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Rollins Basketball Ranked 8 in the Nation



Juan Bernal
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The Rollins College basketball team comes into this season with their highest expectations ever. After finishing last season with a 25-8 record including a 13-3 record in the Sunshine State Conference, the Tars return ten of eleven players off of last year's roster and add one freshman and a 6'8" sophomore transfer Craig Reichel from Northern Illinois.

The engine that will make the Tars go this season is junior point guard Jonny Reibel (Chicago, Illinois). Reibel, who was second team all conference last season averaged 11.4 points and 5.2 assists per game last season and played a team high 32.6 minutes per game.

Helping Reibel out in the backcourt will be last year's

leading returning scorer, senior John Thinner (Cincinnati, Ohio). Thinner also posted stellar percentage numbers from the field in his junior season shooting .463 from the field and .423 from beyond the arc. Sophomore Kevin Hogan (Pensacola, Fla.) who is a candidate to be one of the most improved players in the conference looks to build on a freshman season in which he was one of the leaders from the free throw line. The Tars will count on Hogan to knock down his jump shot.

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COURTESY OF ROLLINS COLLEGE

JUMP SHOT: Jordan Kolosey shoots for the hoop at a recent basketball game.

The Rollins Campus Buzz on Mocktail

Oral Frier
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Friday October 20th marked the triumphant return of Mocktail to Dave's Downunder. This event, held only once a year and during Family Weekend, brought many student organizations together. In the spirit of collaboration, Mocktail was cosponsored by Out-Reach and Family Weekend; furthermore, there were new activities brought to the gathering by FORKS and R.I.P. The mass collaboration was truly a sight to behold, and events such as Mocktail prove that it was possible for multiple organizations to work together. And although the program was a competition, every group was there with a spirit of community striving for at Rollins. Even though there were many great entries for the competition, Kappa Delta and RACE won the prizes for Best Tasting



FAUX COCKTAILS: Students have the opportunity to try "Mocktails."

Mocktail and Best Presentation, respectively.

There were also new programs and activities during the event. The Rollins Improv Players, R.I.P., wowed the crowds with their quick quips. The group consistently produced hilarious situations that kept the audience in stitches. The crowd really could get a sense for the amount of energy each Improv player produced.

Another new event held during Mocktail was Iron Karaoke, which was created by FORKS (Fellowship of Rollins Karaoke Singers). A spin off of Iron Chef, Iron Karaoke created a new style of karaoke by forcing the contestants to select songs from a secret genre. When the genre was revealed to be 80's music, the real race to win the ultimate prize, a 30 gig. Video iPod began. The contest was fierce, but only Ma-

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WORLD News



COURTESY OF CNN

GERMANY: German Chancellor Angela Merkel called photos of German soldiers in Afghanistan playing with a skull "shocking and disgusting," and Defense Minister Franz Josef Jung said those involved will be dealt with harshly.

ARGENTINA: Argentine prosecutors asked a federal judge to order the arrest of former Iranian president Hashemi Rafsanjani and seven others for the 1994 bombing of a Jewish cultural center that killed scores of people.

NIGERIA: Angry villagers seized three Shell oil platforms in the volatile Niger Delta, forcing production to be shut down at each, the company said.

AFGHANISTAN: NATO's International Security Assistance Forces said it has received "credible reports" of civilian casualties — including women and children — from at least one of three fights involving government, ISAF and Taliban forces in southern Afghanistan.

NATIONAL News



FLORIDA: Danny Harold Rollins, Florida's most notorious serial killer since Ted Bundy, was executed by injection for butchering five college students in a ghastly string of slayings that terrorized Gainesville in 1990.

WASHINGTON: The FBI is trying to determine whether information on a computer disk found in a drug raid of a New Mexico residence contains classified information from Los Alamos Nuclear Laboratory.

CALIFORNIA: A group of residents whose properties were damaged or destroyed by the 2003 Cedar fire accidentally set three years ago are suing the federal government for more than \$236 million, arguing that officials should have stopped the blaze in its early stages.

NEBRASKA: A fraternity at Colorado State University has been shut down after a teenage girl was hospitalized for alcohol poisoning.

CALIFORNIA: A fire that damaged 16 businesses at a Woodland strip mall appears to be accidental, fire officials said.

NEW JERSEY: In a decision likely to stoke the contentious election-year debate over same-sex marriage, the New Jersey Supreme Court has ruled that state lawmakers must provide the rights and benefits of marriage to gay and lesbian couples.

Winter Park Annual Auto Show on Park

Jackson Hunt
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Of the many events to choose from on parent's weekend, surely one of the most memorable was the annual car show on Park Avenue. A large number of Rollins students were present as the car owners showed off their flawless restoration vehicles and brand new supercars. Every car imaginable was presented ranging from Fords to Ferraris and prehistoric to neoteric. Some of the student favorites were the Ford GT, the Saleen S7, the 2005 Porsche Carrera GT, and the Jaguar XJ220. The prices on these cars are \$150,000,

\$395,000, \$484,000, and \$706,000 respectively.

The car owners were very friendly, informative, and were all itching to tell how they had ordered the last piece, an authentic Ferrari cupholder, from a junkyard in Switzerland. De Lorean owners were all telling the same story about how De Lorean was acquitted of drug smuggling charges while Ferrari Owners all told about how the Ferrari logo was created. To go so far as to call these sports car enthusiasts obsessed would not be an exaggeration. All the work they put into the cars showed every time the sun glinted off the exterior. Beau-

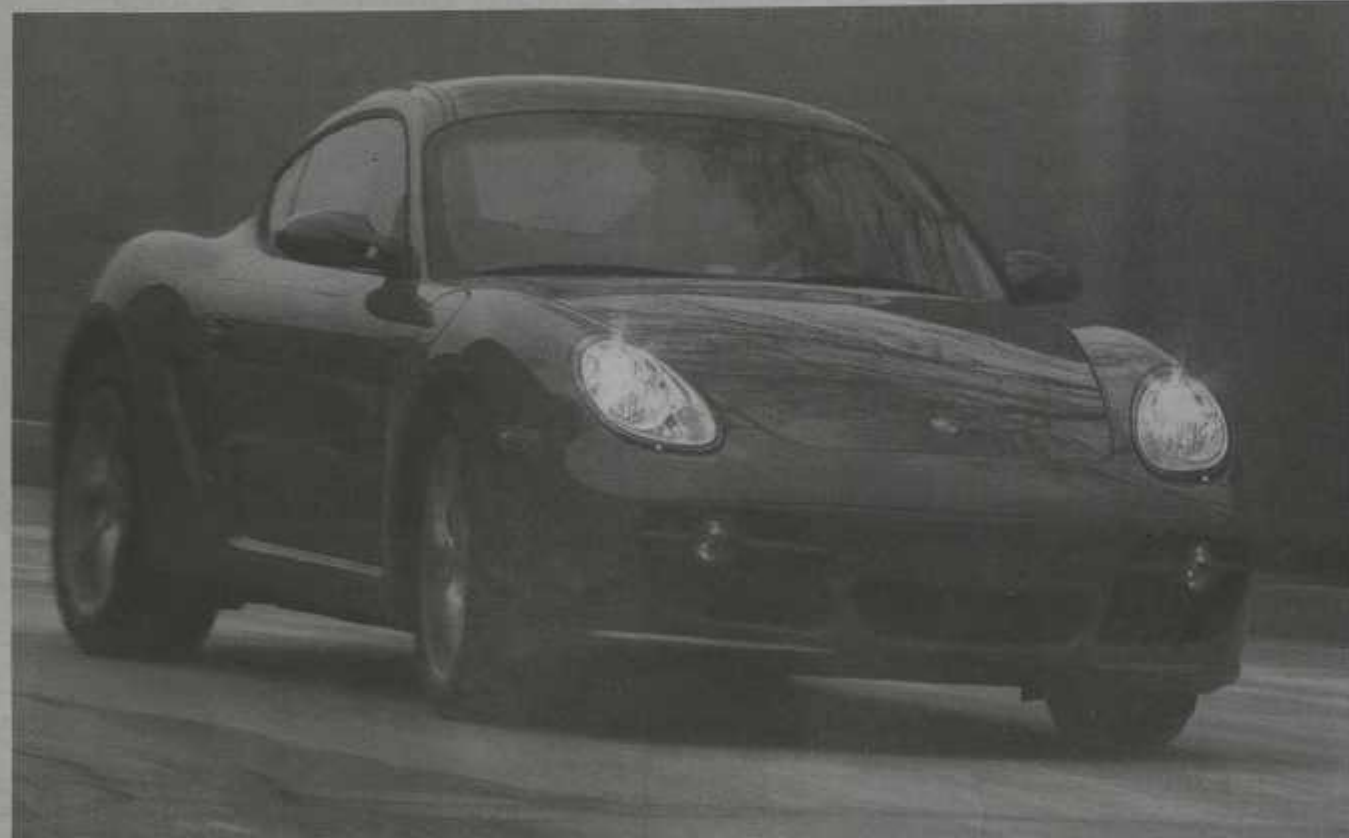
tifully detailed, and without one speck of dirt, the vehicles at the show were less like automobiles and more like works of art.

Some of the cars at the show looked more like spaceships than automobiles. The Saleen S7 was one of those that looked as though it belonged in a science fiction film. Saleen was a sponsor of the event and the promoters of the car took time to tell some interesting facts. One of the most impressive was the aerodynamics of this car are so advanced that the down-force created allows this car to drive upside down at 160 mph. Of course the writers for the Sandspur do not condone

testing this. This supercar, with a modified Mustang engine, has a modest engine output of 550 horsepower, a 0-60 in less than four seconds, and a top speed in excess of 200 mph. When interviewed the spokesperson offered to start up the car so the power could truly be gauged. Standing next to the Saleen S7 while he revved the engine was like standing next to a 737 preparing for takeoff. People crowded around as the aerodynamically perfect vehicle reached top RPMs and sent a roar that could be heard all the way down Park Avenue. The car's guttural sound would drown out a motorcycle gang. "I thought

there was a low flying plane or something. Like, a really low flying plane" was the response Chris Norman, a first year student at Rollins, had to the cacophony caused by the car's engine.

Overall, the annual car show on Park Avenue was great fun. Students who didn't go this year should think about seeing it next year, and those who did go this year should go again because more people will be submitting entries. Buy a t-shirt, have a hot dog, or just chill out and have fun looking at all the cool cars. The annual car show is a definite must for anyone who has any interest in cars or any interest in fun.



COURTESY OF MCT CAMPUS

The Basketball Team Earns New Ranking

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that is really expected from us except from our coaches and from each other. With that being said, so far I think we've met our own expectations and had some good practices, and everything is looking good so far."

Sophomore Craig Reichel who transferred from Northern Illi-

unbelievable athlete with a solid jump shot and a great handle. Wolf is has a good jump shot and rebounds well. Gibbs has great post moves and is looking to use this redshirt season to improve his game.

Tom Klusman returns to Rollins for his 27th season. He has 416 career victories and five Sunshine State Conference regular season titles. He is assisted by former Rollins standout Brad Ash who comes back for his 6th season. "With some above average players and great coaching returning, we have a chance to be one of the best teams in Rollins history. Being preseason #8 in the country for a small, private school with high academic standards is quite an honor." A new face on the Tars sidelines this season is former Tars standout and most wins all time by any player in Rollins history, Nate Rusbosin. Rusbosin who was one of the catalysts to last year's team says that "It's great to be the winningest player at Rollins. I'd like to carry that winning tradition and see the game from a different angle. I hope the Tar Pit is still cheering us on as well." Rollins opens their season November 15th at cross town rival UCF at 7:30. Their home opener is Saturday November 18th against Flagler College. Their first conference game is December 2nd at Tampa and their first conference home game is January 6th vs. the Nova Southeastern Sharks.



COURTESY OF ROLLINS COLLEGE

ROLLINS TARS: Basketball Team proud of their standing.

returning starter who was much improved during the off-season was Jordan Kolosey. Kolosey (St. Petersburg, FL) comes back to this season in the best shape of his life and will greatly contribute on the defensive end as he did last season (1 block, 3.1 rebounds per game). Sophomore Greg Sweeney (Cincinnati, Ohio) who came along nicely at the end of last season will add strength, rebounding and a nice outside jump shot to add to the mix. "First and foremost as a team we're not really thinking about any expectations or rankings or anything

nois will have the most impact of the Rollins newcomers. Reichel (Chicago, Illinois) is a big man who has good interior post moves and is hard to guard because he has a very good jumper from the outside. Reichel possesses good athleticism and his presence should be immediately felt.

The Tars have three other players who will redshirt this season in Junior Chauncey Gibbs (West Palm Beach) and freshman Jeremy Sharpe (St. Louis, Missouri) and Nick Wolf (Cincinnati, Ohio). Sharpe is one of the best recruits at the Division II athlete. He is an

New Collections at Olin Library

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Rollins College has recently received two additions to the Olin Library archives. The Department of Archives and Special Collections have now completed compiling the Olin Library's Theodore L. Mead and Henry Nehrling Collections.

Mead and Nehrling were both prominent botanists in Florida about a century ago.

Theodore L. Mead (1852-1936), born in New York graduated from Cornell, and was a world-renowned horticulturist and entomologist. He moved to Florida in 1882.

He experimented with and hybridized orchids, bromeliads, caladiums, amaryllis, and other tropical plants. Two orchids and five butterflies were named after him.

