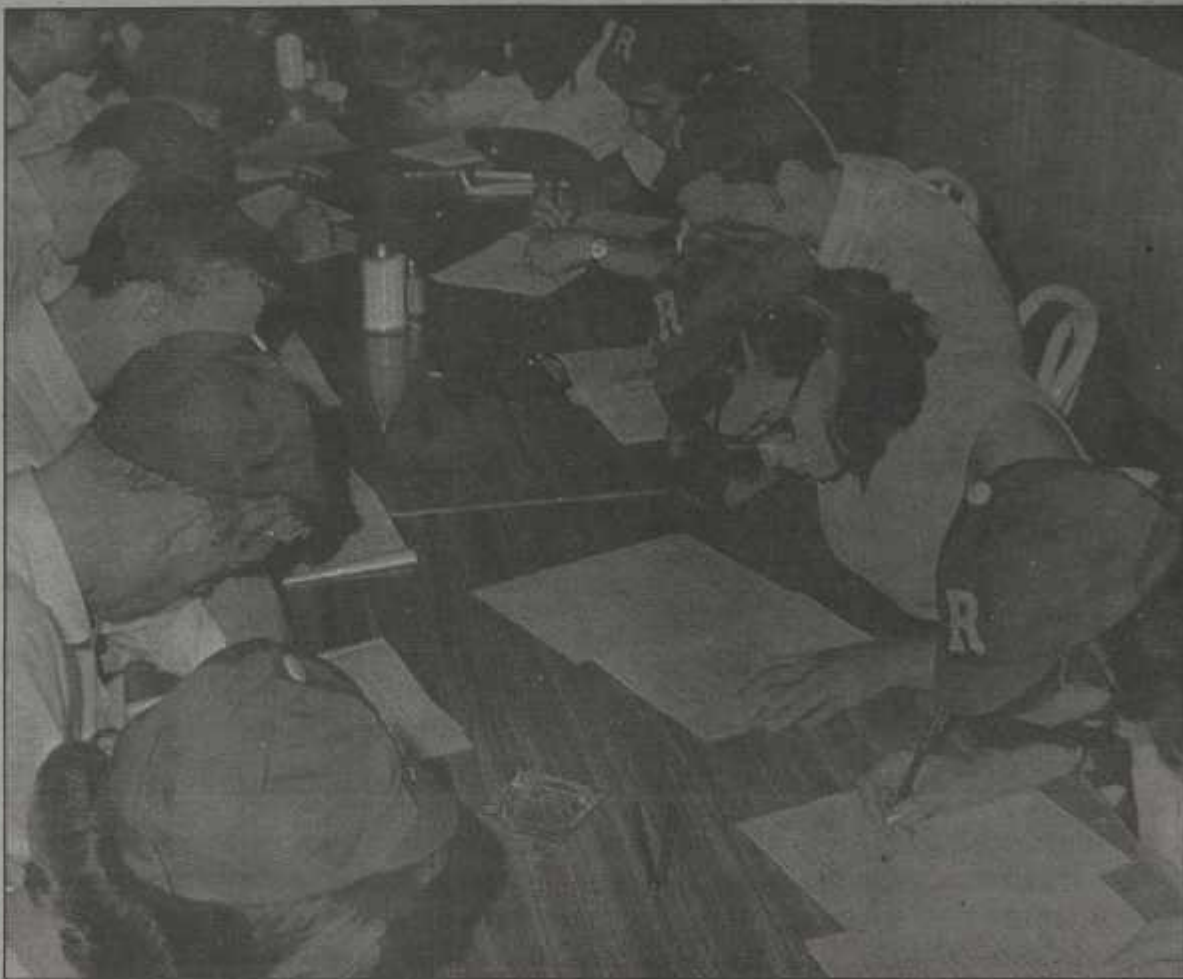
5. There have been four presidents to visit Rollins College: Cleveland, Coolidge, Franklin D. Roosevelt, and Truman. Out of these four, Roosevelt and Truman actually spoke on Campus.

4. Rollins Varsity Teams before 1917 were called the Blue and Gold. But soon after 1917, the name changed to the Tars, a small naval training vessel stationed in Lake Virginia during World War 1. Our mascot in the 1950's was not the Fox of today but a miniature Mexican Burro called the "Tar Baby", a gift from President McKean. This burro was part of all weekend and weekday social events. One event in particular that everyone would party look forward to on Mills Lawn was called the "Fiesta".

3. At one point at Rollins College, there were two statues, one of a Cat and one of a Fox. Both statues came to Rollins after Dr. Holt asked a man by the name of Murray Sams to donate the statues to Rollins after passing his house near New Smyrna. The statues were later to be inaugurated in the Pseudo-Honorary Society of the Cat and Fox. The Cat represented the Cat Tribe, symbolic of its Patron Saint Felix, and the Fox represented The Foxes, symbolic of their Patron Saint Reynard. Dr. Holt 70 years ago did not know the effects that the Fox statue has over everyone on campus. Thank you Dr. Holt for this gift.

2. Rollins is the oldest recognized college in the state of Florida. First chartered as an institution of higher learning on April 28, 1885.

1. There are two dead bodies ashes buried on campus, Rex Beach and his wife, Creta Beach. They are both buried in a tomb near the Environmental Studies. Unfortunately, Rex Beach death on December 7, 1949 was a result of a suicide.



COURTESY OF ROLLINS COLLEGE ARCHIVES

ROLLINS RATS: Freshmen students had to wear an "R" beanie during a specific week of the year to designate themselves as "rats." Thankfully, this practice ended in the 1960s.



COURTESY OF ROLLINS COLLEGE ARCHIVES

ROLLINS AT THE REGATTA: The Rollins crew team were so successful they were able to travel to England to compete in a regatta.



COURTESY OF ROLLINS COLLEGE ARCHIVES
THE TAR BABY: Somehow, being called a "fox" is better than the former alternative...

part of the freshman class "Sneak" Day. Rollins would provide transportation and food for these guests as they spent all day socializing and having fun. At this time, every time Rollins had a social event off campus, they would stay at a beach house owned by the school in New Smyrna Beach called the Pelican.

8. In 1974, Rollins students tried for a Guinness Book of World Records by launching a water balloon 162 feet long. That same year Lyman Hall had a major fire. 7. Until the 1960's, freshman new on campus during freshman orientation were



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THE PELICAN HOUSE: Rollins College used to host a skip day for freshmen at this house in New Smyrna Beach. It seems to make up for having to wear the rat beanies...

The New Motherhood

Defining "father" in a society where an increasing number of women rely on artificial insemination from sperm donors.

Karina Mc Cabe
the sandspur

Imagine a scene 30 years from now when the next generation of Americans is planning to marry and raise families. Quickly, though, the scene cuts to a more foreboding image of offices where couples nervously await DNA test results because, in their reality, their "father" could have produced 1,000s of children. If the test proves the couple to be half-siblings, they will have to try again to find another partner—a seemingly impossible task in a city riddled with children born from anonymous sperm donors.

This does not have to be the outcome of today's fertility situation. Yet, many women today face an equally daunting task: the reality that Mr. Right may not necessarily appear before their biological clocks stop ticking. Nevertheless, with an increasing presence in educational institutions and the workforce, these women are equipped with the personal and financial independence

to care for a child on their own. This explains why so many are now opting to fulfill their maternal inclinations through in-vitro fertilization at sperm banks.

While sperm banks have been a viable option for quite a while, they have recently altered their course of anonymity to a point where women can now enter a family planning clinic and select a donor from a series of photographs and biographies. Furthermore, if the donor has given prior approval, many women can also select an option to have the donor play a father-figure role in her child's life.

"If I were a woman, I wouldn't want it," Hoyt Edge, Associate Dean of Faculty at Rollins College said, wrinkling his forehead in disdain. "I don't know that I would take a chance with a donor who wants to play a role...I mean, what kind of father is this? How much intervention would he have?" Indeed, Mr. Edge strikes the cord of dilemma in this proposal: what is a father?

With more children born into non-conventional rela-

tionships, in this case, a biological mother with a sperm-donor father figure, the standard definitions of parental roles are no longer valid. "A father is someone who takes care of you... a father is not someone to have a 50-percent relationship with a child," Sergio Abril, '09, explains, of the currently accepted definition. This, basically, breaks down into a relationship in which the paternal figure, who shares his child's genetic code, cares for both the financial and psychological welfare of his offspring. Increasingly, though, it is more acceptable for a non-biological paternal figure to assume the financial and psychological role of a father.

So, why is it necessary to have a man who shares a child's genetic code assume this role of a "father?" "This whole idea of a male identifying with sperm is interesting."

Mr. Edge points out, "but the idea of a child running around with my genetic code that I don't know about is troubling." This may explain why many men who

choose to become sperm donors are also opting to be a part of the child's life without having a physical relationship with the mother.

Many women also find this relationship disconcerting. One student, Erin Higgins, '07, thinks that this "kind of defeats the purpose...why would the mother even go to a sperm bank if she saw herself having a relationship with a guy?"

The only reason Elaine Walsh, 23, would turn to a sperm bank is "if I was with a guy that wasn't able to produce, then I would do it."

Agreeing with Ms. Walsh, Elizabeth Van Arsdale, '09, highlights the argument for the modern, independent woman who cannot find an ideal relationship. "If it's a single woman who just wants to make sure she has children, I understand completely..." Both Ms. Walsh and Ms. Van Arsdale rule out the possibility of ever having a relationship with the donor though.

Why do so many oppose this option? "Kids can get screwed up this way," Mr. Edge explains, "Who is this guy you pick out just from a picture? He could be married." So, while the child may be able to prevent the original frightening proposition of a city filled with in-breeds, there may be further

risks associated with this new concept of "father."

For one, how can a simple approval from a donor

"I don't know that I would take a chance with a donor who wants to play a role...I mean, what kind of father is this? How much intervention would he have?"

- DR. HOYT EDGE
ASSOC. DEAN OF
FACULTY

mean that he may now be responsible for a child if the woman also consents? "It would be weird to meet this guy she's [the mother] never known who would be involved in her child's life," Ms. Van Arsdale suggests of this possible risk in this new family structure.

Nevertheless, women are continuing to adopt this new model for their families. Is this the beginning of a social revolution? On the other hand, will we perhaps all revert to the arranged marriage system of our ancestors in order to find a viable relationship in which to procure children? Only time will tell.

Unraveling the Myth of the Trust Fund Baby School

■ How does an off-campus job affect a student academically?

Karina Mc Cabe
the sandspur

"People are poor only because they are lazy," one sophomore expressed, wishing to identify herself only as a conservative student concerned with the level of productivity at Rollins College. The girl, a former prep school student whose father now pays for her pricey arts and sciences program tuition at the college, reports that students who do not have the same resources available to them as she does are "obviously people who have made bad decisions."

This individualistic level of poverty is untypical of students at a liberal arts institution, according to Jessica Estes, 20, who explains, "Poverty is a structural problem, not individualistic. The professors here make sure we are aware of how poverty comes as a result of public policies, and not simply be-

cause someone is a slacker."

According to education researcher, Tracey King, poor students are not slackers. In fact, "74 percent of full-time college students have jobs," and at least half of these are working because they would otherwise be unable to afford to attend college. The question is, how



RYAN WALLS / The Sandspur
WILLIAMS & SONOMA: More responsibilities than homework.

does this impact students lives?

"I work between 30-35 hours a week as a butcher at Publix and it's a juggling act," Paul Leonard, 20, a sophomore at University of Florida revealed. "I don't have the luxury of not working. I work because I have to."

Like Mr. Leonard, Ms.

King explains, "Most students work while enrolled in college, and nearly half of all full-time working students work 25 hours or more per week." Unfortunately, "while many students are working at levels that are likely to negatively impact their academic achievement and the quality of their education, they often cannot afford to cut back on their work hours."

Jennifer Browning, Assistant Director at the Office of Career Services in Rollins College, does not necessarily agree with Ms. King that working is such a negative experience. While "there are certain events you can't make it to because you have to go to work," she concedes, "I think that there are definitely many more pros in terms of getting real-world experience while still in school. It helps students figure out what they like to do...so, it's real beneficial in terms of helping them establish goals."

Indeed, many students do take advantage of this opportunity to gain "real-world experience," as a recent poll

of Rollins College student's shows that a full 35 percent of students work at off-campus jobs.

Of this, 75 percent report that their parents pay almost all of their bills. While the figure for students with jobs is significantly lower than at other institutions, Rollins is notorious for drawing in more affluent students and so it correlates well with Ms. King's research showing how students from higher-income families tend to work less.

Many, such as Kimberly Hartman, 21, believe that this places working students at a disadvantage to their more finally privileged peers. "I admire students who can balance both work and school. But I think that having to work puts them at a disadvantage as compared to students who don't have to work and have more time to dedicate toward their studies."

"I did not work in college," says Charles Gafford, 23, a former student at Texas Christian University who is now an Air Force Officer currently serving in Qatar.



RYAN WALLS / Source
BARNIES: Rollins student hard at work off-campus.

"I wouldn't have been able to do all the thing I'd wanted to do if I had to work, such as ROTC and the honorary society. I wouldn't have been able to handle all of my on-campus activities and take a full course load which I needed to keep my scholarship."

This difficult predicament faces a great number of students where they need to work to remain in college, but they also need to maintain high grades in order to keep scholarships. On the one hand, it is a challenge to find a balance between work, classes, academics and a social life; on the other hand, if one can achieve the time management skills required to make the necessary investment in both a college degree as well as in real-world experience, the practical skill earned is priceless.



Calendar

Student Athlete Day:
April 19, Mills Lawn
Earth Day, April 22

ENTERTAINMENT

"Lend Me A Tenor," April
21-29, Annie Russell

"Egg Fest," April 15, 2-
4p.m., Mary Jean Plaza

"Lip Sync" on tape, April
17, 7-10p.m.,
Dave's Down Under

STUDENT GROUP
ACTIVITIES

BRUSHING: "Literary and
Art Journal Reading,"
April 20, 7-9 p.m.,
Galloway Room

BSU: "Lost Boy No More:
Abraham Nihal," April 14,
5:30-9p.m.,

Bush Auditorium

CAC: Banquet, April 20

ECOLOGY CLUB: "Earth
Day Celebration," April 20,
11-2 p.m., CCC

FIVE STONES: Dance
Competition, April 16, 5-
6p.m., ASC Warden Gym

OCSA: "Scrapbook Night,"
April 17, 3:30-8 p.m.,
OCSA Lounge

RC SWING DANCE: Meet-
ing, April 19, 7-8p.m., ASC
Dance Studio

RHA: "Battle of the Halls,"
April 20, 5-8 p.m.,
Mills Lawn

SGA: Inauguration Recep-
tion, April 18, 5pm, Cornell
Museum Patio

X-CLUB: "Blood Drive,"
April 14-17, in front of
Mills Lawn

WINTER PARK

"The Message: Muhammed
Ali," April 19, 6-9p.m., Sun
Trust Auditorium, spon-
sored by RC Anthropology
Dept. and Center For Peace,
RC Music Dept., "Tenebrae
Service," Knowles Chapel,
April 14, noon-2p.m.
RC Music Dept., Student
Composition Concert, April
16, 7:30-9:30p.m., Tiedke
Concert Hall.

Bach Festival Society
Choral MasterPiece Series:
April 29, 8p.m., April 30,
3p.m., Knowles Chapel
Morse Museum: April 17-
19, Free Admission for
Easter Weekend
Run For The Trees, 5K:
April 29, 7:30 a.m.,
Showalter Field, proceeds
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More Than Just Bouti

More To Do Than Late Night Smoothies At The Grille

■ Many students
now find them-
selves at Aloma
Bowl on Monday
nights.

Seth Stutman
the sandspur

Have you ever seen a vending machine that predominantly features socks in the middle rows? At this magical sock vending venue, you can also turn in your shoes so that you can borrow snazzier ones that are sprayed with a complimentary disinfectant before you use them. As wild as this shoe fixated dreamland might seem, this place exists less than a five minute drive from campus.

There is a new trend off campus that allures more and more students by the week: Aloma Bowl. This Monday-night hangout is the ideal reprieve from a hectic start to this day of the week, and many show up for

entertainment and company. Sophomore Peter White often joins the crew for bowling: "it's a great way to hang out with your friends and is a welcome distraction from the stresses of college be they academic, physical, or what not." White is often joined by some of his fraternity brothers and other people interested in a night free from homework, dorms and campus security.

Brad Tehaan, '08, started his collegiate bowling career at X-Club's annual charity event, "Bowling Strikes Against Cancer," a few weeks back. Usually unmoved by the activities offered on or off campus, Tehaan was excited to bowl for a cause while representing an organization.

Tehaan found the activity itself to be a delightful break from the day to day life at Rollins and predicts a return trip to the alleys. "I'd absolutely go again, if for no other reason than to bowl a better game." Despite his

score of 43, Tehaan vows that there is no place to go but up.

Aloma Bowl itself may not be as glamorous as the well manicured bushes outside of Beans and the food not quite as good but it has its own appeal. In addition to over thirty lanes of polished wood, there are many more attractions at the alley. For one, four pool tables face a big screen television tuned into ESPN. Also, arcades with somewhat outdated games and others that reward the participants with tickets for trinkets and whatever small candy lies behind the shoe counter are also available at the other side of the building.

The cafeteria on the whole lacks a diverse menu. You will not find all of your food groups here, nor a balanced meal but the pizza is quite delicious. A bar full of regulars also wets the appetite of thirsty bowlers hoping to accentuate their game.

For readers looking for

an exciting date or venue for a social gathering, the atmosphere at Aloma Bowl lends itself to a laid back, off-the-beaten path setting. Why go out for a "romantic" dinner when you can save both a few dollars and vital minutes of awkward silence and chewing with your mouth open? What else can be a better ice breaker than flexing your bowling muscles or cuter than your blatant lack of expertise?