Henry Nehrling (1853-1929), a leading horticulturist and ornithologist, was born in Wisconsin to a German immigrant family. He settled in the sunshine state in 1884. He settled in Gotha first,

and then later in Naples, Florida.

Nehrling was known for his work with amaryllis and was noted as the "father of caladium." He has been called the "Patron Saint of Florida Gardens" and the "Botanical Sage."

"To honor the contributions both Mead and Nehrling had made toward the development of Florida gardens, the College Archives will sponsor a special display in the library lobby during the month of October 2006."

Olin Library's collections include both scientists' writings on tropical Florida plants, as well as correspondence with others of their time.

These two men lived during a time of struggle and growth in the state history and will be of special interest to historical researchers, botanical scholars, students, and the general public.

Both collections are currently in the Archives and Special Collections, located on the first floor of the Olin Library. For additional questions, please contact Rollins College Archives at (407)646-2421.

Henry Nehrling

Henry Nehrling was born in 1853 in Herman, Wisconsin.

He was of German-American heritage.

His education led him to complete a teacher education program. After he graduated from this program he married Sophia Schoff and began a teaching career.

In Central Florida, Nehrling believed he had found a paradise to grow his caladiums.

Nehrling was a true naturalist and studies nature with a passion.

Theodore L. Mead

Theodore Luqueer Mead was born in 1852 in Fish Kill, New York.

Mead became interested, as a young man, in butterflies. However, he later turned his interest to the study of plants.

On his farm in Oviedo, Florida, he grew produce items for market. His biggest cash earning crop came from his orange grove.

Mead was also interested in palm trees, which lead to him growing over 250 species of palms.



COURTESY OF ROLLINS COLLEGE

Top Left: T. L. Mead holding a flower.

Top Right: Nehrling pictured with a tropical plant (Pandanus Veitchii), at his Naples property, 1926.

Bottom Left: Henry Nehrling was Awarded the Meyer Medal for Distinguished Service in Plant Exploration by the Miami Garden Club.

Bottom Right: Nehrling reading.

Anybody can make history. Only a great man can write it.
- Oscar Wilde



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FLOWER PICKING: T. H. Mead shown harvesting bundles of amaryllis at his farm in Oviedo, Florida.



COURTESY OF ROLLINS COLLEGE

GATHERING FRUIT: Henry Nehrling pictured with tropical fruit.

Rollins Major/Minor Fair

Geoff Anderson
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This year's major/minor fair was a huge success. Rollins students were immersed in a plethora of options for majors and minors one can pursue. Enthused professors dressed up in bizarre ways to show their support for majors in their department. Classics Studies Professor Rubarth wore a traditional toga, which is actually a 30-foot woolen linen wrapped around the body. Greeks would wear these draped over their left arm, symbolic of holding a shield. They would also wear them in the senate to minimize the possibility of fistfights.

Many freshman RCC students were required to attend the event. In order to enforce this rule, Explorations director Doug Little took attendance with a state-of-the-art portable R-Card Reader. The last time this amazing device was used was for the Ice Cream Social last Friday. Hopefully this will be implemented more often in the future.

Said one Rollins freshman, Katherine, "it was very informative." Oftentimes the information students crave about different majors is not conveyed, and they don't have enough available information to make the best decision.

Another Rollins student, Alex said, "It changed my life. The major/minor fair was a light at the end of the tunnel for choosing



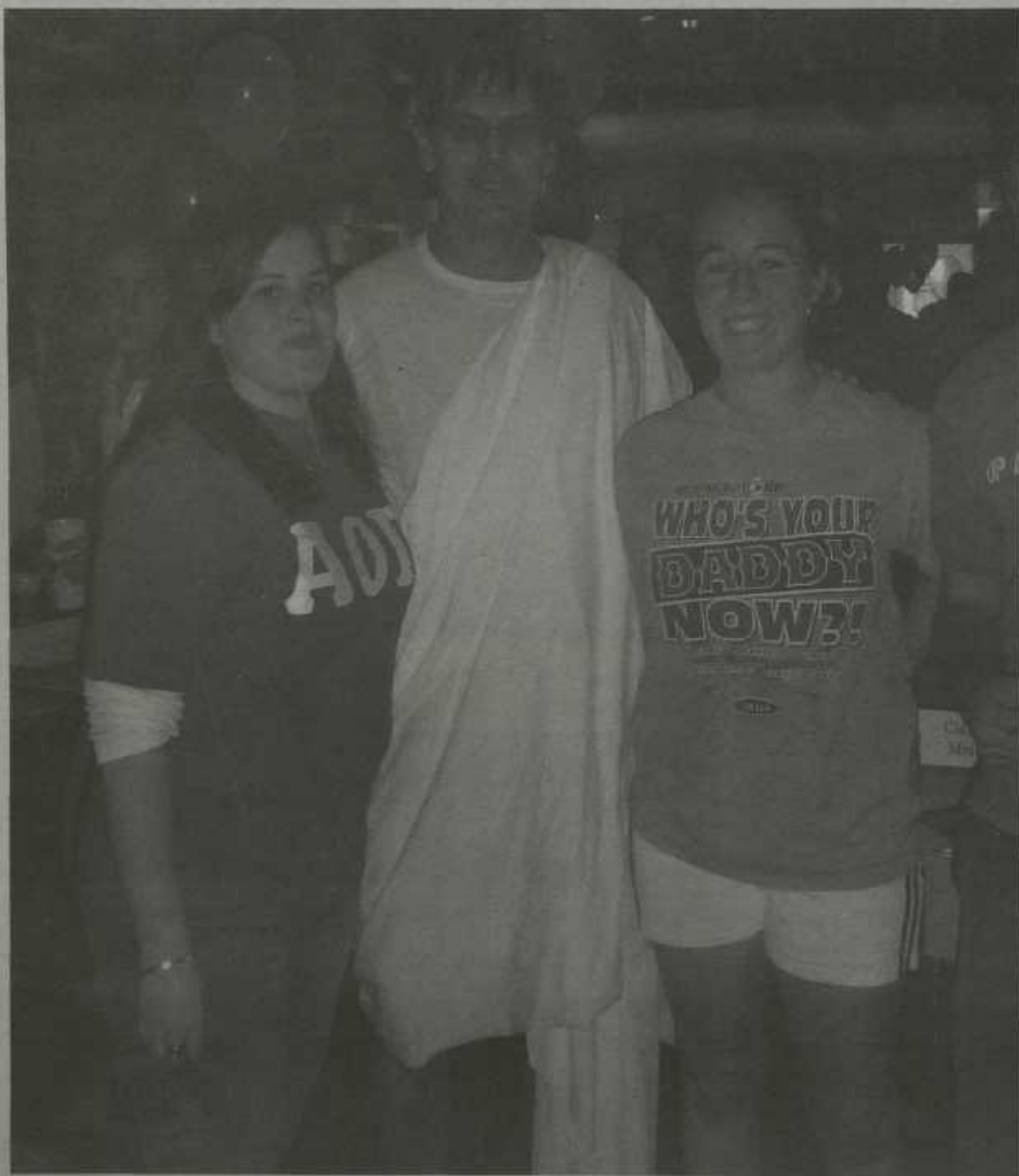
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GIVING ADVICE: Professors give students advice on what direction to go in.

my major." As it is for many. Students came into the major/minor fair, scared, unsure of what they would want to do with their life. By this afternoon, students were enlightened and assured of their life's purpose.

Deciding a major is a large part of the college experience. As a matter of fact, undergraduates change their major in the US an average of four times. This is representative of the changes one

goes through in college. A very popular thing for students to do is to register as Undeclared, allowing you to explore many different options for majors before making a decision. Fox aired a show several years ago, 'Undeclared', about life in a typical American university. Unfortunately, the series was cancelled after one season.



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CLASSICAL STUDIES: Professors from each major and minor attended the event, as did student majors.

Mocktail Buzz



DANI PICARD/The Sandspur

ASIAN FLARE: Asian inspired Mocktails were also made by students.

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Marissa Germain could consider herself the winner of the outrageous FORKS event.

Mocktail, and other events like it, should remind us of what

Rollins is all about. Yes, some of things different organizations events can sound funny or hokey, like making faux cocktails, but the fun and sense of community they produce makes it all worthwhile.



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CHEERS: Students enjoy their own mocktails.

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'The Master's is the New Undergrad'

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Young professionals are hitting the books once again, but for reasons unfamiliar to their older office counterparts. Today, a master's degree in business administration, for both career and personal reasons, is becoming the new bachelor's degree.

"I hate to say that, in some ways, it has become an almost basic requirement if students are going to improve in their careers," said Steve Perkins, associate dean for graduate programs in the School of Management at the University of Texas at Dallas.

Like a growing number of graduates already settled in the workplace, many Gen Xers (ages 25-39) and Millennials (24 and under) easily become restless.

Three to five years into their careers, some start longing for a promotion or raise, others may want new experiences, and still others simply want to become more educated to position themselves for the future.

"It's this perception among our generation that the completion of an MBA means something," said Robert Paugh, 32, who started the professional MBA program at Southern Methodist University this fall. "The master's is the new undergrad. We are all here for different reasons."

After nine years of consulting experience, Paugh admits the changing face of today's workforce helped with his decision.

"I don't want to be 50 and not have job options as a professional because I did not plan or think ahead," he said. "There is a human capital aspect in returning to school and completing my graduate degree to help ensure both my future and my family's future."

The way business schools and other graduate programs attract students has changed with the Millennial generation.

"Attitudes and values are different than they were 20 years ago," said Bob Ludwig, spokesman for the Graduate Manage-

ment Admission Council, a non-profit educational organization. "A lot of it has to do with the economy and the personal situations of these generations."

For baby boomers (ages 40 to 59) who earned a bachelor's degree in the 1970s, career paths were clearer.

A younger Gen Xer with a

believe their employers shouldn't expect loyalty from them.

"It's not that they are not going to respect their employers, they just want more from them," said David Morrison, president of Twentysomething Inc., a Philadelphia-based young adult marketing consultancy. "If they are challenged, they are having fun."

The minute they get diminishing returns on the knowledge, i.e., they're getting bored, they are going to leave."

And that's one reason Gen Xers such as 26-year-old Carla Rosenberg returned to school and Stephen Marley, 28, wants to go back.

Sure, the potential of earning a six-figure salary didn't deter their decisions, but for these two, earning more money wasn't part of the equation.

For starters, no longer can an MBA ensure a six-digit salary. In 2005, the average annual base salary anticipated by new MBAs who accepted a job offer was \$90,652, according to the admission council, which sponsors the Graduate Management Admission Test, or GMAT.

Instead, they are going back for themselves.

"Do I need this for my job now? I don't think it hurts," said Rosenberg, community marketing director for the Dallas Stars.

Rosenberg will receive her MBA from the University of Dallas in December.

"I wanted to make sure I had all the necessary tools in my toolbox to enjoy and live my life to its fullest," she said.

Marley, on the other hand, is still trying to figure out his career path. He's in the process of applying to several schools.

"Engineering is a good background, but it's also a good springboard if I want to do something else," said Marley, a project manager for MRI Management in Dallas. "Right now, I'm deciding to go back to school because it's a way for me to get more exposure to today's business climate."

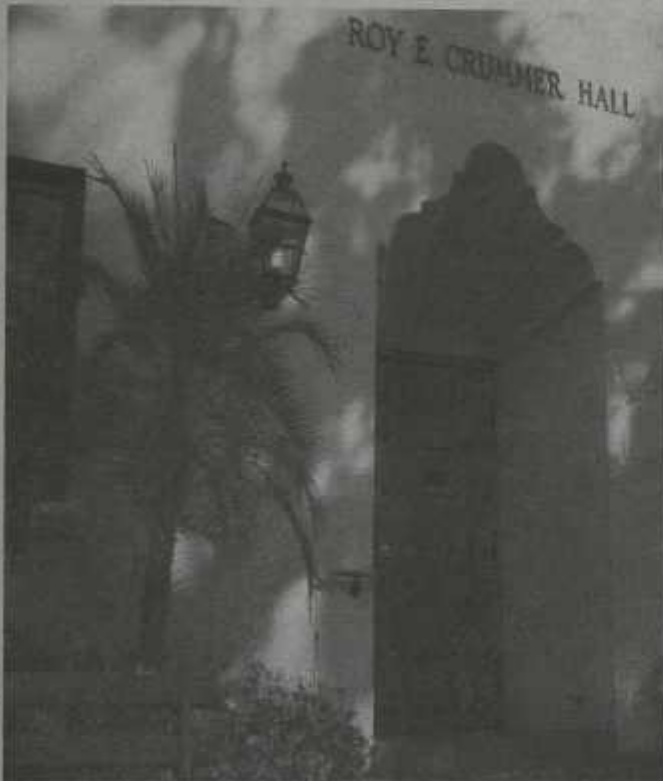
Experts note that young adults today are a very highly motivated and educated generation that grasps opportunities. Many are putting their personal lives on the back burner and focusing on themselves and their careers.

"If you looked at 10 years ago and

today, Generation X and Y, the reasons why they do some things are different," said the admission council's Ludwig. "These people, it's almost like they are not leaving anything to chance."

Today's young adults have seen their parents plan financially for the future only to have pensions and jobs taken away.

For the most part, Gen Xers and Millennials don't expect loyalty from their employers and



Courtesy of Crummer School

THROUGH THESE DOORS: Rollins' Crummer Graduate School of Business is one of the few programs whose attendance has not been hurt by online MBA programs.