Monday night bowling at Aloma Bowl is a growing trend that only takes a little pit of planning and yet yields a great deal of fun. You do not even have to join the Monday night group to take part in the action; instead, pick a night for your group. Do not allow yourself to sit around night after night with "nothing" to do. Take a look in the yellow pages or roll on over to Aloma Bowl for a great night away from Mills Lawn and the Grille.



■ Winter Park
just hosted a suc-
cessful fifth
annual Dinner on
the Avenue

Kelsey Field
the sandspur

For those of you wander-
ing around Park Ave this
past weekend, you may have
noticed that there was quite
a disturbance going on, with
the main street being closed
down and all. But besides
several detours, the real
story is Winter Park just
hosted its fifth annual Din-
ner on the Ave on Saturday
night.

This social event fea-
tured rows of round tables
lined up down the road, and
people milling about in all
sorts of clothing, from for-
mal wear to their best set of
luau coconut bras. The event
sponsor, the City of Winter
Park government, sold out of
their 115 tables in less than
two months, demonstrating
the popularity of the social
event.

Park Avenue Plays Dress Up F



KARINA MC CABE / The Sandspur

SOCIALIZING TIME: Contestants were just as seri-
ous about having fun as they were about their entry.

The tables, costing 80
dollars for eight people, are
decorated in hopes of win-
ning a prize in one of the
four categories: most patriot-
ic, most elegant, most color-
ful and most original.

To win, contestants must
dress accordingly to their ta-
bles, which explains why if
you happened to be strolling
the Ave or enjoying dinner at
310, you may have noticed a
large amount of people
decked out in their formal
finest or more creative cos-
tumes.

Last year's Dinner on the
Avenue brought out 800
spectators to come see the
festivities, and this years

numbers are even
higher. Each
table was de-
corated exten-
sively, from
fountains to
statues, wed-
ding-like tarps and
rose bou-

quets, all in hopes of win-
ning one of four gift baskets.
The tables also include food,
although spectators were not
allowed to enjoy the Cheese-
cake Factory and other such
delicacies that were brought
to show off. The event is
meant purely for social en-
joyment for the members of
the Winter Park community.

So, it is essentially a
fancy community picnic
where instead of the egg toss
or water balloon fight, one
looks forward to comparing
Dillard dresses to the prom
reunion table to the left of
the wedding themed table.
Other tables included "Tour
of Winter Park", where dif-

ferent tables
represented
different
streets
throughout
Winter Park
and what was
located on the
street, multiple
Hawaiian
themed tables
and a few guys
dressed in
wigs wander-
ing about.

Those who did not have
the chance to
sign up to participate, con-
sidering how quickly the ta-
bles sold out, instead wander-
ed around enjoying
glasses of wine while check-
ing out what the Dinner on
the Avenue had to offer.
Then when guests sat down
to feast on their meals, on-
lookers enjoyed their own
meal at the local restaurants
offering even more varying
cuisine down Park Avenue.

The successful gala also
comprised of various Win-
ter Park businesses, many of
which had closed down for
the celebration.

TABLETOP BRO
ed to many fine

ue Browsing In Winter Park

What Do You Do For Fun In Winter Park?

"I enjoy going to the movies, or going out to eat at Cheesecake Factory, Johnny Rockets and Crispers. I also enjoy going to Fiddlers, O-Boys, Luma, and Urban Flats with my friends because they're so close to campus."

- Harry Reyes, Class of '06

"I like going to different restaurants, drinking at Fiddlers, and going for walks with my girlfriend."

- Jason Lup, Class of '07

r A Night!



KELSEY FIELD / The Sandspur

ING: Winter Park residents were treat-



KELSEY FIELD / The Sandspur

K AND WHITE: Each table picked their

Winter Park's Relay for Life: A Great Time For A Great Cause

■ As always, Relay for Life had a great turnout from Rollins organization.

Brian LeMay
the sandspur

On an unusually frigid night in Central Florida, when participants in the annual Winter Park Relay for Life were struggling just to stay warm, the temperature was simply an after thought during the ten-minute luminaria (candle lighting) ceremony that touched the hearts of all who were involved.

"It was a special reflection," remarked 20-year-old Rollins sophomore Nick Slattery of Wilbraham, Massachusetts regarding the luminaria lighting. "It's sad to think of all the people that we've lost."

Relay for Life is a team-organized fundraiser for cancer research sponsored by the American Cancer Society. Since its 1986 inauguration in Tacoma, Washington, the event has rapidly spread throughout the country. During the relay, teams consisting of ten to fifteen members must have at least one person walking on the outer track for each of the eighteen hours. Meanwhile, other team members can participate in fun-filled activities such as relay idol on the field inside the track, or sleep inside their campsite tent during downtime. While much of the night is action packed, somber and heart-touching moments such as the survivor lap and luminaria lighting certainly put the true meaning of the event into perspective.

Beginning at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 25, and concluding at 8 a.m. on Sunday, March 26, the Winter Park Relay for Life at Winter Park High School's Showalter Field raised nearly \$48,000 as a result of participant fundraising. Of the over seventy designated campsites, nearly 20 were occupied by Rollins captained teams. "It was great to see a bunch of my other friends from

Rollins there," said freshman Bryan Seaman of Orlando.

With approximately one thousand people in attendance over the course of the night, there was never a dull moment. From watching Indian dancers to socializing with family and friends, attendees were always amused. "The entertainment was great, said 18-year-old freshman Elyse Moore of Canada. "It was actually fun to be there in the cold with all of my friends." In fact, many people were having so much fun that they braved the weather and stayed the entire night.

For Bryan Seaman, sinking a friend in the dunk tank was his highlight of the evening. "Knocking Deuce in the dunk tank was great," he joked. "Having fun for a good cause really made my night." While this was Seaman's first Relay for Life, he was honored to raise money for cancer research, citing his grandfather's death as inspiration to find a cure for cancer.



LARA BUESO / The Sandspur

WALKING FOR CHARITY: Francesca Thomas, '07, Lara Bueso, '07, and Susan Frantz, '07, all went to Relay this year.

Nick Slattery also lost a close friend to cancer. Because his girlfriend's mother passed away from the disease just one year ago, fighting cancer is a cause close to his heart. "She was very adamant about finding a cure, so I want to carry on that attitude," he said. "I'm happy that so many people came out for a great cause."

Not only did so many people come out for a great cause, but they united to raise money for a disease that has caused devastation, yet inspiration in their lives. But, even with today's in-

credible technology and medicinal advances, there is still not a cure for cancer. While several treatments are available and often effective if the cancer is caught early enough, the disease is still killing thousands of people every year.

As a result, people like those in attendance at the Winter Park Relay for Life continue to pursue their goal of ridding cancer by keeping in mind the friends or family they lost. And even on the coldest of nights, their inner passion to beat the disease keeps them warm.

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Hard Candy Doesn't Sugarcoat Its Serious Subject Matter

Kalene McCort
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As we move further into the 21st century it's easy to see that communicating via the internet has become the preferred method of chat for many. When people ask for your MySpace and you inform them you don't have an account, watch for that look: an intense blend of confusion and sympathy rush over their cyber-loving faces.

Don't get me wrong, technology has made our lives easier in a sense and I myself am guilty of taking advantage of certain web perks. What can match the joy that is felt while researching term papers from bed in your Sponge Bob Square Pants pj's or saving money on those long distance phone calls by opting to send a speedy email to a friend instead. But seriously, the growing popularity of Facebook, MySpace, and even eHarmony has got me asking: Are we all a bunch of voyeuristic freaks? Is the internet just another outlet for self expression and healthy interaction or a breeding ground for people to stretch the truth about their true selves?

The indie film "Hard Candy" which played recently at our very own Florida Film Festival, explored this controversial topic. With its psychologically disturbing dialogue and imagery, this flick had the audience choking on their Skittles while simultaneously squirming in their seats. The film opens with what seems like an innocent session of instant messaging between lensman319 and thonggrrrrl14. Leaving their alias screen names at home the two decide to move away from the mouse pad and keyboard and meet in person at a local coffee shop. The first time we see Hayley Stark, played by Ellen Page, she appears naive, innocently taking great pleasure in a tasty piece of confectionary goodness. Her body and face, although cute, have a sense of pre-pubescent an-

drogyny that is hard to ignore. Beneath her honey brown pixie-cut and bright eyes lies a mystery. Film viewers begin to wonder, does she possess a certain sensuality? Is she just a troubled teen looking for love, or a raging psycho? After all, she playfully informs 32-year-old photog Jeff Kohlver, played by Patrick Wilson, that she is certifiable nuts, "four out of five doctors agree".

Against his better judgment, Jeff takes a chance and the two venture back to his place in his metallic-colored mini cooper, but not before unusual, intellectual, flirtatious banter is exchanged and Jeff literally kisses Hayley's feet.

Tension builds in the car ride, and when the cyber buddies reach Jeff's pad the two indulge in some screwdrivers made by underage Hayley. Intrigued by the artsy model shots strewn along the halls of Jeff's home, Hayley inquires about the breathtaking females in each picture. Just when we think the alcohol may have sent her inhibitions out the window, Jeff begins to look a little queasy and collapses while taking photos of Hayley in her sports bra jumping and dancing on his couch.