Courtesy of Crummer School

RISE OF YOUTH: Though MBA programs prefer students with at least three years work experience, more candidates are applying directly from undergraduate school.

C the CAREER COACH

Marian Cacciatore

THE ART OF SELLING YOURSELF

Dear Marian,

I just began a job search and have gotten pretty discouraged about the interview process. I am not very good talking about myself. Can you help?

Interview preparation is well worth the time! While I will need to work with you individually on the specific questions you are struggling with, I have found that many students need assistance in the "targeted selection" interview process.

The "targeted selection process" provides information to an employer about whether or not a candidate has the necessary skills and abilities for a particular job. The interview questions are targeted to spotlight key skills and experiences. It is extremely important that a candidate prepares for these types of questions ahead of time. Listed below are some commonly asked targeted interview questions. Are you prepared to answer these types of questions with confidence?

Sample targeted interview questions to determine organizational skills:

- Tell me about a project you had to plan for school or work from idea inception to completion. What steps were involved? What was the outcome?
- Describe a circumstance when you had several things within a limited time frame. What led up to the situation? How did you handle it? What was the outcome?

Sample targeted interview questions to determine customer service/ teamwork:

- Describe a time when you had to deal with angry customers. Who was involved? What did you do? How did those involved respond?
- Give me an example of a time when you helped solve a problem within a group. What precipitated the problem? What action did you take? What was the outcome?

Sample targeted questions to highlight the ability to solve problems and apply knowledge:

- Describe the most difficult problem you have ever faced at work or school. What steps or actions did you take to solve the problem? What results were achieved?
- Give me a situation in which you have been able to use a newly acquired skill or knowledge. What was the particular skill or knowledge? What was the situation? What was the outcome?

Sample targeted questions to highlight an applicant's communication skills:

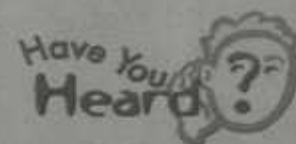
- Tell me about a situation when something you said or wrote was misunderstood. What did you do to resolve the situation? What was the end result?
- Describe a situation in which you misunderstood something a supervisor or teacher wrote or said. Why did the misunderstanding occur? What steps were taken to resolve the misunderstanding? What were the results?

Are you able to see the value of these in-depth questions? The employer is able to gain insight on how you have handled issues/situations in the past and is thought to be a valuable indicator of what you will do in the future.

Are you confident that you would be able to answer these questions with confidence? If not, I would be happy to schedule a mock interview with you. To schedule an individual session or to sign up for an upcoming group workshop on interviewing skills please e-mail me at mcacciatore@rollins.edu

If you have a question for Marian, feel free to send her an e-mail.

Holt News Briefs



Pi Lambda Eta will volunteer through Hands on Orlando for a Birthday Party for Homeless Children on Saturday, November 11. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Rachel McNeill at rmcneill@rollins.edu.

Spring 2007 Registration
Seniors: November 8-9.
Declared majors with 90 semester hours: January 3-4.
New, returning and non-degree seeking students: January 4.

Communique will conduct an organization meeting Thursday, November 9 at 5:30 in CSS 230. For more information contact Jeni Hatter at (407) 646-1510.

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MYTHS AND MONSTERS

VAMPIRES



Vampire myths go back thousands of years and occur in almost every culture. The vampires we are familiar with today are largely based on Eastern European myths. These myths were born from the vampire legends of the Far East.

The birth of the undead

Vampire legends came about for two reasons — superstition and fear. Most early cultures created stories to explain what they didn't understand. When bodies of the recently deceased would be dug up, it appeared that they had been rising from the grave. The body was bloated, as if it had been feeding, the hair and nails would have grown, and the body may have shifted. These things are explainable now. Hair and nails continue to grow after death, and the bloating of the body is from decomposition. But to most people before the 19th century, the unknown was enough to keep legends alive.



Count Dracula

In 1897, Bram Stoker's novel "Dracula" was published, spreading the myth of vampirism to a mass audience. In the novel, the 500-year-old Count Dracula of Transylvania is a vampire who has bled his country dry and must move to England in search of new victims.

Stoker's count is based on a real-life terror: Vlad Tepes. Prince Vlad was a 15th-century figure known for excessive cruelty and acts of torture. Vlad was often referred to by his title, Dracula, which means "son of the dragon" or "son of the devil" in Romanian.

The modern vampire

Modern vampiric acts such as drinking blood, returning from the dead, and hunting humans at night are from the Eastern European myths. However, many familiar vampire traits such as capes with tall collars, no reflection in a mirror and turning into bats are more recent inventions of film and fiction. Tales of vampires are more popular now than ever, and the myth continues to evolve in popular novels such as Anne Rice's "Vampire Chronicles." Even Dracula's nemesis, Dr. Van Helsing, has a modern counterpart in TV's vampire slayer, Buffy (right).



WEREWOLVES

"Even a man who is pure in heart, and says his prayers by night, may become a wolf when the wolfbane blooms and the autumn moon is bright."

— Gypsy legend from "The Wolf Man"



The curse of the lycanthrope

The myth of a half-man, half-wolf beast is just as old as that of vampires, and almost as varied. In most werewolf stories, however, a beast would silently enter settlements at night and steal away with a young child or an animal. Protection against werewolves varied, though the most common were saying the werewolf's real name, hitting the werewolf three times on the forehead, and making the sign of the cross.

The use of silver to end a werewolf's curse did not appear until 1941 with the release of the film "The Wolf Man."

The myth exposed

The most common explanation of werewolf myths is that the beast was usually an ordinary wolf. Most settlements were near woods, giving wolves easy access to unguarded towns. The genetic disorder hypertrichosis, in which a person is afflicted with excess body hair, may have led to some myths. Although the disorder is extremely rare, there were documented cases before the 20th century, such as the man in the 19th-century woodcut to the right.



The beast within

According to various werewolf legends, you may become a werewolf if you:

- Are bitten by a werewolf.
- Are born on Christmas Eve.
- Wounded the plant wolfsbane.
- Have eaten the brain of a wolf.

For centuries, myths and legends have tried to shine light on the things that go bump in the night. It's from these stories that we have discovered our fascination with fright — and created our modern monsters.

MONSTERS OF SCIENCE

For every technological advancement there is always a cautionary tale with the same moral lesson: Don't mess with Mother Nature.



Frankenstein

The story of Dr. Frankenstein and his quest to create a human being unfolded in 1818 with the printing of Mary Shelley's "Frankenstein." But the legend of Frankenstein may have been planted in Shelley's mind four years earlier when she visited Castle Frankenstein in Germany. At that time, it was the home of Konrad Dippel, an alchemist who supposedly wanted to build a laboratory to make gold and perform experiments on extending a person's life. In his pursuits, he dug up graves and collected cadavers. Shelley learned of Dippel's experiments during her stay at the castle, and the idea behind the legend of Frankenstein was born.

The Invisible Man

In H.G. Wells' 1897 story, the protagonist Griffin succeeded in turning himself invisible but could not find a way to become visible again. The scientist slowly goes mad, thinking that his crimes cannot be punished since no one can catch him. Wells' tale owed a great deal to a legendary story by the Greek philosopher Plato. Plato's "Republic" tells the story of the original invisible man: Gyges. Thrilled by the fact that his crimes will go unpunished, Gyges murders the king, seduces the queen, and takes over the kingdom of Lydia.

Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde

Robert Louis Stevenson's 1886 novel of Dr. Jekyll and his evil double, Mr. Hyde, is possibly the most well-known story of the dual nature within man. Many psychological aspects influenced Stevenson's writings, but it is the ancient myth of the doppelgänger that fuels it. In German folklore, the doppelgänger is the exact spirit double of a person. Eventually, the doppelgänger myth soon evolved into symbolizing a person's evil twin.



World Entertainment News

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MTV Goes Broadband

Viacom's MTV is preparing for an Internet battle in cyberspace with television's arch nemesis. The new MTV Networks broadband service will combine music videos, social networking, and user's video uploads. MTV Networks vice chairman William Rodey released the news last week at a Tokyo press conference, saying the site will launch later this year in Japan, while other countries will soon follow. (IGD News Services)

The Incredible Shrinking Women

Nicole Miller and Banana Republic are just a few of the fashion industry's biggest names to introduce their latest fashions in their tiniest sizes ever, negative-zero. Women with a 23-inch waist can purchase Nicole Miller's new "subzeros", or Banana Republics "00," as early as next spring. (Newsweek) reported an increasing trend for designers to create "vanity-sizing" instead of the US standard sizing measurements.

Studios Unplug Halo Movie

20th Century Fox and Universal dropped out of co-financing Halo, the movie version spun from Microsoft's successful video game. Rep for Halo's executive producers, Peter Jackson and Fran Walsh, canned rumors that studios pulled due to rising budget costs. According to Variety, there's buzz the film would exceed the proposed \$135 million. Pre-production in Jackson's New Zealand studios continues despite the double studio snag.

Fraggle's to Rock Big Screen

1980's puppet stars Gobo, Wembley, Mokey, Boober, and Red (aka The Fraggles) are going to Hollywood. Lisa and Brian Henson, the brother/sister co-CEO's of The Jim Henson Company, released a statement agreeing with internet fans speculation that indeed, Jim Henson's popular Fraggles Rock series will turn into a full-length Fraggles feature adventure. Ahmet Zappa, son of late rocker Frank Zappa, is developing the script.

YouTube Sued

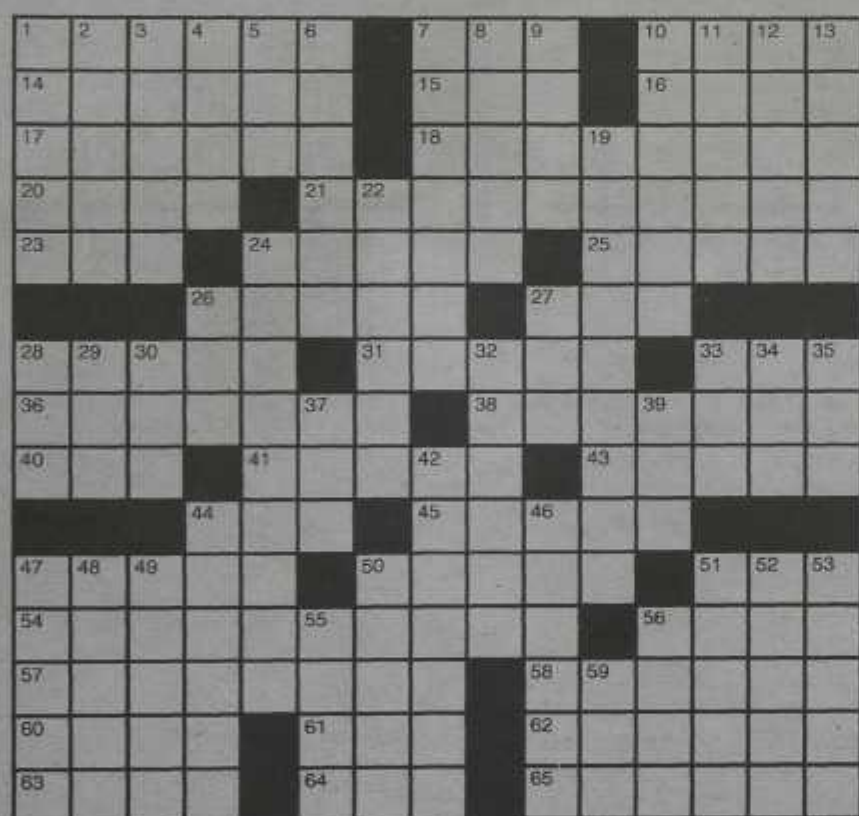
Multi media mega site YouTube is being sued by journalist Robert Tur on a copyright violation due to uploads of his 1992 L.A. Riots video footage. According to an MTV News report, Tur is seeking "\$150,000 for every uploaded session of the video." YouTube spokesperson says Tur's claims are unsupported. This is YouTube's first intellectual property suit.

Happy Birthday iPod

The Apple iPod turned five last Monday, while Newsweek chatted with Apple's CEO Steve Jobs on the success of their version of the portable digital music player. Jobs credited iPod's user-friendly design, a critically acclaimed Apple trait, to its mass success. Jobs said that, "the iPod has helped to bring music back into people's lives in a really meaningful way."

Crossword

- ACROSS**
- Systematic plan of action
 - Do the lawn
 - Agts.
 - Deceptive tricks
 - Doctors' org.
 - Southernmost Great Lake
 - Make up
 - Happy-go-lucky
 - Ids' companions
 - Wake-up call, of a sort
 - Medico
 - Writer Terkel
 - Restores to health
 - "Maria"
 - Irritate
 - Pageant crown
 - Capital of Jordan
 - Fuss
 - Fact book
 - Cushioned footstool
 - Practice, as a trade
 - Lovers' secret meeting
 - Dusseldorf's river
 - Be in debt
 - Old-time music systems
 - Branch of Islam
 - Municipal
 - Tooth topper
 - Danger symbol
 - Foal's mom
 - Consenting
 - Red table wine
 - For fear that
 - Aviv-Jaffa
 - Ventilate
 - Summertime refreshers
 - Wind dir.
 - Scattered rubbish

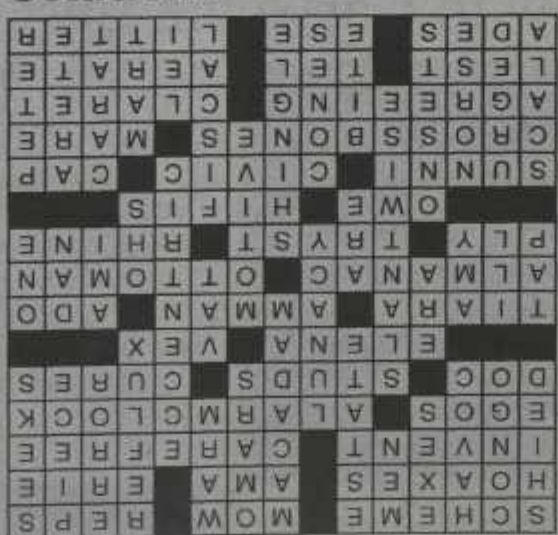


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- DOWN**
- Balked
 - African republic
 - Mayhem
 - Former spouses
 - Stag party attendees
 - Landed property
 - Paving material
 - Sharif and Bradley
 - Friendly
 - Backward flow
 - Blunder
 - Separate portion
 - Goes in search of
 - Nonconformist
 - Madness
 - Obliquely
 - Period
 - Dyeing vessel
 - Faucet
 - Not well
 - One of Alcott's girls
 - Reason why
 - Pierre's friend
 - Ex-QB Marino
 - Small bill
 - Exist
 - Exclamations of surprise
 - Roofing piece

Solutions



- Beginnings
- Financial
- La __ Opera House
- Exhorted
- Scandinavian
- Traffic diverters
- Gem weight
- Long, thin ridge
- Lawford or O'Toole
- Take the bait
- Trading center
- Waikiki garland

Check Your Halloween Horoscope!

Linda Black
tribune media services

Today's Birthday (10-31-06). First bring in the money with the help of your family. Then take a vacation you can talk about for years.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) Today is a 5. The trick is to be out past the edge without getting too badly hurt. As you figure out how to do this, you'll make your fortune from all those who'll follow. Get a patent on your procedure.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) Today is a 6. You decide what you want, and hold out for that. It's really quite easy. It's best to make your own decisions about important things.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) Today is a 7. Timing is crucial for a while. Pay attention to the cues. Don't push the limits but do be in the right location at the right moment.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) Today is a 6. You're not frugal because you have to be, you're frugal because it's fun. You'd rather pinch pennies than play the slots any day, and that's wise.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) Today is a 6. Involve a technical expert in your negotiations. More is possible than you ever imagined, and

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today is a 7. Once you've learned the lesson, you'll notice there's more to achieve. You're at a plateau that is also a wonderful jumping-off place.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Today is a 7. You're in the groove. Crank out as much as you can, it's selling like hotcakes. You snooze, you lose.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Today is a 6. A crazy idea could pay off big, so don't squash the innovator. Provide encouragement, and even some funding.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Today is a 6. Others think you're very wise, but you know better than that. The more you learn, the more humble you become. It's natural. And it's wise.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today is a 7. Don't go for the first offer you get; be a little standoffish. All you have to do is wait, and you'll get more than you expected.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Today is an 8. You are a natural caretaker, in a magnanimous way. You want to heal societies and you can. The key is to listen.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) Today is a 7. You're a good listener, when you want to be. So do that now. The others need somebody to help them sort their way out of a mess.



"Quit bustin' my chops, Leonard! You can lift a hundred times your own weight, but you can't pick up a cue!"



"Tragedy struck in Milan today when a red-hot fashion model broke free of her styling room, overcame security and began devouring everything in Europe."

Frightening Films!

The Shining

It is not your conventional scary movie, but it will definitely still give you nightmares.



Silence of the Lambs

AMC voted Hannibal Lecter the worst movie villain of all time... and it is no surprise why.



The Exorcist

Who knew a little girl could be so scary?



Halloween

The holiday just would not be the same without this horror classic.



The Omen

The remake was frightening, but it does not compare to the original. See both and decide for yourself.



Saw

It is quickly becoming a modern favorite. Also check out the sequels.



Worst Horror Films of All Time

Bill Gibron
pop matters

Whenever the calendar rolls over to a certain 31 October, fright fans break out their bountiful opinions and wax poetic and prosaic about the best and worst horror films ever made. While it may seem like nothing more than a rabid fanboy pastime, that fact is it's not that easy a task. Like comedy, terror is in the heart of the beholder, too personal to be easily agreed upon. What some find frightening gives others a case of the uncontrollable giggles and its rare when fear can be universally applied.

As a result, Short Ends & Leader is taking a slightly different approach toward prioritizing the legacy of fear. This will not be your typical "worst of" horror movie list. SE&L did not consider the lengthy, and rather lamentable, legacy of '40s, '50s and '60s. Roger Corman and his many mediocre monster mash-ups will find no careful consideration here, nor will any effort involving giant insects, radioactive non/humans or other examples of backwater B-moviemaking. No, the approach taken here is far more mainstream. The focus now will be on those real films that actually thought they'd end up as some manner of nightmare myths.

After much deep thought and soured soul searching, these are the efforts that SE&L feels best exemplify the worst that post-modern horror has to offer. Without further ado, here are the Top 10 Worst Horror Films of All Time, beginning with the biggest bumble of them all:

1. "Exorcist II: The Heretic"

Buried somewhere inside this absolutely pointless sequel to horror's preeminent fright fest is a decent idea. Following up Regan's irregular path into adolescence while the church investigates Father Merrin's death is a parallel scenario that has a wealth of worthwhile possibilities. Sadly, director John Boorman decided to concentrate on the more psycho-babble claptrap concepts inherent in the screenplay. Throw in some random locusts, a lot of Studio 54-style strobe lights, and you've got cinema's most stupefyingly bad scary movie.

2. "Book of Shadows: Blair Witch 2"

As irritatingly incomprehensible as the first film was (too much cursing combined with nausea-inducing POV camera-work) this scripted follow up was much, much worse. Though famed documentary director Joe Berlinger ("Metallica: Some Kind of Monster") would argue that excessive studio interference would ruin his original vision, it is hard to imagine how any initial ideas could make this movie work. It seems purposely lost inside its own insular devices. On the plus side, this follow-up more or less killed the "Witch" franchise for good.

3. "House of Wax" (2005)

A group of grating plot contrivances discovers a ghost town made mostly out of dumb ideas... oh yeah, and paraffin. Lots of bad movie clichés ensue. While this incredibly amateur movie has its fans, most macabre mavens simply sniffed the aroma of Paris Hilton's stunt casting and realized the awaiting repugnance. Granted the original material was no great spook shakes, but even Charles Bronson's wooden acting in the 1953 feature was miles ahead of a certain spoiled socialite's brain death as bravado turn. Even the meltdown finale couldn't save this stool-scented slop.

4. "House of the Dead"

Based on a popular video game, featuring those familiar scarefest sacrificial lambs (the zombie) and helmed by that talentless Teutonic hack, Dr. Uwe Boll, what could have been a semi-competent cult effort turned out to be one of the genre's most mindless missteps. With sequences that seem stolen from a hyperactive "TRLs" monster music video and poorly conceived creatures that look like Cirque du Soleil artists gone gamy, Boll manages to set the entire undead film back decades with his poisonous pacing, directorial dumbness and overall lack of thrills.

5. "Maximum Overdrive"

We all know how misbegotten the original idea was (Stephen King as fright writer does not equal Stephen King, filmmaker) but few have really remembered just how horrendous this mess of a movie really was. It's not that the Master of Horror is utterly and hopelessly incompetent

behind the camera—in fact, his opening montage of machines going gonzo is pretty well realized. No, it's everything after technology starts attacking that begins to fester and, ultimately, fail. A wailing Yeardley Smith provides the final nail in the klutzy King adaptation coffin.

6. "Nightbreed"

Legend has it that Clive Barker conceived his second feature film, based on his intriguing novella "Cabal," as "the Star Wars of horror movies." What it ended up being was an unqualified disaster, with substantial studio meddling and massive budget problems contributing to the world's first eerie ipecac. Unable to decide if it's a monster movie, an ambitious piece of beast-based mythos, or simply a slice and dice serial killer film, Barker braves all three. The ridiculous results, including the horrendous performances by all involved, speak for themselves.

7. "The Fly 2"

David Cronenberg's first Fly was such a memorable masterpiece, a perfect marriage of material and maker that only a Hollywood halfwit could think that a sequel would succeed. Even worse, they decided to junk everything that made the original so special—concepts like script, emotion, intelligence and characterization—and replaced them with Eric Stoltz and a mutant puppy dog. Right. Only a Chevy-sized can of DDT (or a second sex scene with Daphne Zuniga) could have killed the creature feature franchise more expertly than this deadly drone.

8. "Amityville 3-D"

Sometime between 1982 and 1983, the geniuses behind Tinseltown's beans decided that that old warhorse from the '50s—3-D—was ready for its motion picture comeback. As one of the several multidimensional efforts to make use of the tired cinematic turd, this third look at the Lutz house got even stupider and more incomprehensible. Nothing more than a lot of camera pranks perpetrated on an already blasé audience, the lack of any authentic connection to the so-called "real" events that occurred in the notorious locale made the film all the more laughable.

How to Carve the Best Pumpkin in the Dorm

Kelly Haramis
Chicago Tribune

Steve Dahlke of Rosemont, Ill., has been a professional pumpkin carver for 16 years. Dahlke says it takes about 20 minutes to carve a pumpkin with a pattern and two hours for a larger gourd.

1

Size matters. The best pumpkin to carve is generally a "basketball-size one or bigger." Also important is a smooth surface. "You don't want ribbed ones because you can't get a pattern onto it."

2

Bottoms up. Once you've collected and cleaned your pumpkin, Dahlke says it's time to start the surgery. "Take a knife and cut the bottom off, instead of the top because [you want to preserve the] nice stem."

3

After scraping seeds out, he suggests, trace a pattern from such companies as Pumpkin Masters, Halloween Works and SpookMaster. Dahlke prefers to use carbon paper to trace the pattern on the pumpkin, "or you can use an adhesive spray."

4

Be careful. "You don't want to cut your fingers when using sharp knives." And, of course, parents should be around to help when kids are carving.



5

Freshen up. After your pumpkin is complete, Dahlke suggests using spray-on pumpkin preserver Pumpkin Fresh. "It makes the pumpkin last a little longer. Spray it on every other day, and it should [last] for a couple of weeks."

What's New on Park Avenue



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Small, stylish shops are not in short supply on Winter Park's most famous street; however, this new addition stands out from the rest. Threads, owned by sisters Julie von Weller and Jennifer Stillman, opened earlier this month with much acclamation from Rollins students and the Winter Park community.

Stillman, who previously worked as a buyer for Saks 5th Avenue, and von Weller grew up in Winter Park and thought it was an ideal location for their new boutique. "Park Avenue is a great place and you never appreciate it until you leave," commented von Weller.

The major appeal of Threads is its constantly changing collection. New shipments arrive daily, so there is always something different on the shelves.

The store features an eclectic blend of styles and merchandise from names you may recognize such as Serfontaine, Calypso, and Qi Cashmere. Von Weller makes sure to only order a few sizes and styles of every garment. The goal is to avoid every fashionista's worst nightmare, showing up in the same outfit as someone else. You can be sure that your purchases will be unique.

If the brand name-dropping did not impress you enough, Threads is also home to the "perfect pair of black pants," otherwise known as the Laura by Chaiken. The honorable title was bestowed upon them by Oprah Winfrey herself on an episode of her show.

In addition, this January Threads will be the only location in Central Florida that sells the previously private collection of Tory Burch. Also coming soon is Emily and Ashley, a line of jewelry by Fragments.

Threads' supply is not limited to clothing. "You can come in and get your sister a gift while getting a fabulous outfit for yourself," said von Weller. Clutches by Lauren Merkin, Swarovski crystal wine stoppers and frames by Olivia Kiegel, and unique jewelry all make fantastic gifts. For all you



JESSICA ESTES / The Sandspur

NEW THREADS: A quick glance of the clothing collection featured at Threads. If you like what you see, stop by the store sometime this week because they go fast!

Get the Latest Threads

last minute shoppers, free gift-wrapping is included with your purchase, so you can stop in to get an impressive birthday gift right on the way to the party! If you catch yourself admiring the beautiful decor, do not worry because the chandeliers and tables are available for

purchase as well.

While Threads is quickly becoming a popular shopping spot for Rollins students, the store appeals to shoppers of all age groups. It is not uncommon to see high school girls and middle aged women pursuing the shelves simultaneously. The clothes are stylish, but with a timeless appeal that works for all.

The vast price range also attracts a wide clientele. "We sell everything from 30 dollar earrings to fur coats," said the owner.

Next time you take a stroll down the avenue between classes, make sure to check out Threads. Tuesdays are especially recommended because mini vanilla cupcakes are handed out. Satisfy every girl's addictions, sweets and shopping, at once!



No Blues for the Owners of J. Mac Blues

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Last May, two Auburn graduates, Logan Van Ost and Bri Bunton, moved two Winter Park to pursue their dream of opening their own clothing boutique. Their idea, which was to create a boutique that specialized in denim, became a reality when their store J. Mac Blues opened at the beginning of October.

"We want to offer a unique selection of jeans so that someone can come in and find a pair that first their body and personality," said Van Ost. Van Ost and Bunton, who are the co-owners of J. Mac Blues, met while working for a boutique located near the Auburn University campus in Alabama.