The loud bass banging music comes to a grinding halt and we see an image of Jeff looking dazed. His torso and hands are bound with rope to a rolling chair. This horrifying image prompts viewers' ears to ring with the familiar sound of Hayley's voice reminding Jeff that he should never drink anything he doesn't mix himself.

Director David Slade and writer Brian Nelson bring this idea of becoming a prisoner in your own home to a new level. Hayley, the manipulative honor student really messes with Jeff's manhood in a scene that had many male audience members cupping their own members.

"Hard Candy" is the kind of film you have to devote full attention to. Even if your bladder is about to break you will feel the overwhelming desire to wait it out, rather than face the fear of missing an important piece of this complex puzzle.

The fact that "Hard Candy" holds one's interest for 103 minutes is amazing considering that for the most part it is shot in one location and a substantial amount of dialogue is only spoken between two characters. The true to life conversations, unique cinematography, brilliant performances by Wilson and Page, along with the nonstop suspense make this movie so much more than your average cat and mouse thriller.

The mystifying nature of Hayley adds greatly to this roller-coaster ride of a plot. We don't really know who she is, all the things she expressed interest in via the internet turn out to be lies used simple to lure Jeff in. However, we don't really know who initiated the relationship over the internet either.

In the beginning of the film I sympathized with Jeff. His kind eyes

and a glimpse into a traumatic childhood experience he had involving a stove burner made him appear like a vulnerable victim. Near the end of the film my feelings for him made a complete "360" for reasons that are just too good to disclose.

"Hard Candy" has already won the honored titles of Best Motion Picture, Best Screen Play, and Audience Award at the Sitges International Film Festival. It also was an Official Selection at Sundance. So, is this controversial Lions Gate film a warning about the dangers of hooking up online or a glimpse into what can happen to those males who dab in the waters of pedophilia? Some viewers expressed the feeling that the storyline and the clever character of Hayley were too far fetched. On April 14 this creation opens in cities throughout the U.S., you decide if "Hard Candy" is satisfying, hard to swallow, or leaves you craving more!



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Horoscopes

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WEDNESDAY, April 19

Aries Today is a 5. For the coming four weeks, focus your attention on making money. Everyone won't understand, but that's OK. Explain it to them later.

Taurus Today is an 8. The Sun's coming into your sign, which is excellent for you. This year it's easier to achieve success and prosperity.

Gemini Today is a 6. In the coming four weeks, set priorities and be practical. Scratch things off your list that have lost all reason for being done. Then, do the others.

Cancer Today is a 7. Just in time, your friends come to your rescue. Take advantage of this situation, and move quickly. Your lucky break won't last forever.

Leo Today is a 7. New opportunities are popping up, as important people take an interest. They're willing to give you more work, and that could lead to a lot more money. It doesn't initially, but it could.

Virgo Today is a 7. The next four weeks are, generally, good vacation weather. All you have to do is work more free time into your schedule.

Libra Today is a 5. The major theme for the next four weeks is money that you share with other people. Yes, that does mean all your credit cards.

Scorpio Today is an 8. The Sun's going into Taurus. For you, this means partnerships, relationships and open enemies dominate the next four weeks. This ought to be interesting.

Sagittarius Today is a 6. For the next four weeks, your job will take top priority. No need to resist, you'll find many good uses for the extra money.

Capricorn Today is an 8. Romance, children and games of all kinds are favored now. Travel's not especially good, though. You'll have a better time at home.

Aquarius Today is a 7. After you finish an overdue chore, you'll have more time to spend at home. Fix up your place for the next four weeks. You'll be in the mood.

Pisces Today is a 7. An older, wiser friend is worth more than her weight in gold. Don't be shy about asking questions. This is your education.

Donald Fagen Releases...Oh, Whatever

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Donald Fagen, the co-leader of the Grammy-Award winning band Steely Dan, has just released a new solo album with Reprise Records. While some things change, some things forever stay the same.

Fagen, in his album entitled *Morph the Cat*, elaborates on the disco-inspired soft rock sound of his group Steely Dan, in addition to holding on to their affinity for the unconventional, the incomparable, and even, at times, the absurd.

The album is set up as a kind of story, practicing the nearly extinct method of creating a complete album, rather than a collection of separate songs.

The album begins with the title track, "Morph the Cat," which tells the story of the unusual hero of the same name who protects New York City. The rest of the album is about people and groups of people in New York that, the artist suggests, *Morph the Cat* helps.

These songs talk about characters named Denise, Mary, Ray, Joan, Mona, and others, and their unusual situations or character traits. Each song has a subtitle along with the lyrics, which set the stage for each character's (or song's) dilemma. Each song makes clear references to New York City; Fagen will not let the listener forget it as a major part of the subject of the album.

The music has a light, fun sound, and the lyrics, on the surface, sound flippant. However, they lie amongst the poetic expressions of random collections of the events of daily life. When exploring the texts more deeply, it is apparent that Fagen is trying to convey the frustrations, tragedies, and conflicts within the things

that normal people do every day. It is from these day to day conflicts that *Morph the Cat* saves the day.

While the lyrics of the songs on this album display Fagen's genius, the music itself leaves something to be desired. While the lyrics sound creative and poetic, it clearly sounds like Fagen wrote the lyrics separately from the music, because the two do not fit well together. The accents are on strange syllables, and the musical and textual phrases do not coincide. The result is an amateurish sound.

Each of the songs is performed by a relatively large



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instrumental force for a popular song, including guitars, bass drums, a whole array of saxophones, trumpet, and trombone. It resembles a jazz band more than anything else, and the sound is somewhat jazz-like. However, it is mixed more clearly with the unusual combination of disco and soft rock. Also, for such a large instrumental group, the texture is quite thin.

The album begins pleasantly. There is nothing "wow" about it, but it sounds alright. It is fun, and it is easy-going, until the realization comes that every song sounds almost exactly alike. The songs are almost indistinguishable from one another; the only main difference being the lyrics, and even those begin to sound alike after a while.

Donald Fagen's *Morph the Cat* is creative, but otherwise unappealing. It is good fodder for those who analyze poetry, but musically, it is boring, unprofessional, and, in general, nothing special.

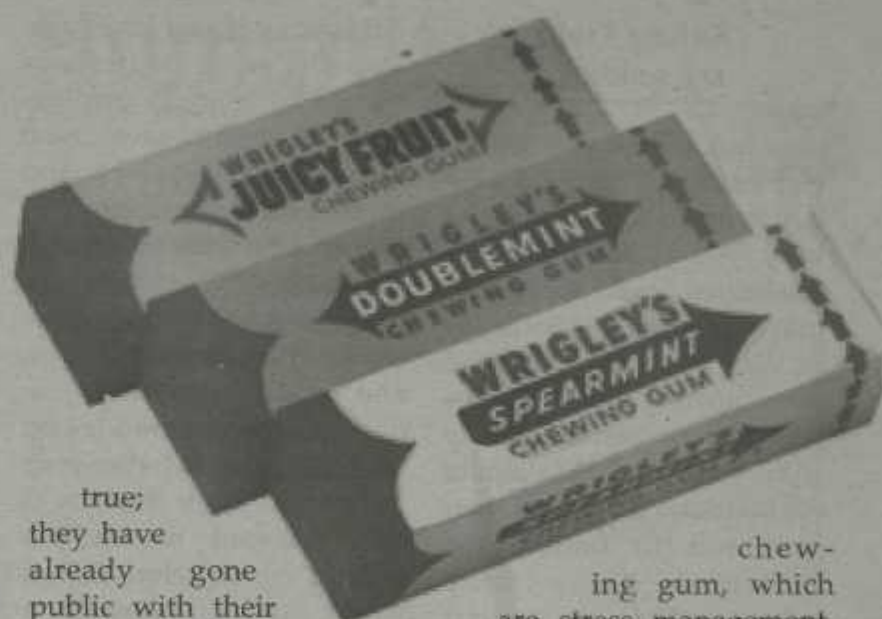
Wrigley's and Weight Loss?

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Announced last week was Wrigley's Chewing Gums intent to launch an investigation into whether chewing gum can help to lose weight and to reduce stress. According to Chicago Business, the company will be launching a multimillion dollar, multi-year search into finding evidence that gum in fact helps those looking to shed a few pounds from their waists. The Wrigley's Social Science Institute will be the leading the way in the research, which is comprised of an "international panel of scientists and research experts."

Wrigley's claims that the reason behind the company's decision to research into the benefits of chewing gum has arisen from the decades of their consumers writing in and raving about the great affects that chewing gum has had for them. The 115 year old company is now responding to the advice of their customers by investing massive amounts of money into the research. The company is hoping that the results of the study, which will be released in about a year, will hold big benefits for the company, which already is the number one gum seller in the world, and holds 63% of the United States market.