J. Mac

Blues, which combines the girls' respective middle names with the traditional color associated with jeans, offers over thirty lines of men's and women's denim. Some featured lines include: AG, Stitches, Goldsign, 1921, Tavernitti, and 575; sizes vary from 24-31 for women and 28-40 for men.

"We have skinny jeans, black jeans, and grey jeans, all of which are in this fall," said Van Ost, who is originally from Tampa. "We also have a wide variety of dresses, skirts, vintage inspired t-shirts, purses, belts, and jewelry."

J. Mac Blues has a fun industrial feel to it due to the open ceiling, black stained wood floors, antique wall hangings, and 238 cubbies full of jeans on the main wall. Van Ost and Bunton not only designed the layout of the store, but they also completed the build out and renovations themselves - with help from only a handful of people.

"It's a dream come true to have our own store," said Bunton, who was an Alabama native before moving to Winter Park. "Our motto during this entire process was nothing comes without sacrifice."

J. Mac Blues is located next to Sultre in Hannibal Square at 411 West New England Ave suite B. Their hours of operation are Monday through Wednesday 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Thursday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. For information about merchandise, call (407) 786-3800.

Rollins students receive ten percent off all purchases, so be sure to stop by and stock up.



One Night with a King Review

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Purim. No, it's not a new, cutting edge laundry detergent. It is not a type of food that hails from Greece. It is not bottled water, a type of vitamin supplement, or a clever way of guising the "pure rum" of which an alcoholic beverage is made. On the contrary! Purim is in fact a festive Jewish holiday celebrated on the fourteenth day of the month of Adar. Unlike the solemnity of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, it's a fun and joyful celebration for the Jewish community. What exactly is celebrated?

Just catch "One Night with the King" in theatres and receive a cinematic history lesson of an event that took place nearly 2500 years ago during the reign of Xerxes (485-44 B.C.). In the film, Xerxes (newcomer Luke Goss) rules over one hundred and twenty-seven provinces from India to Ethiopia, but during his third year, he is publicly affronted by the disobedience of his own wife. Fearing this stubbornness and defiance will catch on like wildfire and spread to all the women of the kingdom, and urged by the

pestering of his council—the seven princes of Persia and Media—Xerxes makes the rash decision to dethrone his wife.

To replace Queen Vashti, Xerxes has all the young, beautiful virgins across his kingdom brought to his citadel at Shushan. Among these women he will pick his wife, and among these women is a young, orphaned, Jewish girl named Hadassah who must veil her identity in light of the anti-Semitic sentiments running rampant throughout the kingdom. At her uncle's beckoning, she calls herself Esther—a fine Babylonian name of the time—and does her best to keep her faith secret while at Shushan.

As can be assumed, our heroine finds favor in the royal courts, even going so far as to befriend a key player: the king's eunuch, Hegai. Esther is eventually chosen by Xerxes to be his wife, and an elaborate fairy-tale wedding ensues, but "happily ever after" doesn't endorse the end credits just yet. Xerxes and Esther put the fun in dysfunctional. Though they're head over heels for each other, Esther's sneaking around to speak with her uncle leads Xerxes to suspect her of infidelity. An is-

sue that could've been resolved in a simple five-minute conversation is over-dramatized, and as such, widens the gap that begins to grow between them. It's the precursor to many a game of theatrical dialogue, some of which bring the mighty and sovereign Xerxes to teary eyes. As if their relationship issues aren't heavy enough, Xerxes and Esther must also deal with pressure from the princes to endorse the annihilation of the Jewish population. Esther realizes her time to face destiny has come. Either she can remain silent and watch her people die at the cruel hands of those her own king appoints, or she can risk her own life by confessing to Xerxes the truth about who she is.

"One Night with the King" is a family friendly film that would be an ideal choice for a Sunday afternoon. You don't catch too many biblically based movies that leave you on the edge of your seat. Though the cinematography and dialogue is more than dramatic and sometimes too played out here and there, the story is a charming reminder of the boldness one young Jewish girl exuded, and the festival that still celebrates her deeds even to today.

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The Senior Column

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Last weekend after a quick trip to Savannah, I decided to drive an hour and a half out of my way to visit the University of Georgia's Grady School of Communication, which is one of the graduate schools that I am considering for next fall.

As soon as I drove into Athens, I could tell that UGA would be much different than Rollins. Everywhere I looked, I saw red and black. "Football Parking" signs littered the sides of the streets, and leaves fell peacefully onto the ground. The buildings, predominately composed of brick, is classified as Georgian Architecture.

I arrived on Sunday about an hour before sunset and tried to navigate myself through the campus without a map. I managed to see the football team preparing for their upcoming rivalry with UF, the English building that looked as if it could hold at least ten Orlando Halls, the massive Stanford Stadium and Stegeman Coliseum where division I teams play, and fraternity and sorority rows that seemed to go on for miles.

On Monday morning, I stopped at the visitor's center to pick up a map. I opted against a campus tour, though, because they tend to tailor them for prospective undergraduate students

rather than prospective graduate students.

I went directly to the Journalism building, which houses the Grady School of Communication, and talked with the administrative assistant. After she told me briefly about the program, I asked her a series of questions that I had accumulated while looking at Grady's website. After she answered all of my questions, she gave me a tour of the building, introduced me

This Week's Important Tips

Top Questions for your Graduate School of interest:

- What are they looking for in an applicant?
- When is the deadline for the application?
- What does the application include?
- What is the tuition? Are there any forms of financial aid or assistantships offered?
- Do I have to write a thesis?
- What are recent graduates doing now?
- Can I defer my acceptance?
- Where do most grad students live?
- How long will it take to complete the degree?
- How large is the program?

The Grad School Visit

to some professors, and showed me where some of the classes are held.

I left her office with a very good feeling about their program, which offers four specific areas of concentration within the Communication program and a fifth that allows students to pick and choose the classes that they want to take. She also told me there were a few recent Grady graduates who are now working for various professional teams in Atlanta. I was happy to hear that the graduates were pursuing the same careers that interest me.

After my meeting, I walked through the Student Union, which was filled with students who were involved in study groups, napping, eating, and discussing their football team's victory - and it was only 10 a.m. I ended my visit with a trip to the bookstore where I bought some UGA souvenirs.

Overall, my visit to UGA was significant to my current thought process about next year. UGA is now my number one choice for graduate schools, and I will be working on sending out my complete application within the coming weeks.

Important Activities on campus this week for seniors

Senior Success Meeting
Thurs., Nov. 2, 2-2:30 p.m.
Office of Career Services

Resume Writing Workshop
Mon., Oct. 30, 3 p.m.
Office of Career Services

Resume Submission Deadline
Carney, Sandoe & Associates, Nov. 1
Northwestern Mutual Financial Network, Nov. 1
Worldwide Express, Nov. 1
Golf Channel-Mngr. of Affiliate Marketing, Nov. 1
Find these all at MonsterTrak: Jobs for Tars

Internship Deadlines
U.S. State Department Summer 2007 Internship
Wed., Nov. 1

All Information from The Office of Career Services

Slalom Superstar: Michelle Simpson!

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Discipline: the one word that comes to mind when I think of college athletes. College athletes have to go to classes; practice and train for his or her specific sport, still have a social life, and maintain an above average GPA to be eligible for the NCAA. There are many hard working athletes at Rollins College; Michelle Simpson is just one of the few who exhibit the characteristics of a professional athlete.

Michelle Simpson is a senior at Rollins from Bridgeport, Texas. She is on the water skiing team and is a professional water skier that has the opportunity to travel all over the world. She has many achievements including the 2005 World Cup Women's Slalom Champion and is a record holder for four events. Michelle started water skiing at age four and began competing at age nine. She concentrates on slalom skiing and has won numerous awards.

When she is not skiing, she does not get a break; instead, she is training for her competitions by lifting weights and running. In season, which is February to November, she tries to ski four to six days a week for a few hours.

But how does Michelle do all of this and still manage to go to college? She has learned to bring her books and study anywhere. Many times she has had to study on planes taking her back and forth from the tournaments or at the tournament. Michelle also is disciplined and instead of staying up to the wee hours of the night, she wakes up early in the morning to get her homework completed.

She has also had to make sacrifices in her social life in order to fit in studying, skiing, and working out but she tries her hardest to lead a normal social life. Why did she choose Rollins over all the other colleges in Florida that have skiing programs?

She chose Rollins because she knew some former Rollins students who were professional water skiers. She knew Rhoni

Barton, Brenda Baldwin, and Drew Ross. Rhoni encouraged her to look at Rollins. As you can tell, Michelle liked Rollins because of the warm weather and the fact that Orlando is the center of professional water skiing. If you are interested in watching professional waterskiing and wakeboarding, there are competitions in Orlando.

Michelle is not just a professional water skier, she also likes to play the guitar and watch movies. Her boyfriend, who lives just outside of London, is also a skier. When her boyfriend visits, she spends time with him or with her other skiing friends on the lake. She explains she loves being at the lake all day, skiing hard, and then watching the sun go down at the end of the day.

Michelle is not the only talented person in her family. She has two sisters, Mackenzie, her middle sister, competed on the Baylor University Water Ski Team in Texas, and she helped Baylor qualify for their first national championships in 2003. She competed against her sister when Rollins was set against Baylor. Rollins won this event, by the way!

Michelle is not only talented outside of the classroom; she is also talented inside the classroom. She maintains a high GPA and is an English major with electives in both women's studies and religion.

When asked what advice she would give to younger students at Rollins, she replied that her key to all her success both outside and inside the classroom is discipline. Her youngest sister is a freshman at Baylor University this year, and some advice she gave to her and would give to younger people is to have fun, but remember to study and maintain your grades the first semester and the rest will follow. Michelle is successful due to the fact that she has established a studying routine and has stuck to it. She has learned from skiing that discipline takes you a long way in life.



TWO PROS: Michelle with her boyfriend, Glenn Campbell, the top pro men's slalom skier.

This week's Vocal Builder from
The Princeton Review's Cracking the GRE

Quixotic (adj.): foolishly impractical; marked by lofty romantic ideals

Vistas of Continuity

Chelsea Williams
the sandspur

I always choose the front row in class. Usually, it serves to prevent me from getting distracted, but here at Venice International University, it has the opposite effect. From the front row, I have a perfect view of the island of Lido to the left and the faded green tip of the Campanile in St. Mark's to the right. Even through the fog that has shrouded the island of San Servolo this week, I can make out enough domes and steeples to remember that I am in Italy. This often translates to forgetting I am in class.

"As I relish in the superb quality and low quantity of work in the European education system, my German friends agonize over the lack of structure and wish for a more traditionally American style of teaching full of lectures and absolute deadlines."

~Chelsea Williams, '08

When I return to the classroom from my frequent mental escapes, I am reminded of my reasons for deciding to attend Rollins College. There are only 70 undergraduate students attending VIU this semester, so it feels even more like a family than the Rollins community, but the classes are similar in size and teaching style. Though I am enjoying far less homework than I do in a normal semester, I am engaged in constant discussion. In fact, I notice my hand seeking the professor's attention even more often than it does in classes at Rollins. The words that follow my enthusiastic gestures, however, must be carefully chosen and impeccably articulated in order to have an impact on my multicultural audience.

On top of the shifting self-



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awareness warranted by the jump from a diverse Americanization class to Italian Contemporary History class, in which I am the only American, I am confronted by the high academic expectations expressed by non-American students. As I relish in the superb quality and low quantity of work in the European education system, my German friends agonize over the lack of structure and wish for a more traditionally American style of teaching full of lectures and absolute deadlines.

Furthermore, my conversations with a few Israelis

ness to participate in class. In my eyes, though, they are the lucky ones. Despite two years of compulsory military service delaying their entrance into college, Israeli students generally spend a few years traveling internationally before beginning their studies. Thus, most of them here at VIU are at least 25 years old, making me feel grossly deficient in life experience. Seated in the same classroom, listening to the same professor, we all perceive the subject differently because of something more significant than personal bias alone.

My experience in Venice has encouraged me to confront the effects of an identity layered by nationality and culture on my academic contributions. When I re-

turn to Rollins

classrooms in January, I will miss hearing church bells chime on the hour and laughing as massive cruise ships pass by the windows, but I will not be able to resist the intellectual landscape that arises when I sit in the front.

have led me to the conclusion that they envy the well-rounded element of education in the United States, as exemplified in the American student's confidence and eager-



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Halloween Costumes To Die For!

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Just around the corner is Halloween, and maybe this year you want to do something a little different, break out of the box, but you just do not know what to wear. The stereotypical Halloween costumes for girls have lately been angel, fallen angel and the devil.

Either way, there will be someone else wearing a costume similar to yours, so here are some great costume ideas to spice it up a little. Some creative ideas from www.costumeideazone.com include a deviled egg, giving a new twist to the tired out devil costume-paint your tummy yellow and then the rest white, and then slap those devil ears and grab your pitchfork. Or be a gold digger by wearing gold and bringing along your gold shovel. For you guys, how about a kissing booth that charges \$.25 for a kiss? Surely you will be able to earn back what you spent on the costume in the first place.

Or maybe you are looking for that perfect group costume for you and your friends. How about making up your own super heroes (or just go with the classics) and make some props that show your extra special powers. Or pick a favorite movie or TV show, and go as your favorite characters. Gilligan's Island, Flavor of Love, the Addams Family; the possibilities are endless.