In fact, Wrigley's is so confident that their research will prove to be



true; they have already gone public with their research expedition and have begun compiling their preliminary booklet titled "The Benefits of Chewing". However, critics have been quick to warn against Wrigley's commitment to proving that chewing gum has benefits besides the typical fresh breath. Food analyst Bob Goldin cautions that as the American consumers are bombarded from all sides in the fight for the best weight loss product, many are beginning to view efforts such as Wrigley's as self-serving. Goldin also advises the public to not believe everything they read about the research because it is sponsored by Wrigley's and therefore is not as objective as it could be.

However, Wrigley's denies any biases, claiming that because the scientists are performing research in labs outside of the new research center and also because the research will be published in "peer review journals." The scientists will be looking into three areas of

chewing gum, which are stress management, weight management and cognition and focus. The stress management will focus on answering questions such as does gum relieve tension, and does chewing gum stimulate certain areas of the brain. The scientists will also be considering whether gum, as a replacement for a high calorie snack, work also as an appetite suppressant, and whether the action of chewing helps with focus, concentration and alertness.

This movement towards weight loss is another part of the new leader's, fourth generation Bill Wrigley Jr., emphasis on marketing innovation and new products. The teeth whitening and sugarless gums have become top sellers since their introduction into the US market in 1999 and 2001. However, other products have not been so successful, including Surpass, an antacid which was removed from the market in 2003 after two years of low sales.



SKINNY IS STILL IN: Although they control a large majority of the market share, Wrigley's gum is encouraging women to drop the cigarettes and take up gum chewing as a weight loss alternative.

LARA BUESO / thesandspur

New Boutique Featuring Celebrity Styles Opens in Orlando

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Look out all you Rollins fashionistas, there's a new boutique in town meant to keep you looking like the celebrities. Stalhi enjoyed its grand opening last Saturday in Waterford Lakes next to Ross, hosting clothing lines from Gwen Stefani, Nicky Hilton and more. The aim of the boutique is to assist their customers in finding the most up to date celebrity fashion and become "famous for their style and to treat everyone like a celebrity". They will even help you track down that fabulous purse or accessory you saw on the Hollywood's hottest or in your latest issue of Cosmopolitan. All you have to do is send them an email and their stylists will do their best hunting down those earrings or that skirt you can't live without.

Although Waterford is a bit of a drive, checking out this boutique is worth the

gas money if you love fashion. The small boutique is staffed by friendly employees with smiling faces, who introduce themselves and explain their purpose to customers who walk in through the door. The stylists are there to assist you find the right fitting jeans and tops, and make sure that you don't spend your money on clothes that don't flatter your body type. Their honesty is hard pressed to find in today's commission driven world, and is honestly a breath of fresh air for the shopper.

But maybe you need the perfect outfit for next week's party and you just don't have time to make it out there. Check out their website, www.famousstyle.com. The orders placed on line are shipped out from the boutique in Waterford Lakes, and the web site offers more clothes than the boutique. What's more, like celebrities who don't like to wait for their clothes, neither should

you. The boutique boasts of their expedited shipping, which will get the clothes shipped out within twenty four hours of your purchase, and to your house in two to three days. You get free shipping if you spend over \$100, free gift wrapping and awesome customer service should you change your mind. You can shop according to celebrities, based on what they are wearing right now, such as Angelina Jolie or Nicole Richie, or you can shop based on what you need, whether it is that desperately needed shirt or summer dress.

Above the clothing racks within Stalhi are pictures of celebrities wearing that style to help you organize your look. Or try something eclectic, mixing together fashions from all walks of Hollywood. However, the best part of the store is that it has something to offer for everyone, no matter the budget. You can find twenty dollar shirts or you can buy one



FAMOUS FASHIONS: Stalhi includes styles by celebrity designers like Gwen Stefani and Nicky Hilton.

hundred dollar shirts, it all depends on you and what you are looking for. It's also not just clothes that they sell in the boutique. They also host an array of purses, hats, belts and shoes, also all made based on what is hot right now.

So take a drive down to Waterford and check out the boutiques. Say hi to store Gregg and Stephanie, who have collaborated together to created the boutique, and enjoy the life of a celebrity every time you walk into the store.

T.I.'s New Album is KING

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In the past, I have always thought T.I. was one step away from being mentioned among elite rappers. His previous albums; I'm Serious, Trap Muzik and Urban Legend displayed his amazing lyrical skills. The problem was that the tracks lacked consistently good beats. However, with the release of his new album, KING, the rapper known as T.I.P and head of the P. \$C (Pimp Squad Click) is on top of his game

on all aspects.

T.I.'s first single that appeared on all radio stations was the joint "What You Know." While "What you know" might be the staple of this album, the best joint on this album is "Ride Wit Me." While you may have seen various other rappers make top notch hits off the same title of this track, T.I might have made the best song of his career off this track. "Ride wit me brotha, let me show you where we kick it at, where them suckers get it at and T.I.P be chillin at" is an excerpt of

the lyrical prowess and sweet beat that this track consists of. The leader of the P. \$C also provides a couple of mellow joints in "Livin in the Sky" where he commemorates many of his friends and people that he knew that died on his climb to fame. He also acknowledges that when he dies he wants to go to heaven by saying "When I die, tell God I wanna live in the sky." However, the best mellow song on this album is "Why you wanna" which is one of the best overall songs on the album and

provides a great beat to a mellow vibe.

On KING, T.I provides a new twist in which he didn't seem to incorporate in his other albums. He seems to make more songs that appeal to the ladies. "Why you wanna" is the best of those songs. "Stand up guy" is another song. "My sexy ladies throw your hands up high, if you wanna come and kick it with a stand up guy," is another one of the songs in which the beat is addictive. If there is something to criticize about this

album, it is the songs toward the end of the album, "Good Life," "Hello," and "Told you so," are only average. However, the last song on the album, Bankhead, has to rank up there with one of the best songs T.I has ever made. Overall, this album ranks as the best one that T.I has made. "That album is better than all of his other albums combined. T.I is the best rapper out right now," says Deon Troupe. It has the lyrics, the swagger and the beats that he has lacked in the past to make this

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This Week's Topic: Humanity On The Goodness of Humanity

People look for what they want to find, and there are plenty of good people in the world.

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It is a common belief that people; men, women, and all of humanity are bad. I assert, which I hope to prove though anecdotal stories and substantive analysis, that this theory is incorrect and that humanity is filled with goodness.

There are a whole range of issues which I will show to prove the goodness, open-mindedness, intelligence, capabilities, and quality of humanity.

According to a 2005 study by the Department of Labor, more than 65 million Americans volunteered at least once during that year. Married people, those with children under 18, and employed people all had higher rates of volunteering than singles, those of children not of that age, and the unemployed. In other words, those with greater demands and responsibilities had higher, not lower philanthropic activity than their counterparts with less demands upon their time.

What about money; would not most people make Gordon Gekko proud? According to the Wall Street Journal, the Center for Philanthropy at Indiana University calculated that Americans gave \$3.12 billion in a mere 3 and a half months in response to hurricanes Rita and Katrina. Yet, this "aid is only a little more than 1/100th of what Americans donate to charities and churches every year." But are these donations selfishly driven to earn tax deduc-

tions? Not a chance. "In the 1980s, as tax-rate reductions reduced the value of the charitable tax deduction by about half, the level of charitable giving nearly doubled." A co-worker of mine and his wife donate 15% of their income, \$10,000, because the money is not theirs, "it is the Lord's money."

Generosity is not an American monopoly. A director of an Indonesian aid group wrote, "I believe that people in New Orleans - victims of Katrina - must have ... supported victims of Tsunami in Aceh - through many kinds of supports." In response to this letter, an American aid group offered funding to bring this director's Indonesian aid group to the Gulf Coast. "It makes me really happy to help people who suffered the way I did," says one of the Indonesians.

The goodness of humanity is also found in marriage and love. According to livescience.com, "Altruism may breed better marriages," or, it could be "that good marriages make people more altruistic." Of those identified as more altruistic, "67 percent rated their own marriage as 'very happy.'"

The study's participants were asked questions to measure their intentions and behaviors, such as, 'I'd rather suffer myself than let the one I love suffer,' and 'How often do you give blood?'

The authors of the study make several conclusions based upon their findings, such as "Financial status bears little on altruism or



empathy," and "Empathy is higher among those who support increased spending on social programs."

Economics is a field where we can see the productive talents of humanity. The governments which stand aside and let their people use their own judgments and intelligence to buy and sell as they wish are the most dynamic, productive, and resilient. Countries crippled with excessive and repressive governments-be they fascist, communist, monarchist, fundamentalist, or other scourges of humanity-almost all are entirely fearful, lethargic, and weak.

A civil society, the area of a society which a government does not control, brings a flourishing free market not merely of economics and capitalism, but

also beautiful art, iconoclastic ideas and debate, literature, and culture.

Even eBay is a good example of the goodness of humanity. An exchange place where two people who have never met, never will meet, and rely merely on descriptions, images, and reputation, participate in a mutually beneficial transaction-thousands upon thousands of times per day.

But what about war; is this not a trait of humanity? Not really, as Ronald Reagan put it, "People do not make wars; governments do." Indeed, according to Charles V, who noted for history, "Name me an emperor who was ever struck by a cannonball."

Even in my brief and limited experience and understanding of the world, I have met amazing people

from or in Laos, Romania, Japan, Germany, Russia, Sweden, Vietnam, England, Ireland, Pakistan, China, Saudi Arabia, Cambodia, Turkey, Nigeria, and Australia.

There can be no other explanation or conclusion to draw from these examples and analysis that humanity is generous and decent.

Much the same as a person uses Google to Search For That Which They Wish To Find, so too it goes for people who ignore the goodness of humanity.

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Horrors of Human Nature Stem from Mass Numbers

When intelligent and rational individuals are in large groups their basest characteristics take over.

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The human race is a funny one. We say that we are different than other animals, though in some ways we are very much the same.

It's difficult to tell where the line is sometimes. In what way are we animal, and in what way are we something more?

The answer lies in numbers. People, as individuals, are intelligent, for the most part. They have reasoning capabilities. They have morals (though they don't always use either of these abilities.) They have the ability to learn, create, organize, and speak. They have the ability to create technology, civilizations, governments, art, music, lit-

erature, drama, mathematics, and the multitude of other intellectual subjects that we associate with humanity. They have souls, as they are created in the image of God.

That is us. That is who we are. We are the chosen species with opposable thumbs and high IQ's.

Because of our abilities, when you speak to or learn about individual people, you can recognize their intelligence. When you speak to your professors or classmates about calculus or Hemingway, the discussion is centered around facts, theories, and ideas. It is hopefully thought-provoking, opinionated, and, maybe, even argumentative.

People create beautiful works of artistic expression. They create medicines that save mil-

lions of lives. They make scientific discoveries that change life as we know it. That is what people do, and that is who they are.

But it is not always that way. Just because people are inherently intelligent does not always mean that they use that intellect.

When people are in groups, their intelligence dwindles. The more people there are, the less intelligent they seem.

When people are in a group, individual ideas cannot be expressed—only the opinion of the group. So the message must be simplified. Also, when in a group, rational thinking is more and more difficult to articulate because logic must be expressed one person at a time in order to make sense. However, emotion can be expressed

en masse. Emotion can be in the form of shouting, laughing, crying, burning, throwing, ripping, destroying, exploding, sign-waving, picketing, and other means that provide a simple message that is not lost when large groups are expressing it at the same time.

Individuals make advancements in the field of quantum physics. Groups burn down Paris. Individuals create technology. Groups destroy cities with explosives and airplanes. Individuals write books, letters, and proposals diplomatically asking for change. Groups riot until the demand for change is lost in the chaos of violence. Individuals seek resolution. Groups seek vengeance. Individuals are doctors, teachers, parents, police officers,

firefighters, and soldiers. Groups are congresses, parliaments, committees, task forces, red tape, bureaucracy, meetings, and inefficiencies.

People are interesting creatures indeed. Sometimes they think, but at other times, they swarm. Sometimes they create, but sometimes they destroy. Sometimes they behave as people are intended to behave, but at times they behave like animals.

As we lose ourselves in the mob, we lose our opinions in more barbaric means of emotional expression. As we give in to the group, it is, in fact, our humanity that is lost.

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The Benefits of Adversity for the Human Spirit

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In life we always face trials and tribulations; we all face adversity. Pope John Paul II viewed adversity as a gift from God, and thus it is something to be cherished. We, as humans, tend to only see the negative aspects of adversity, and not what those negative aspects truly mean.

I believe that we are never given more than we can handle, and when adversity comes we can overcome it. Adversity is a challenge that we must rise to face and not from which we should run.

Life does not always go as we would like it, but to truly appreciate our lives we must learn from the good times and learn from the bad. To paraphrase a line from Anthony Hopkins' character in the movie *The Edge*, we are all put to the test, but it rarely happens at the time or point in our lives that we would like.

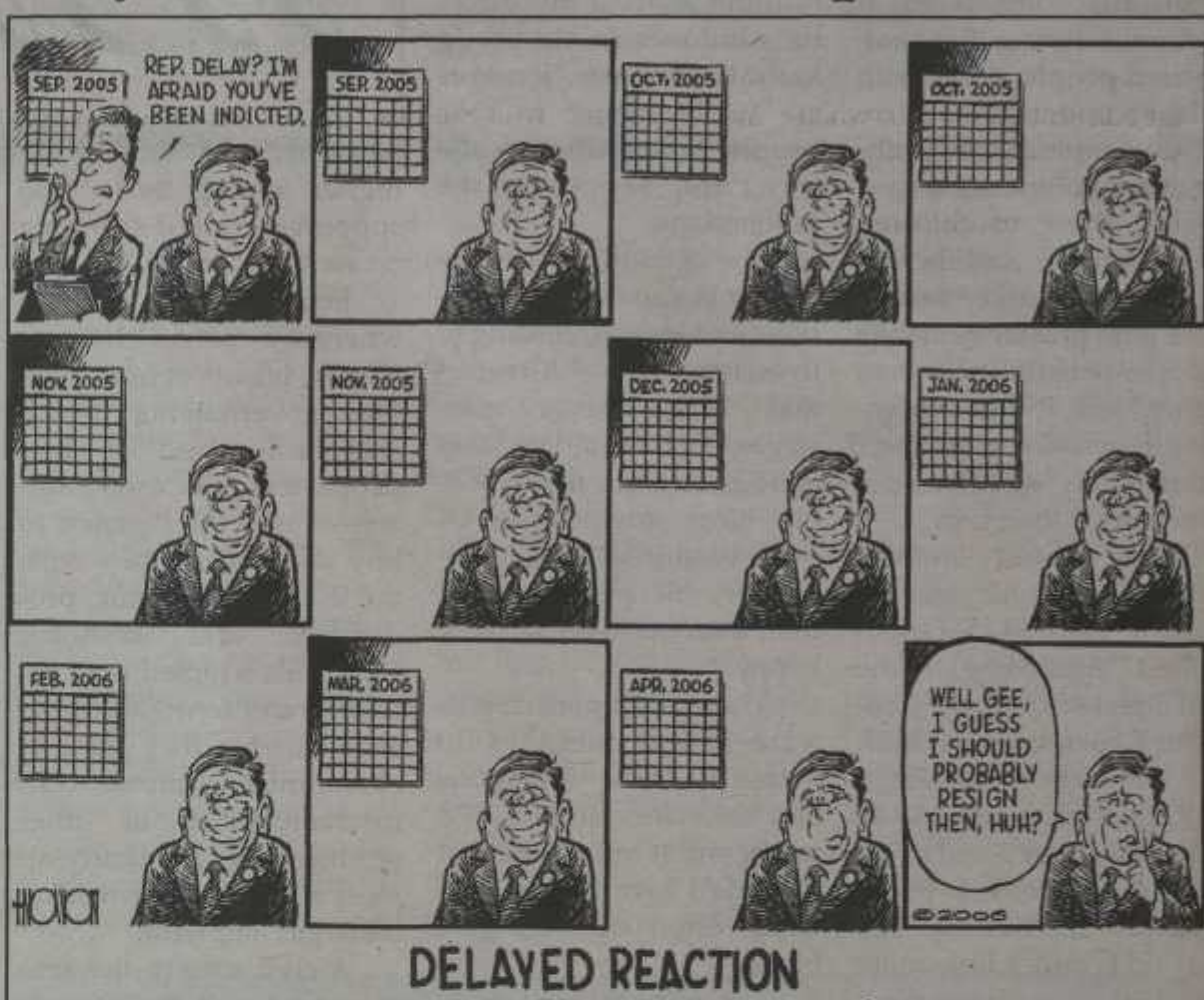
Humanity is stronger than many think, and our greatest strengths shine when we are put to the test. We have survived for two million years as a species and that might be young in the grand scheme of things.

However, we have survived war, famine, plague, natural disasters, holocausts, the downfall of civilizations, hate, love, envy, and life. We have been through an awful lot as a species, as a civilization, and the trials of our kind have only made us stronger and more resilient.

I have often been accused of having too good of an opinion concerning humanity and human nature. I say to those who live their lives viewing humanity as a disgusting, nasty, brutish, and self-destructive lot, what is the point. The problem humanity faces, one of our many adversities is the negative view so many people harbor about us.

We cannot and must not go through life with such a self-defeatist attitude that humanity is doomed to failure and that human disease should be wiped out of existence. How can anyone find any happiness when one has such a poor view of humanity. Changing this view to one that is hopeful and positive would cure many of humanity's woes simply by having many more people appreciating who we are as a people and finding happiness in some things.

When we are faced with adversity we all must bear up and face the challenges set before us. We must find



happiness in the knowledge that we can survive and grow from "bad" experiences, and in doing so realize that "bad" experiences are good in life.

I do not intend for anyone to go out and actively seek adversity. I only encourage people to face the adversities that come, and they do come; rise to the challenge of life and conclude your life with a sense of happiness and satisfaction. To have the knowledge that one has

lived one's life facing what comes at one and not running from the fight ensures that one has lived life to the fullest, not regretting anything.