For those of you looking for the gore factor in spirit of the holiday, mix some corn starch with red food coloring, add a drop of blue to get that dark bloody hue,

and a dash of green to make it all the more believable. If you are worried about staining your clothes (and others), mix in some peanut butter to your concoction. To get some real looking guts, take a pair of panty hose, cut off the feet and cut at the top so you have a long tube, glue up an end and then stuff it with cotton or an old tee shirt.

The best costumes are the creative ones, so don't be afraid to get together with a friend and brainstorm. Sort through your closet and think about what would make a great cape, or vest. Better than buying one of the expensive costumes in the store is going to your local thrift store and rifling through. You'd be surprised at what you can find, from the perfect 80's prom dress to old toys to be an awesome playroom.

But also think about the location you are going to be celebrating at. For a house party with your friends, the more outrageous the costume, the better. However, if your going down to Church Street or another crowded location, it's better if you stay away from costumes that poke out or drag on the ground. You might accidentally lose a wing, or that great cape you spent forever making.

The most important is to wear a costume that you feel comfortable in. Maybe those six inch heels are not the best choice if you know you are going downtown to party, or that heavy costume is just going to be discarded half way through the night. Make sure your costume is something great that will turn heads no matter where you go.

Patriot Act Debate

What: A formal debate regarding a highly divisive, hot-topic issue.

When: Tuesday, November 7, 7 p.m.

Where: Galloway Room
What Else: Pizza & Soda, Question Time

Sponsored by:
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Time for a New Adventure for Evelyn Nicolosi

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"I woke up one morning and I thought 'that's it. It's over'." Parting words from a Rollins College favorite, Evelyn Nicolosi.

For those students who frequent Beans, Evelyn has been a part of the Rollins community for the past 28 years, beginning in 1978, and has just recently an-

nounced her retirement.

Her retirement party on Monday gave students the opportunity to say good bye to the beloved Evelyn, whose never ending cheerfulness and animated spirit greeted students most mornings as they purchased their bit of calcium and potassium to start out their day.

Celebrating with cake, cookies and punch, Evelyn received many hugs and cries of "we'll miss

you" from students stopping by to wish her the best of luck. It was hard not to catch on to her enthusiasm and her warm open manner during the ceremony, as she and her husband were recognized by the college community.

Evelyn arrived to Rollins with her husband when they decided to start anew and begin a new life in Florida. Moving all the way from New York, Evelyn was told when applying to Rollins that

there were just no open positions at the moment, to which she said, "That's fine, I have plenty of places to apply to." Luckily for Rollins, the school immediately changed its mind and Evelyn soon started working for the college.

Although sad to leave, Evelyn and her husband will be moving to Arizona in order to be closer to her kids and grandkids. After working for Rollins for 28 years, Evelyn and her husband are ex-

cited to start their retirement and be close with their family. After living in their two story home off Aloma, they are ready for the move and are simply waiting for the house to sell. For those of you looking for a new place, check out her fliers, they are posted around Beans.

Although we are sad to see her go, there is no doubt that all students wish Evelyn and her husband the best of luck in life.

Pink Power!

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In 1993, the month of October was declared Breast Cancer awareness month to help spread awareness of this cancer all over the world. Since then, the rate of breast cancer cases reported by doctors and health care givers has increased. They estimate that over 215,000 women are diagnosed with breast cancer every year, a number that reflects calculations within the United States alone—that is one person diagnosed with breast cancer every three minutes. However, there is hope. Breast cancer has a 96-percent survival rate if detected early. If it is not, though, the survival rate decreases as time runs by. It is for this reason there is still an urgent cry to "Be Aware of Breast Cancer."

This cry has been augmented as more people have made the decision to help spread awareness of this disease through different forms of pink creations. Over the years, it is the pink ribbon has become the most recognized symbol of hope and awareness of breast cancer. In the past, this symbol has only been seen contained within small pink ribbons, but recently the merging

of large corporations with cancer research and support organizations has caused a crescendo in the awareness of breast cancer with many of them incorporating this pink symbol into parts of the corporation.

One example of this is the jewelry company Baccarat; they have pledged their support of the Breast

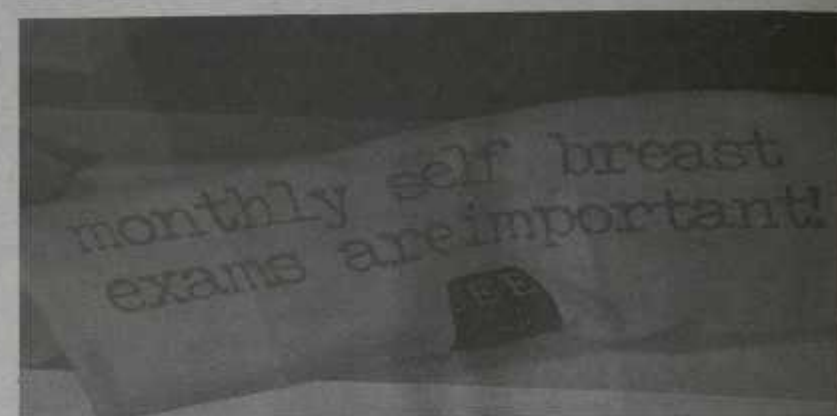
Cancer Research Foundation TM (BCRF) through introducing Eclipse, "a specially designed pink crystal pendant benefiting [the foundation]." Baccarat plans on "donating \$40 from the sale of each \$250 pink Eclipse pendant" to the foundation through out the rest of this year. In addition to this, support for breast cancer awareness has been seen in stores such as Macy's, See, and even Wal-Mart with the inclusion of pink items such as t-shirts, teddy bears, and eyeglasses all benefiting breast cancer research and support.

Another corporation that has made the choice to support breast

cancer research through partnering with the BCRF is Delta Air Lines.

This month the airline introduced "a newly painted Delta Pink Plane to its fleet to raise awareness for the cause and, for its partner, the BCRF." This plane includes numerous reminders of the partnership that Delta has with the BCRF and the airlines support of the awareness of breast cancer. In addition to this Delta will also be selling pink lemonade for \$2 "on all domestic and most international flights with 100 percent of the proceeds benefiting BCRF."

But it is not just large corporations that are helping spread breast cancer awareness. Over the past few years, the cry to "Be Aware" has been heard in small stores, on local radio sta-



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tions, and on high school and college campuses such as our own. Through Relay for Life, an event held all across America to raise money for the American Cancer Society, students, and community members band together in support of cancer survivors, their families and the loved ones of those that were not so fortunate as to survive the fight against the many different forms of cancer.

At Rollins, the Office of Community Engagement helps get Rollins students involved in such events through "Engage! Weekly", a weekly e-mail sent out to help inform students of community service events such as Relay for Life. This

month the Office of Community Engagement is informing students that the American Cancer society is has it's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk, a "noncompetitive 5K walk... to [help] fight cancer on four fronts: research, education, advocacy, and patient services," held on October 28th at Lake Island Park, 455 S. Denning Drive, Winter Park, FL 32789 (For more information visit: http://makingstrides.acsevents.org/site/TR?pg=entry&fr_id=2192 or call 407-691-1021 to register).

Also spreading the awareness of breast cancer at Rollins is the Lakeside Health Center and the Rollins College Health Promotions Office. According to Sandra r. Weisstein, the director and Nurse practitioner of the Health Center and one of the Health Promotions staff members, the health care givers at Rollins "do the best [they] can" in helping Rollins stu-

dents be aware of breast cancer and many other diseases that students need to know about such as skin cancer and testicular cancer.

Weisstein teams up with the Health Promotions Office to provide conferences on these cancers during the month of October which include interactive sessions on how to know to conduct self examinations for these types of cancers. In addition to this, the Health Center provides Pap smear test and offer personal help or referrals to Specialists if symptoms of breast cancer or other cancers are found.

Breast cancer survival

A study finds black women are more likely to have tumors that are difficult to treat, likely contributing to the group's lower rate of survival.

10-year survival rates

Post-operative chemotherapy

Black	52%
White	62%
Hispanic	62%

Pre-operative chemotherapy

Black	40%
White	54%
Hispanic	56%

Likelihood of difficult to treat tumors

Estrogen-receptor negative tumors are not affected by the most successful breast cancer drugs

Hispanic	32%
White	33%
Black	41%

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TOPIC: Predictions for Congressional Elections

DEMOCRATS BRINGING DOWN THE HOUSE

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THERE HAS BEEN A LOT OF TALK IN THE MASS MEDIA ABOUT HOW THE DEMOCRATS ARE GOING TO TAKE BACK CONTROL OF CONGRESS AND HAVE POLICIES ALREADY PLANNED OUT TO OVERTURN WHAT THOSE EVIL REPUBLICANS HAVE DONE IN THE TWELVE YEARS OF THEIR MAJORITY RULE. MANY CLAIM THAT THE TYRANNY OF THE GOP IS FINALLY COMING TO AN END.

I WOULD HAVE TO SAY THAT THEY ARE ONLY HALF RIGHT. AND BY THAT I MEAN THAT I PREDICT THAT THE DEMOCRATS WILL TAKE BACK THE HOUSE WITH A SLIM MAJORITY, BUT THAT THE REPUBLICANS WILL KEEP THE SENATE. BECAUSE THE REPUBLICANS WILL KEEP THE SENATE, THE GRAND POLICY REVERSAL PLAN THAT DEMOCRATS HAVE BEEN COMING UP WITH WILL NOT BE AS SUCCESSFUL AS THEY WOULD LIKE.

MANY OF THE PREDICTIONS COMING FROM THE MASS MEDIA STEM LARGELY FROM NATIONAL POLLS, NATIONAL STUDIES, SO ON AND SO FORTH. THEY HOWEVER DO NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THAT IN THE UNITED STATES WE HAVE SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICTS. EVEN IF THERE IS A NATIONAL SENTIMENT FAVORING DEMOCRATS, IT DOES NOT NECESSARILY TRANSLATE INTO DISTRICT SENTIMENT FAVORING DEMOCRATS.

BECAUSE OF MANY FACTORS, INCLUDING GERRYMANDERING AND THE CREATION OF MAJORITY-MINORITY DISTRICTS, THE NUMBER OF SAFE SEATS HAS INCREASED DRAMATICALLY. THE REPUBLICANS HAVE AN INHERENT PARTISAN ADVANTAGE IN MORE THAN HALF OF THE HOUSE DISTRICTS.

REPUBLICANS ALSO HAVE AN ADVANTAGE WHEN IT COMES TO RAISING MONEY, ESPECIALLY THAT "HARD MONEY" THAT EVERYONE PREFERS. AND LET'S FACE IT PEOPLE, MONEY MATTERS.

I BET YOU ARE WONDERING HOW THIS IS IN LINE WITH MY ORIGINAL PREDICTION, YOU DID NOT READ INCORRECTLY AND IT IS NOT A TYPO. I STILL BELIEVE THAT THE DEMOCRATS WILL WIN THE HOUSE BUT NOT THE SENATE. I JUST WANT TO ILLUSTRATE HOW DIFFICULT A JOB THE DEMOCRATS TRULY HAVE TO SHOW WHY THEY WILL NOT GET A LARGE MAJORITY IN THE HOUSE.

THERE ARE MANY THINGS

WORKING AGAINST THE REPUBLICANS THIS ELECTION CYCLE. IT IS A MIDTERM ELECTION; THE PRESIDENT'S PARTY STATISTICALLY LOSES SEATS IN MIDTERM ELECTIONS, AND BUSH IS NOT THE MOST POPULAR OF PRESIDENTS. THERE IS A LOT OF BITTERNESS OVER IRAQ AND IMMIGRATION, AND THE PERCEPTION THAT CONGRESS IS DOING NOTHING IS NOT HELPING. DON'T FORGET, THE REPUBLICANS ARE IN CONTROL OF THE CONGRESS THAT HAS ENGENDERED THIS BITTERNESS. I CANNOT NEGLECT TO MENTION THAT NEWEST OF CONTROVERSIES THAT IS DAMAGING THE GOP: THE FOLEY SCANDAL.

BECAUSE OF THE INHERENT ADVANTAGE OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL, AND BECAUSE OF ALL THAT IS GOING AGAINST THEM THIS FALL THAT THERE WILL BE A NET SHIFT OF ABOUT 20 SEATS IN THE HOUSE GIVING THE DONKEYS ANOTHER CHANCE TO RULE. THE SENATE IS A HORSE OF A DIFFERENT COLOR, FOR MANY REASONS. THE DEMOCRATS WILL HAVE TO GAIN A NET OF SIX SEATS TO NAB THE MAJORITY. THAT IS A LOT AND I THINK AN IMPOSSIBILITY. THE DEMOCRATS MAY NARROW THE MARGIN BUT I THINK THAT THE DIFFICULTY OF SENATE ELECTIONS WILL PREVENT THEM FROM REGAINING THE SENATE MAJORITY.