Adversity is not fun to endure, nor should it be, but it is necessary to endure. It is difficult to see the utility of adversity when we are involved in it, but given time we often see how positively some trial has affected our lives. We are a flawed group, and we all deal with problems differently, but

our ability to deal with what is in front of us is a universally human strength. Only when we meet the challenges placed before us head on can we truly know our strength, our power.

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Next Week's Topic: Utility of the U.N.

The Paradox of the Human Collective

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Every individual is special, that is after all what how we exist, as distinct entities, separate from others. The thinker Hannah Arendt discussed in her work that one of the most difficult things to deal with in the modern world, and something that she says states and politicians take advantage of, is isolation. That is the paradox that the human race exists in, we are proud of our individuality yet at the same time "we", the collective human kind, struggle with the loneliness and isolation that is so prevalent in the

contemporary world.

That is often the cause of friction between our Western ideals, founded upon Judeo-Christian traditions, and Eastern ideals that are far more collective in nature. Many a thinkers, better than I, have pondered the odd place that we inhabit in our society. Why is that as our society gets larger, with more individuals together, we actually feel like we know less about people and to a certain extent about ourselves.

In our modern life in this country, there are two very different images of loneliness. One image is that of the lonely cowboy, or that of a

sleepy rural town. The populations are small, everyone knows each other, and there are large expansive spaces of empty plains. The other image of loneliness that exists is that of the city. I was recently talking to a friend of mine who goes to school in New York and she told me that she was surprised at how happy people were that day. I inquired as to why people would be unhappy living in New York, it is after all one of the greatest cities of the world. She responded that New York is one of the loneliest cities in the world because no one cares about anyone else.

That is after all, the para-

dox we exist in. It seems so very alien to our human nature that the more people are around us the less we care about those people. Take the differences between large colleges and small colleges; one of the reasons I came to Rollins after all was because of the smaller size where I knew I would be cared for.

That answer I believe is in our state of mind, and in our culture which has somehow corrupted the caring side of our nature. Today too many people view others as a nothing more than assets to be used and abused. Our humanity, and the individual quality of each person has been rubbed off so that

we can be entertained. It is amazing to walk by a building and to see all of the gleaming television lights from each window, each person watching the same channel, so close to one another, but no realization that the other exists. Too much emphasis is now placed on the individual and that which the individual accomplishes is measured not by moral fiber but my dollar signs.

This only means that we must work overtime to bridge the gaps of our current lifestyle and our culture.

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Contributing Voice

As a Mental Health Counselor in training at the Hamilton Holt Graduate program, we are encouraged to approach our clients with an open mind and without judgment. We are encouraged to enter their world in order to understand them with depth and empathy. So I was presented with a dilemma during the Fall Semester of 2005 when students and a colleague shared with me a description of graffiti that appeared on the walls of the McKean Hall dormitory. I will not shock you with the details of the graphic language nor the drawings. I will simply summarize it by describing it as misogynistic and hurtful towards all women. Simply put, it made my stomach sour.

My initial reaction was, of course, emotional and visceral. Initially, I wanted some act of punishment or retribution handed out to those who per-

petuate a view of women as objects to be used and discarded. Although I still feel extremely angry, my training as a mental health counselor leads me to ask myself questions about the perpetrator(s) motivation and personality. My questions include wondering what the author(s) of this graffiti are trying to tell me, a woman, who studies within the Rollins College community. What are they telling me about their views of women and of the environment and culture in which they are living? What are they telling me about themselves? The 'artist(s)' depiction of one woman showed me that the perpetrator(s) not only have a distorted view of female anatomy but also a biased, immature and under-educated view of sexuality and of sexual relationships with women. As a counselor, their graffiti communicates to me a possi-

ble frustrated sexual drive, an immature view of women as well as possible anger towards women. Perhaps they are frustrated that they don't know how to connect appropriately with women, or perhaps they feel powerless or emasculated and drawing derogatory pictures of women makes them feel more powerful. Or perhaps their artwork is a reflection of the culture in which they live; a culture that not only allows but also encourages men to objectify women. It may be that these individuals are simply recreating what they have witnessed countless times from movies, advertisements and magazines which have a real knack for 'sexifying' hate and violence towards women.

The fact that the 'artist(s)' left no signature tells me that they know on some level that what they have done is despicable and they are not proud of their 'art' work. Yet for some reason they felt the need to display their anonymous views in plain sight of the female residents of McKean Hall. I realize that much of what I have written in this letter is conjecture and really the

only ones who can educate us about their actions are the perpetrators. However, the end result of these questions leads me to conclude that what has been clearly communicated is an invitation; an invitation to explore how Rollins College students, both male and female, view relationships and sexuality. This incident is providing the Rollins College community an opportunity to dialogue and ultimately to educate men and women, students, faculty and staff on the topics of our culture's negative views of women, of violence towards women and of how the culture in which we exist influences our views of men and women. Whatever negative behaviors and views our culture permits and encourages, we will experience here on this campus until we as a community can address these issues in a productive and healthy environment.

I believe this environment begins with the administration. It is the administration that can create and implement a structure that would facilitate a dialogue and discussion educating all members of the Rollins community

regarding these issues. I believe that to address issues of sexism on campus, discussions should take place on all levels; students, faculty, staff and administration. By exploring our own ideas and views regarding the roles of men and women in our society, we can understand how we perpetuate the messages of our culture as well as identify the changes that need to occur on this campus. Through this process of dialogue, whether they exist in faculty meetings, forums, panels or commissions, we, as a Rollins community, can begin to create an atmosphere on campus that is not only respectful of each student but ultimately and most importantly, we can work to create a safe environment for all of us on this campus. The first step, however, is a commitment from all of us that we will not tolerate the hateful graffiti or the misogynistic attitude toward women on our campus.

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Rollins Golfers Top the Heap and Take Home the Spoils in SSC Tournaments

■ Golf seniors Campbell, De Biase and Walters wow the competition in conference match-ups.

Angela Gonzalez
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Rollins golf has been bringing home accolades left and right. Recently, Rollins golfers have been recognized for their outstanding achievements on

the course. In the past two weeks, two of Rollins golfers were honored as Athletes of the Week: seniors Charlotte Campbell and Dan Walters.

Charlotte was honored as Athlete of the Week for the third time this year for her win at the Ryder Florida Collegiate Championship. She earned first place by one stroke, posting a three-round 221 (72-75-74). This feat earned her a position at the top of a 60-player field and distinguished her as the "Best

Senior Mariana De Biase finished first in Dade City one stroke ahead of Campbell with a 225 (73-76-76). The Rollins team score was 922 at



COURTESY OF RC SID

LUCKY NUMBER FOUR: The women's golf team found themselves with their fourth-straight SSC victory in Dade City, Florida at the Lake Jovita Country Club.



COURTESY OF RC SID

CREAM OF THE CROP: Senior Dan Walters finished first in the SSC Championship

Collegiate Women's Golfer" in Florida. She has collected ten wins in her career and holds the team best stroke average of 74.61.

This week Charlotte finished the last SSC tournament in second only behind fellow teammate, Mariana De Biase. Campbell finished with a score of 226 (75-73-78).

the end of the competition, a strong 39 strokes ahead of the competition that helped them claim their fourth SSC Championship Tournament in a row. Other honorable mentions belong to Cristina Gugler (235) and Vanessa Vela (239) who both finished in the top ten at sixth and tied for ninth, respectively.

The women will proceed onto compete for their fourth straight NCAA Divi-

sion II Championship which will take place in Pensacola, Florida on May 1-2.

The men's team has been keeping up pretty closely to the women. This week's Athlete of the Week Dan Walters shot an impressive 69 in the SSC Tournament and went on to post a first-place, final score of 218.

As a team, the men carded a collective score of

907 enough to put them in second place overall. Adding to Rollins success, junior Darren Lundgren tied for sixth place overall with a score of 226, junior Jeff Golden finished with 230 and senior Andrew Pranger capped off the tourney with a 233.

The men are currently ranked eighth and look to the South Regional Tournament in Duncan, Oklahoma scheduled for May 1-3.

Men's & Women's Tennis Teams Truck on Through their Trying Seasons

Angela Gonzalez
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The men's and women's tennis teams have been having a remarkably similar spring season. Both hold around .500 for the season; the women with ten wins out of 20 matches, and the men with nine wins out of 19 matches. Both also have tallied five shutouts for the season so far. The women shutout Palm Beach Atlantic, Saint Leo, Florida Tech, Flagler

and Tampa, while the men shutout Webber International, Palm Beach Atlantic, Cal Poly Pomona and Saint Leo twice. The women's team has a conference record of 3-4 and is positioned in 12 place. The men's team has a record of 3-2 in the conference and is currently holding on to 14 place.

In recent action, the men's tennis team took out Saint Leo for the second time this season. There was only one tiebreaker during

the competition as Rollins dominated the Lions in singles play. In doubles competition, the Tars took home all three matches. Then on Sunday, April 9, the men traveled to Valdosta, Georgia to take on the #1 ranked Valdosta State. The Tars suffered in the singles matches as only Adrian Tan was able to defeat his Valdosta State opponent. In doubles, the #20 ranked team, Brian Compton and Carlos Custodio, upset the #7 ranked dou-

bles team. David Tafur and Jonathan Gomez won their match as well. The Tars lost the third doubles match.