INSTEAD OF JUST LISTENING TO THE MEDIA, WHY NOT TRY SOME ACTUAL RESEARCH INTO CONGRESSIONAL ELECTIONS. HERE ARE SOME AUTHORS THAT I HAVE READ CONCERNING CONGRESSIONAL ELECTIONS: LAWRENCE DODD, BRUCE OPPENHEIMER, ROBERT ERIKSON, GERALD WRIGHT, OR CHARLES STEWART AMONG OTHERS. PLEASE DON'T JUST LISTEN TO WHAT CNN OR MSNBC OR FOX OR YOUR FAVORITE BLOGGER HAS TO SAY; READ ABOUT AND RESEARCH THE CANDIDATES, AND READ SOME SCHOLARLY RESEARCH TO INFORM YOU ABOUT THE



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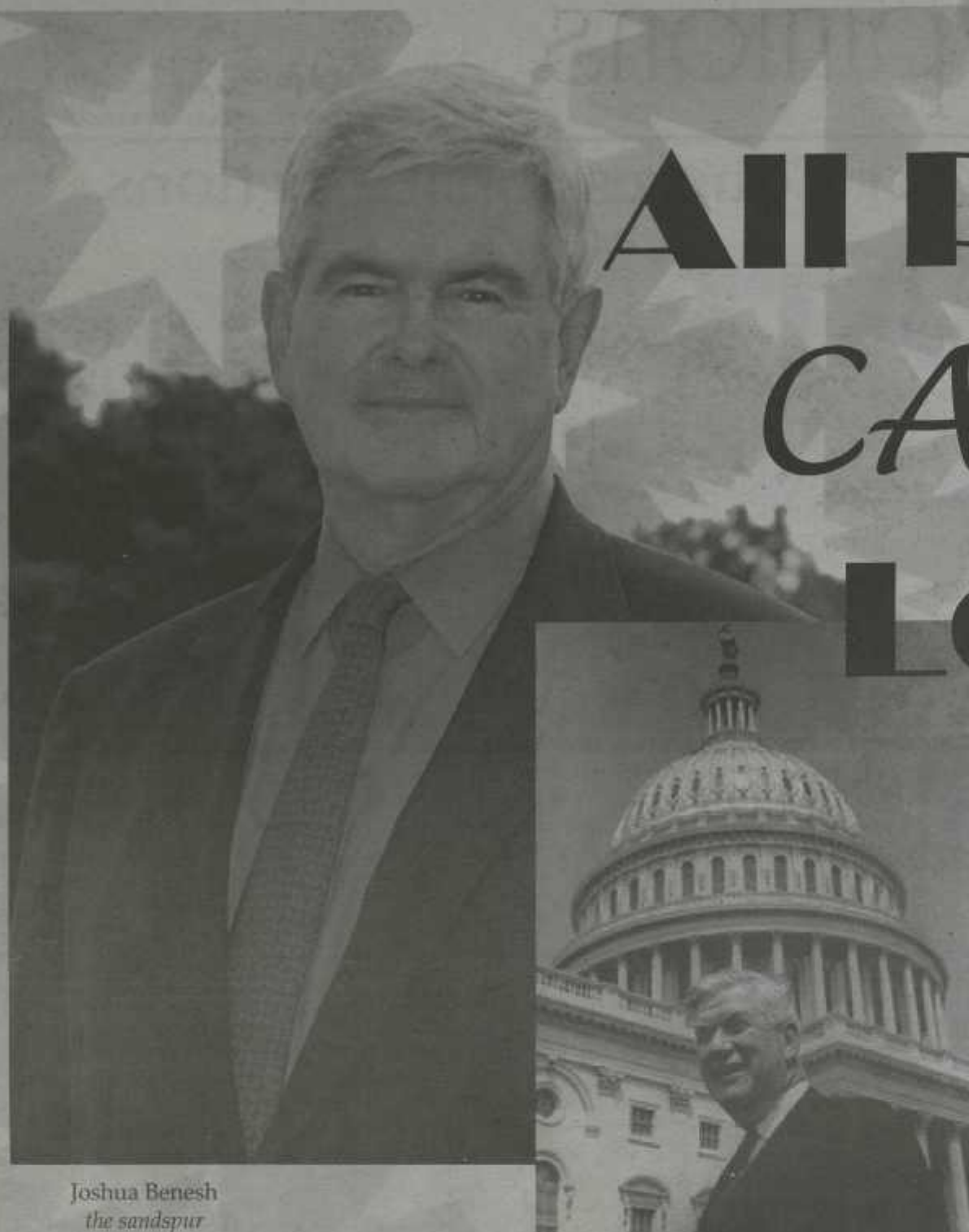
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All Politics CAN BE Local

publicans. The foremost of which is the orientation of individual candidates relative to President Bush.

The mass confusion that results, a desperate attempt to maintain the carefully balanced and increasingly diverse Republican constituency, may simply prove too much to bear and send groups running for any alternative.

The overwhelming lack of presidential popularity means the boost that can result from proximity is nowhere to be found, leav-

ing nothing for Democrats to do but sit back and enjoy the folly.

The problems of the presidency spill into the midterm election in areas far beyond simple popularity. Iraq has become yet another national issue of benefit to Democrats. The recent change in language coming from the Bush White House is everything but a direct admission of mistakes. As a result, Democrats do not even need to go so far as offer an alternative to current Iraq policy. A history of criticism and opposition of war policy is enough to polarize a constituency. All that needs to be done is make local the national policy missteps and the election is as well as won.

Finally, scandal seems to mire the current GOP leadership. Whether Mark Foley or Jack Abramoff, all it takes is a roundabout link to any of the above to change the focus of even the most solidly local campaign. All the Republicans have been capable of mounting thus far are desperate and hastily constructed defensive positions, too tied up in the national concerns that fill the news to focus on changing the focus of the campaign.

The national platform that won Republicans control of Congress in 1994 may prove to be their downfall. Whether due to the rigors of the news cycle or simply punishment for tactical miscalculation, the Republicans have been incapable of responding to the localization of national issues, the emergence of which they are partially to blame.

A desperate focus on local issues at this point is beyond the realm of effectiveness. A result of sheer accidental genius and the fortunate ebb and flow of current events has guaranteed the Democrats a victory in November. What remains to be seen is whether or not the tactics of fortuitous opposition can be synthesized by Democratic victors into a cohesive policy platform in the coming legislative season.

As the midterm electoral contest heats up, with more and more of our precious commercial time being dominated by campaign ads, it seems the Republicans are heading for disaster.

Far beyond the historical seat loss that the party of the President is burdened with, the GOP has managed to all but seal its election fate through a fundamental mishandling of national issues, a threat generally far from detrimental in the constituency driven and local benefits oriented world of electoral politics that has emerged in the United States.

It may have been Speaker Tip O'Neill that first coined the phrase "All politics is local," but the Democrats' tactical dismissal of that mantra has proven more than effective.

In the Missouri senate race, none other than Michael J. Fox is playing off that familiar turn of phrase to advance the local importance of a national issue.

Claire McCaskill, Democratic candidate in the Missouri race, has managed to synthesize the very national issue of stem cell research into the key factor in the Missouri senate race. It is a point at which she and her conservative opponent diverge. Unfortunately for the GOP, it is a platform of overwhelming unity in favor of the Democrats.

Beyond the tactical elevation of national issues to locally significant events, the news cycle and the mishandling of circumstance have also managed to spell doom for the Re-

Senate races to watch

Control of the U.S. Senate hangs on a handful of states. How likely voters would cast ballots if the election were held now:

Missouri

Claire McCaskill (D) **46%**

Sen. Jim Talent (R)* **43%**

Montana

John Tester (D) **46%**

Sen. Conrad Burns (R)* **43%**

New Jersey

Sen. Robert Menendez (D)* **45%**

Tom Kean Jr. (R) **42%**

Ohio

Rep. Sherrod Brown (D)* **48%**

Sen. Mike DeWine (R)* **40%**

*Incumbent

Note: Answers do not total 100% because not all responses are shown

Pennsylvania

State Treasurer Bob Casey Jr. (D) **51%**

Sen. Rick Santorum (R)* **39%**

Rhode Island

Sheldon Whitehouse (D) **48%**

Sen. Lincoln Chafee (R)* **43%**

Tennessee

Rep. Harold Ford Jr. (D) **43%**

Bob Corker (R) **45%**

Virginia

James Webb (D) **43%**

Sen. George Allen (R)* **47%**

Washington

Sen. Maria Cantwell (D)* **52%**

Mike McGavick (R) **37%**



ELECTION 2006 POLL

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Ailing Cardinals Not Hurting With Tigers

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Their best player has a bad leg. Their center fielder needs a novocaine shot to run. The shortstop and third basemen have two good shoulders between them.

If the St. Louis Cardinals were Clydesdales, they'd have to be shot.

But a strange thing is happening on the way to the glue factory. The Cardinals are beating the Tigers and making the experts look as if they'd been guzzling from the beer wagon.

The entire city of Detroit needs a drink after Tuesday night's 5-0 loss to the Cards. In typical St. Louis fashion, the pitcher had to overcome thumb cramps on a 40-degree night.

"That was a strange one," Manager Tony La Russa said.

Welcome to the 2006 World Series. If not for Kenny Rogers' sleight of sticky hand, the Cardinals would be one game away from a sweep. The fact they lead 2-1 just re-proves the old baseball adage:

Never bet against a team even Madonna wouldn't adopt. Especially one with good pitching.

Think back to 1988, when the Bash Brothers A's were supposed to squash Los Angeles. Then Kirk Gibson limped out of the dugout like a crippled Clydesdale. He hit a pinch-hit homer and

the demoralized A's never recovered.

Half the Cardinals' lineup could do a pretty good Gibson impersonation. Albert Pujols has a bad hamstring. Jim Edmonds needs that shot in his foot. David Eckstein's shoulder is almost as achy as Scott Rolen's, who has chronic problems after surgery.

All that helps explain how the Cardinals won only 83 games this season. That's the fewest wins for a World Series team in about three decades.

If this were the NCAA basketball tournament, they'd be Coastal Carolina. Detroit wouldn't quite be Duke, but the Tigers came in with a seven-game winning streak and baseball's best rotation.

ESPN surveyed a half-dozen scouts, and most weren't even sure St. Louis would win a game. What's happening would make a bit of sense if the Cardinals had suddenly hired a competent faith healer. But they're the same achy, breaky bunch that almost blew a 7-game lead in the final week of the season.

The season of pain made it hard to gauge how good the Cardinals really are. Any lineup with the name "Pujols" is dangerous. Sure enough, he had a key double Tuesday.

Edmonds followed with a double that made it 2-0 in the fourth inning. Even Eckstein got a hit. The mighty mite from Sanford hurt his shoulder in the NLCS and was 0-for-11 before Tuesday's

breakthrough hit.

Maybe they were inspired by the rare pregame appearance by Budweiser's Clydesdales. They pulled the beer wagon around the field, followed closely by two guys with shovels in a golf cart.

Fittingly, they didn't make a mess.

Duly inspired, Chris Carpenter went out and gave Detroit the cramps. His biggest scare came in the seventh inning when his thumb started seizing up on him. The trainer rubbed it out. Apparently no pine tar was involved.

"I'm just out there pitching," Carpenter said.

That sounds too simple.

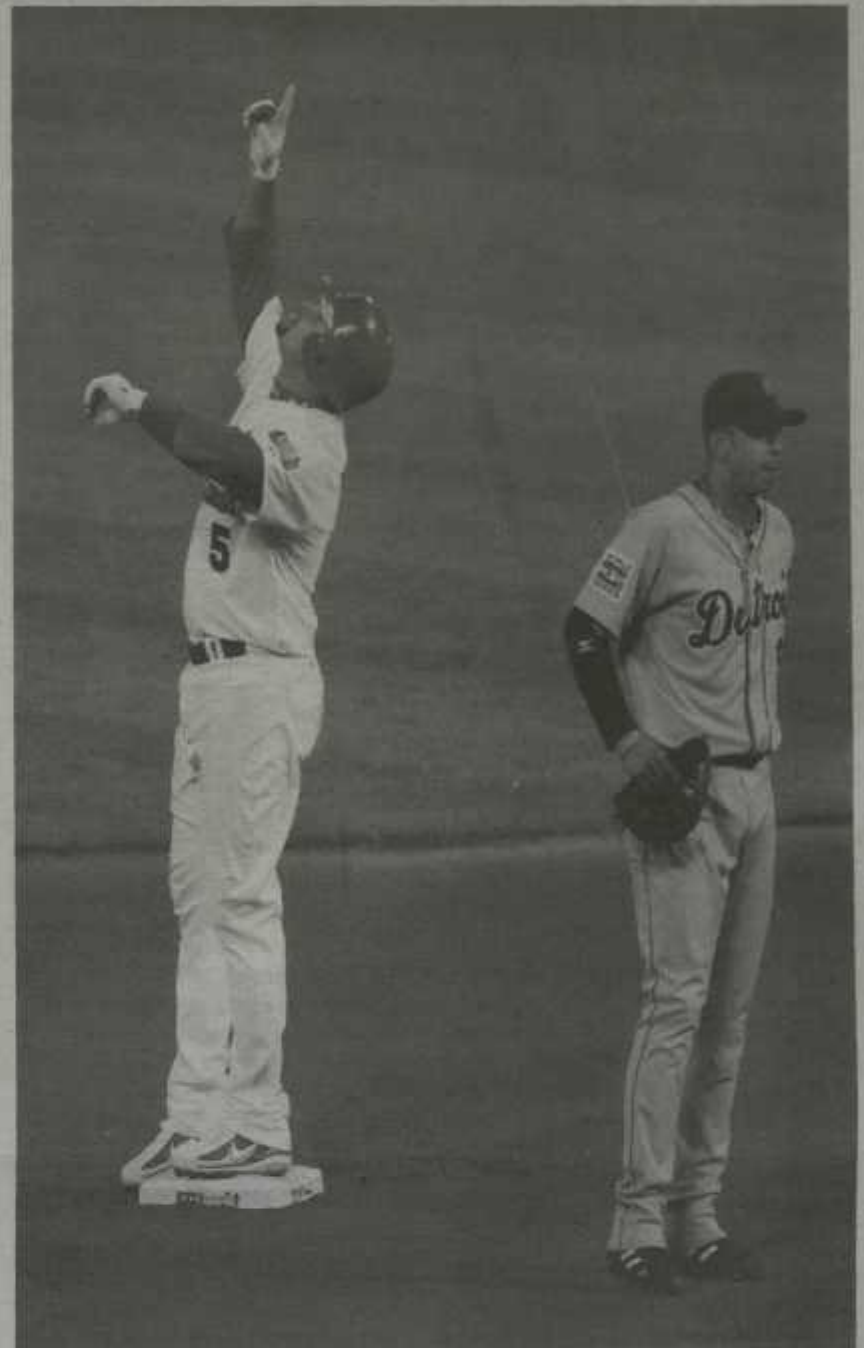
"You go out there and execute pitches," he said. "I'm sorry I can't give you more."

That's the difference between a regular season and the playoffs. A couple of good pitchers can totally shift the balance of power. Anthony Reyes isn't necessarily considered a good pitcher, but the Tigers got only four hits in Game 1.

They managed three Tuesday.

"You have to get some hits now and then off good pitching," Tigers Manager Jim Leyland said. "If you don't, you're in trouble."

They're in trouble. If things don't change soon, the Cardinals will limp all the way to a World Series title.



Courtesy of MCT Campus

Giving Thanks: St. Louis Cardinals first baseman Albert Pujols points skyward after hitting a double in the fourth inning. The Cardinals went on to defeat Detroit 5-0 and take a 2-1 lead in the World Series.

Tars Refuse To Go Down Easy

Samantha Marsh
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Rollins fell to Flagler University 2-1 on Wednesday, October eighteenth in St. Augustine. The Tars matched their opponent in intensity and offensive pressure but were unable to respond after Flagler broke a one-one tie with only five minutes left in the game with a penalty kick. Rollins game against Flagler was their last non-conference match of their regular season.

Even though the pressure was on for Rollins College's match in Boca Raton on Saturday the twenty-first against Lynn University, a match that would decide which team would walk away with the Sunshine State Conference regular season title, the Tars played the game with the same intensity and poise that have characterized their winning season.

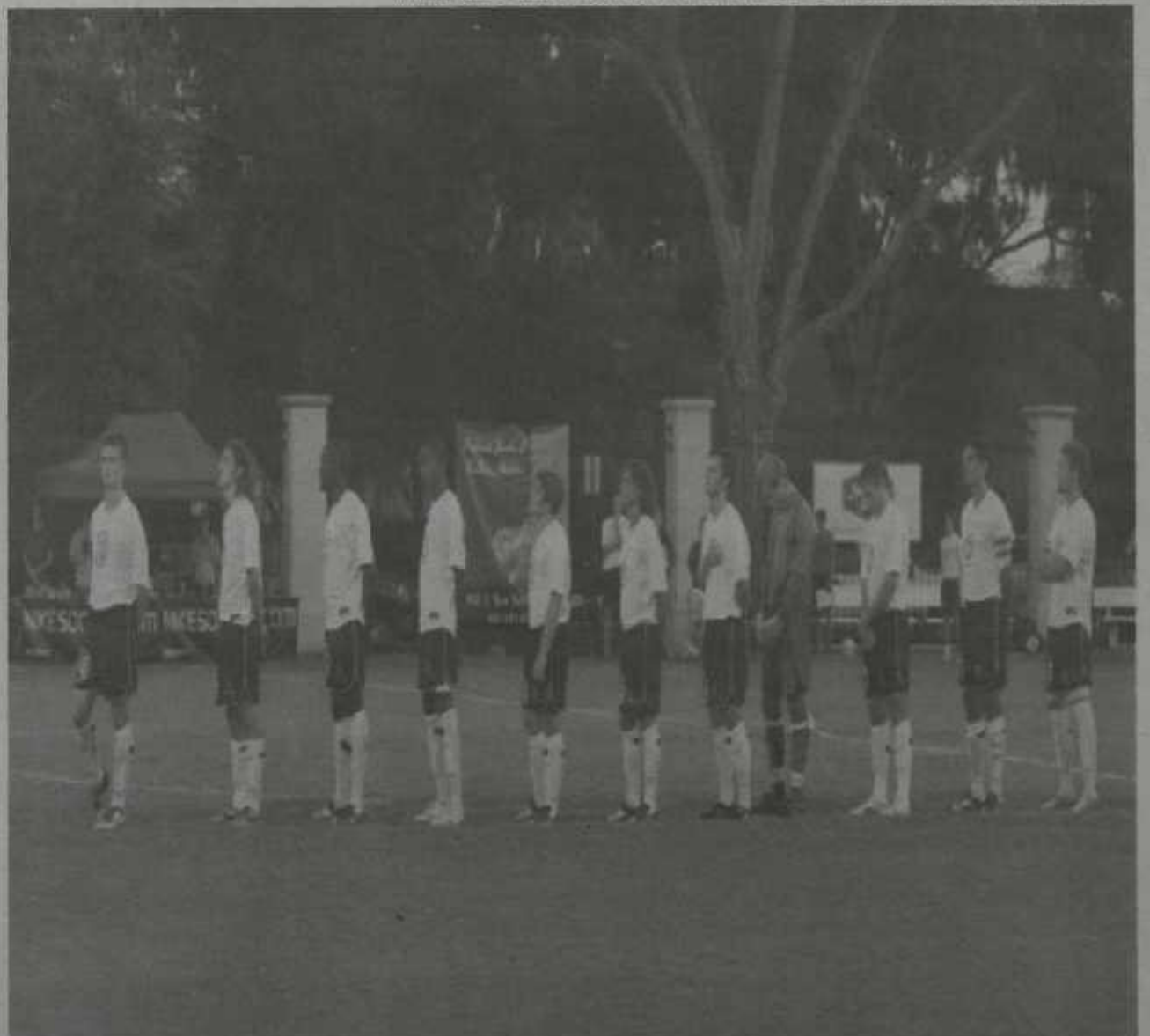
Unfortunately, it was Lynn that clinched the victory in double overtime with a shot from the eighteen that snuck in by the

left post. Lynn had taken an early lead five minutes into the first half with a goal from inside the penalty box.

Rollins would hang tough with their opponent, and eventually tie the game at the twenty minute mark. Eric Vergati scored Rollins' only goal, a long shot from thirty-five yards out after a Lynn defenseman failed to clear the ball. Lynn was able to dominate the second half offensively, tallying more shots and corner kicks.

But the Tars refused to back down on defense and the game was forced into overtime. Goalkeeper Frazer Siddall gave an excellent performance with several impressive close-range saves. Despite several near-misses by the Rollins offense it would be Lynn that would finish the game and take the title.

The Tars will look to win a title of their own during the Sunshine State Conference Championship, which will begin on Wednesday, October twenty-fifth.



Courtesy of Jim Hogue

Lining Up: The Rollins men's soccer team starting line up waits eagerly for the game to kick-off. The Tars finished second in the Sunshine State Conference thanks to excellent play and look to continue their success in the Sunshine State Conference Championships starting Wednesday, October 25.

Tars Basketball Season on the Horizon



Courtesy of Rollins College

Game On: Rollins men's basketball start their season at UCF on Wednesday, November 15. The Tars are looking to defend their regular season Sunshine State Conference Title from their last season.

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With the 2006-07 Rollins Men's and Women's Basketball Seasons rapidly approaching, it is important to note the high expectations this year both on and off the court. Last season, and for the first time in Rollins Basketball history, the Women's team went undefeated in regular season action, going 26-0.

The Tars won the regular season SSC title and advanced to the NCAA Tournament for a ninth time. Overall, the team finished the season at 28-2. In addition, the Men's team was picked to finish 7th in the Sunshine State Conference preseason poll.

To every other team's dismay, the Tars rolled through the SSC season, winning the regular season and tournament titles in dramatic fashion. They advanced to the second round of the NCAA Division II South Region Tournament before ending the year 24-8.

This year, the Men's program starts to defend their crown while opening up their season at the University of Central Florida on Wednesday, November 15, 2006 at 7 p.m. Meanwhile, the Lady Tars season and their title defense begin the very next night on Wednesday, November 16th, 2006 at home against Puerto Rico-Mayaguez at 7 p.m.

This season, the Tars home basketball games are expected to be more competitive and enjoyable than ever. It is important for all new and returning to students to Rollins College to be aware of our newly designed student section as well as game promotions.

The student section has been dubbed "The R-ZONE", and it will consist of two sections on the south side of Warden Arena. Moreover, the Visitors Section for the opponent's families and friends will consist of the remaining section on the south side of Warden Arena.

It is planned to distribute the official R-Zone tee-shirts at halftime of each the Men's and Women's home basketball contests. Furthermore, all students as well as faculty/staff are encouraged to attend Rollins basketball contests and have a chance at some of the many promotional activities planned for this season. The newly developed

"Score 90 or Better" promotion will result in a voucher card for a free smoothie from Tropical Smoothie Café at the end of the game whenever a Rollins team can score 90 points or better in a home contest. Additionally, Tropical Smoothie Café has become a corporate sponsor of Rollins College Athletics and will be providing an assortment of their wraps for purchase in our concession's stand this basketball season.

Many other giveaways and halftime entertainment is currently also being planned as well, and the athletic department really appreciates everyone's continued support and participation at our sporting events.

Most importantly, everyone needs to be reminded that Rollins College promotes good sportsmanship by its student-athletes. We request that you support the participants and the officials in a positive manner at all times.

Profanity, vulgarity, and obscenities directed toward officials, players, coaches, or team representatives will not be tolerated and will be grounds for removal from the Alford Sports Center. In addition, the throwing of any objects onto the playing court is prohibited.

The Rollins Athletic Department would like to thank Cingular Wireless, the Tars official game day sponsor on the web. With the help of Cingular, Rollins now provides e-scores, live stats, and audio broadcasts for all Men's and Women's Basketball games via our new website, www.rollinssports.com.

So, whether you are able to attend the Tars home games or not this season, please check us out on the web and help us in further establishing our Athletic programs.

Briefs

Women's Soccer

Rollins women soccer lost a close game 1-0 on Friday, October twentieth in Boca Raton against Lynn University. It was their last regular season game before the Sunshine State Conference Championship. Rollins challenged Lynn all game long with aggressive offense and characteristic impenetrable defense.

Lindsay Giblin was very active on offense with three shots on goal, but Lynn defense was able to shut the Tars down all game. And tragically it was Rollins own defense that would score the only goal of the night, twenty minutes into the second half when defender Lindsay Taylor accidentally misguiding a header into her own goal to give Lynn the lead. This small slip-up would prove costly as the offense was unable to respond.

They now will begin Sunshine State Conference Championship play.

Cross Country

On Saturday, October twenty-first both the men's and women's cross country teams finished fifth at the 22nd Sunshine State Conference Championships, hosted by Nova Southeastern. Sophomore star Kristina Aronson took a sixth place finish with a time of 24:12. This earned her second team All-Sunshine State Conference Honors.

Monica Pena took thirtieth place with a time of 28:34, Kelly Rolles-Haase took thirty-fourth with a time of 29:43 and Jaci Nora took thirty-seventh with a time of 30:17. Freshman Hope Kramel was thirty-ninth with a time of 30:56 and Salem Willis finished forty-second with a time of 34:29 for the Tars.

Patrick Flynn who led Rollins with a twenty-third place finish had a career best time of 29:32. Rob Holman was right behind him in twenty-fourth with a time of 30:03. Karl Ruckel came in thirty-first in 31:44 with Paul Buetenmuller coming in soon afterward in thirty-second place with a time of 31:49. Rob Moore was thirty-fifth with a time of 33:55. Daniel Galvez was forty-third with a time of 38:19 and Sergio Abril came in forty-fifth with a time of 41:35.

Magic on Fire for Pre-Season

Stephanie Hanisak
the sandspur

After opening the preseason 5-1, the Orlando Magic are starting off the upcoming season on the right foot. Starting forward Dwight Howard is leading the Magic, averaging 17.7 points and ten rebounds a game.

In preseason play the Magic have defeated the Charlotte Bobcats, New Orleans Hornets, San Antonio Spurs, Atlanta Hawks, and Memphis Grizzlies. Their only loss was against the Hawks at home.

The preseason has also marked the return of Grant Hill, whose injuries have plagued his career with the Magic. In the three games that he has played in, he is averaging 11.3 points and 19.7 minutes.

Saturday, October 21 game against the Memphis Grizzlies marked the long awaited debut of Magic rookie J.J. Redick. Redick, who is the all-time leading scorer for both Duke University and the Atlantic Coast Conference, failed to score in his twelve minutes of action.

Tony Battie, Carlos Arroyo, Keyon Dooling, Hedo Turkoglu, Just Trevor Ariza, and Redick began the preseason with injuries, all but Ariza have seen action during the preseason.



Courtesy of MCT Campus

Slam Dunk: Orlando Magic forward Grant Hill scores during NBA preseason action. The Magic won their game at the TD Waterhouse Centre in Orlando, Florida on Tuesday, October 24, 2006.

All in all, the Magic preseason has been a success. Hopefully, they will be able to continue their success into the regular season and possibly make a run at a conference title.

The Magic open the regular season Wednesday, November 1 against the Chicago Bulls at home.

Trivia

Question: What was the first sport televised in the United States?

Answer: From Last Week
Twenty-Five