The men's team looks forward to a conference match versus Eckerd College next, before the SSC and NCAA Championships.

The women's team most recently matched up against Eckerd at home. The ladies suffered a close one point loss to the Tritons. In singles competi-

tion, #24 Tasi Purcell, #35 Marnie Mahler and Anastasiya Shevchenko won their matches and in doubles, Silvia Frandji and Anastasiya Shevchenko won their heat. But it was not enough, as #8 Eckerd took home the win with a final score of 5-4.

The women look to take on Florida Southern in their last conference match, as well as the final match of the season before the SSC and NCAA Championships.



TARS SPORTS SCHEDULE

FRI 14

Baseball vs FL Southern (DH) - 1pm
W. Tennis vs UCF - 2:30pm

SAT 8

Rowing @ SIRA - 8am
Softball vs FL Gulf Coast (DH) - 1pm

MON 17

Softball vs Palm
Beach Atlantic (DH)
6pm

TUES 18

Baseball vs Webber Int. - 7pm

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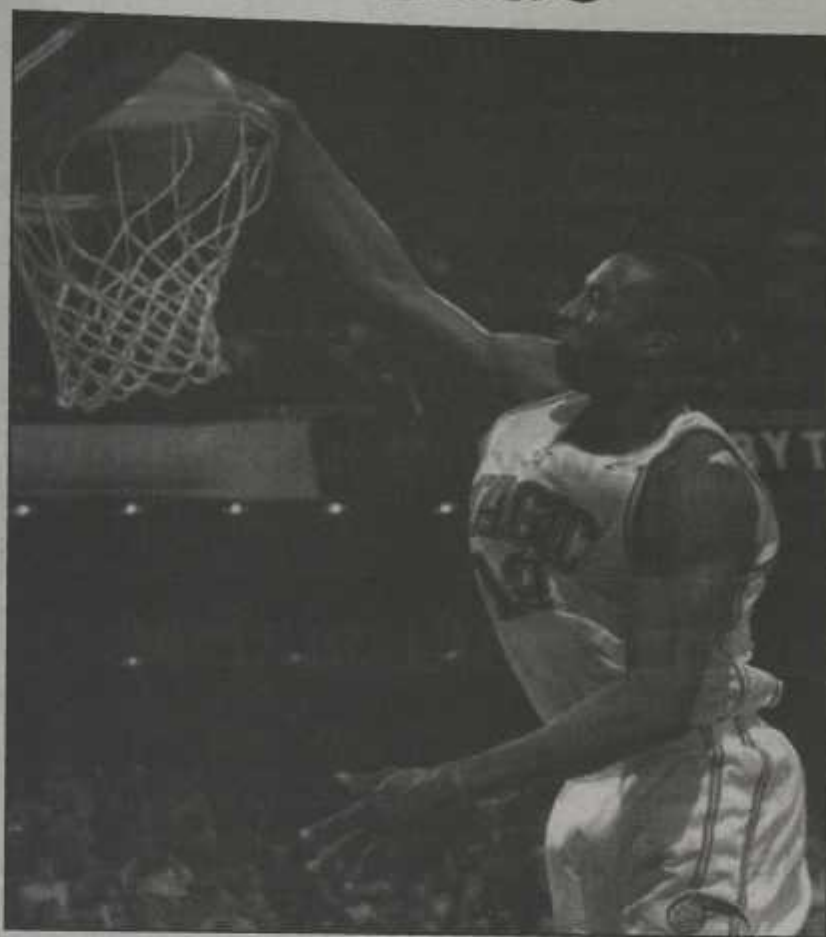
M & W Tennis @ SSC Champs - 8am

It's Magic: Magic Enjoy Success Since Trade

Juan Bernal
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Ever since Shaquille O'Neal left Orlando in 1996, the Magic seem like a franchise that cannot do anything right. They haven't won a playoff series since then. Almost every draft pick (Dwight Howard and Jameer Nelson being the key exceptions) have never lived up to expectations. Fran Vazquez walked out on them over the summer. However, since the Orlando Magic traded Steve Francis to the New York Knicks for Penny Hardaway and Trevor Ariza, they have lived up to their potential that was expected from them at the beginning of the season. The trade seemed like a joke, acquiring Hardaway's \$16 million contract and an unproven high schooler who had struggled to accommodate himself to the NBA game. However, the Magic have gotten the best of both worlds. Ariza, who often fell out of favor with Knicks coach Larry Brown, has showed steady improvement since moving down to Orlando. The Magic waived Hardaway, whose contract expires at the end of the season.

Ever since the trade, the Magic have gone 16-11, including wins over three of the league's top five teams, the Dallas Mavericks, Detroit Pistons and the Miami Heat, all of which came in a span of nine days. The Magic have gone from a team that was supposed to play out the rest of a long 82 game season, to a team that has an outside shot at a playoff spot. They are currently three games back of the eighth spot with one week to go in the season, chasing the Philadelphia 76ers and Chicago Bulls. Even if they do not get into the playoffs, the Magic appear to be one of the franchises that have a good future. After Grant Hill's contract comes off the book next season, the Magic will have the most cap room out of any team in the NBA. The summer of 2007's free agent is strong and includes Antawn Jamison, Mike Bibby, Rashard Lebron James and Chauncey Billups. Nowitzki, James and Billups are in the race for the MVP



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AND THE DUNK: The Magic's Dwight Howard continues to contribute his leadership and talent to the franchise.

this season.

The Magic know a little bit of having a great future. In the summer of 2000, they signed Tracy McGrady and Grant Hill. Hill, who averaged 26 points per game with the Detroit Pistons over four seasons was supposed to be the leader, and McGrady was supposed to be his sidekick. However, it was all for not as Hill played only 43 games in three seasons. Meanwhile, McGrady used the next three seasons as his coming out party turning himself into one of the best players in the NBA. But the frustrations mounted for the franchise as they were ousted in the first round for three straight years, and McGrady voiced his frustrations about being a "one-man team." In 2003-2004, it all fell apart for the Magic, as they went 21-61, fired their coach, GM and traded McGrady to the Rockets for Steve Francis, Cuttino Mobley and Kelvin Cato.

The difference this time around is that the Magic's two cornerstones, Dwight Howard and Jameer Nelson are young, healthy and they want to be here. Howard is second in the league in rebounding this season, and will be one of the NBA's best players in the future. Nelson, who was supposed to be too short for the NBA, has been a present surprise for the Magic averaging 14 points and five assists this season. Hedo Turkoglu, Tony Battie and Deshaun Stevenson are the key role

players that have enjoyed pleasant seasons. Coach Brian Hill, who is in his second stint with the Magic, is optimistic for whatever happens, saying that he can't wait to go to training camp with this team next season. If they do not make the playoffs, the Magic can hope for a good spot in the lottery, where they could draft a prospect that will help them defensively and bring more athleticism. It sounds like a remedy for a franchise that has struggled to right their wrongs lately.

Softball struts through season

Angela Gonzalez
the sandspur

The Rollins Softball team has been having a successful season so far as they boast a 36-13 record overall. This past weekend they traveled to Byron, Georgia to compete in the Fort Valley State Softball Tournament. On Friday, the Tars dominated all three games. They first went up against Fort Valley and collected 11 hits while only allowing the opposition to collect three. The Tars offense was solid as well. Kelly Cruz, Jaime Rausch and Stacy Saunders all managed two hits and two runs, while Devon Kontos hit her first career homerun. The final score on that game was 9-1.

In the second game against Paine College, the Tars came up big again ending the match in five innings with a score of 18-0. The big hitters in this game were Ashley East with three hits and four runs scored and Kallie Jo Jones who took two hits and two runs scored and one homerun. On the mound for the Tars was Ingrid Schumacher, who pitched six strikeouts and only allowed two hits.

The Tars capped off their day in the third and final game versus Claflin. In a closer match-up, the Tars

came close to giving up a victory, allowing them to collect two runs off of three hits in the first inning and three more runs off of two hits in the fourth. The Tars only held four runs until the last two at-bats when they scored a total of seven runs ultimately taking the game with a score of 11-5.

On Saturday, all games in the Tournament were rained out by strong thunderstorms but play continued on Sunday.

Sunday saw the Tars shut out Albany State in both games of a double header. In the first game, freshman pitcher Nicole Anderson tallied nine strikeouts and only allowed three runs, as Rollins collected 15 runs. The big hitters included senior Kelly Cruz and freshman Ashley East, who each had three hits with three at-bats.

In the second game against Albany, senior pitcher Ingrid Schumacher allowed five hits and managed eight strikeouts. Schumacher and Amanda DeFilippo each batted 2-3 and brought home one run a piece. Defensively, the Tars went error free in both games and never allowed the Rams to score a single run.

The softball team looks forward to 12 more games, six of them being confer-

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