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# The Sandspur

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# Welcome Home Rollins College

## New Charter Bus Joins Rollins Family

Stephanie Ellenburg  
*the sandspur*

In January, a Rollins Alumni Mark Miller '70 graciously donated a bus to Rollins College's Community Engagement Department. Mark Miller has been the owner of Arabian Knights, which is located in Kissimmee, FL since it's opening in February 1988. Both the college and Office of Community Engagement are very grateful to have received this bus and appreciate Mark's generosity.

The initial idea that inspired Rollins to get a bus came from the fact that most first year and out of state students do not have

cars on campus. If a community service project was too far of a drive, students had to find some alternative form of travel. This bus provides the proper transportation to bring students and faculty to and from engagement projects. Since having the bus, it has already traveled to an archeological field visit, natural wild site visits, countless service learning projects and in May of this year traveled to New Orleans for a Hurricane Katrina disaster relief trip with the club: Rollins Relief.

Not only is the bus apart of the Community Engagement Department, but more specifically it represents J.U.M.P! This

campus program stands for: Join us in Making Progress. As seen on the Rollins website, "J.U.M.P! provides Rollins College students, faculty, and staff the opportunity for personal growth and experiential education through campus and community involvement." The bus wrapping was completed on August 21st, and then displayed to the campus on August 22nd during SPARC (Service, Philanthropy, Activism Rollins College) Day of Community. The sides of the bus have silhouettes of people and the abbreviation J.U.M.P. is placed at the front and back of the vehicle. It is the perfect design to share with

people watching it pass on the road.

Assistant Director of the Office of Community Engagement, Meredith Hein, is excited about this bus as well as two other buses that will be donated during the coming years. Hein says, "Ideally these buses will be used as transportation to and from community service projects and to help students get involved in the greater Central Florida community." The mission of Rollins College is to educate students for global citizenship and responsible leadership, and the best way to accomplish this is by providing proper transportation to offer students as they begin hands on projects to better their community.

Anyone is able to reserve the bus for any community engagement projects. Clubs, organizations, classes, and other projects leading community service or leadership development; this bus is available to you. Service learning has the ability to utilize the bus and connect with a community partner allowing students to put theory learned in a classroom into practice. A visual learning experience is the best way to be educated and

enjoying the experience as you work is priceless.

To book the bus, it is a first come first serve process. Call the Office of Community Engagement, or email Annie Howe at mhowe@rollins.edu. Thus far, reservations have only been made by faculty and staff, however students are encouraged and able to book a date to borrow the bus at any time. Conditions to drive the bus, however, are that you must be twenty-one or older, go through a training process, and a driving report will be looked over. There is a reservation form to be filled out two weeks prior to your event and Annie Howe is in charge of the booking process.

Remembering your experience here at Rollins College should be filled with memories of how you gave something back to the campus community, as well as, engaging in a community project in your neighborhood. You will learn so much from something that touches your heart. As Martin Luther King Jr. said, "Life's most urgent question is, what are you doing for others?" So come and J.U.M.P. on the bus.



STEPHANIE ELLENBURG/The Sandspur  
JUMP: The Rollins Community welcomes a new charter bus for various activities.





# Rollins and Winter Park Safety Increased

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of Winter Park in order to more efficiently contact residents in case of emergency. City officials will be able

The first is a siren system (provided by Federal Signal, Inc.) which includes seven separate towers being placed across

the city with one specifically placed in Rollins. (The college took the liberty of purchasing one solely for the campus.)

These fifty foot towers will not only emit a siren sound but will also eventually be able to broadcast voice messages to the public notifying them of when they need to take shelter.

The second system is a calling system (provided by EM-

and college staff were looking for a faster way of notifying residents- especially after the multiple tornadoes that raced through Central Florida last February and the tragic Virginia Tech incident that occurred last April.

This new system, which utilizes multiple forms of technology, should prove to be more than sufficient in alerting the



STEPHANIE DUESING/The Sandspur  
**ROLLINS SAFETY:** The "Outreach" system will be the newest safety to come to Rollins.

Rollins College recently sent out a campus-wide e-mail regarding a new emergency notification system that is to be implemented in the next few months. The new system, dubbed "Outreach", has been adopted by the city

to control the emergency system manually at a headquarter base and can use the system for notifying residents in any scenario- varying from tornado warnings to public threats.

The new program will consist of two separate systems.



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**SPEAKING OUT:** President Lewis Duncan speaks to the press about the new emergency alert system.

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- Part-time job postings
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- Weekly workshops on resumes and internships
- What Can I Do with this Major? Information
- Academic & Career Planning Course (for spring semester)
- Resume & Cover Letter Reviews (Drop off & Pick Up Next Day)

TEL), which will significantly increase the efficiency of notifying residents. Currently, Winter Park depends on a "reverse 911" system of contacting residents, which can at least thirty to forty minutes. However, this new system will allow officials to notify 25,000 landlines in approximately five minutes. Also, the calling system will allow residents and college students to register their cellular phones so that in case of an emergency, the city will be able to notify them through text messaging. In case that wasn't enough, the city will also be able to notify residents through e-mail, pagers, and FM radio.

Therefore, all Winter Park residents will have at least seven forms of notification available to them (outdoor siren systems, land-lines, cellular phones, e-mails, text messages, pagers, and FM radio.)

Apparently, city officials

residents of Winter Park in the case of any emergency. Also, the system might prove helpful in non-emergency situations.

For instance, the city is hoping to establish a program in which after hurricanes, residents can notify officials (through the calling system) as to the condition of the electricity in their neighborhood. This and a few other non-emergency programs should provide a better form of communication than what currently exists between residents and city officials.

Also, Rollins College has temporarily "picked up the tab" for these new systems, which comes to a total of \$132,000. (Federal Signal's siren system costs \$104,000 while EMTEL's calling system costs \$28,000.) The college has agreed to front the money for the city's new system with a three year interest-free loan that the city will pay

## COMING UP:

September 20: Lecture: Holocaust Survivor Elsie Ragusin Azzanaro

September 26 - 30: Global Peace Film Festival

September 28 - October 6: "Equus" at the Annie Russell Theatre

October 2: Lecture: Author Laila Lalami

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# Rollins Celebrates the 75th Anniversary of Annie Russell Theatre

LINDSAY SIEGEL  
*the sandspur*

This past March of 2007 the Annie Russell Theatre turned 75, it serves as the oldest theatre program in Florida. Built in 1931 the theatre was given to Broadway legend Annie Russell who appeared in the first production in March of 1932 in Robert Browning's "In a Balcony". According to the Rollins College Theatre and Dance program the Annie Russell theatre today is known as one of the most prestigious theatres in America.

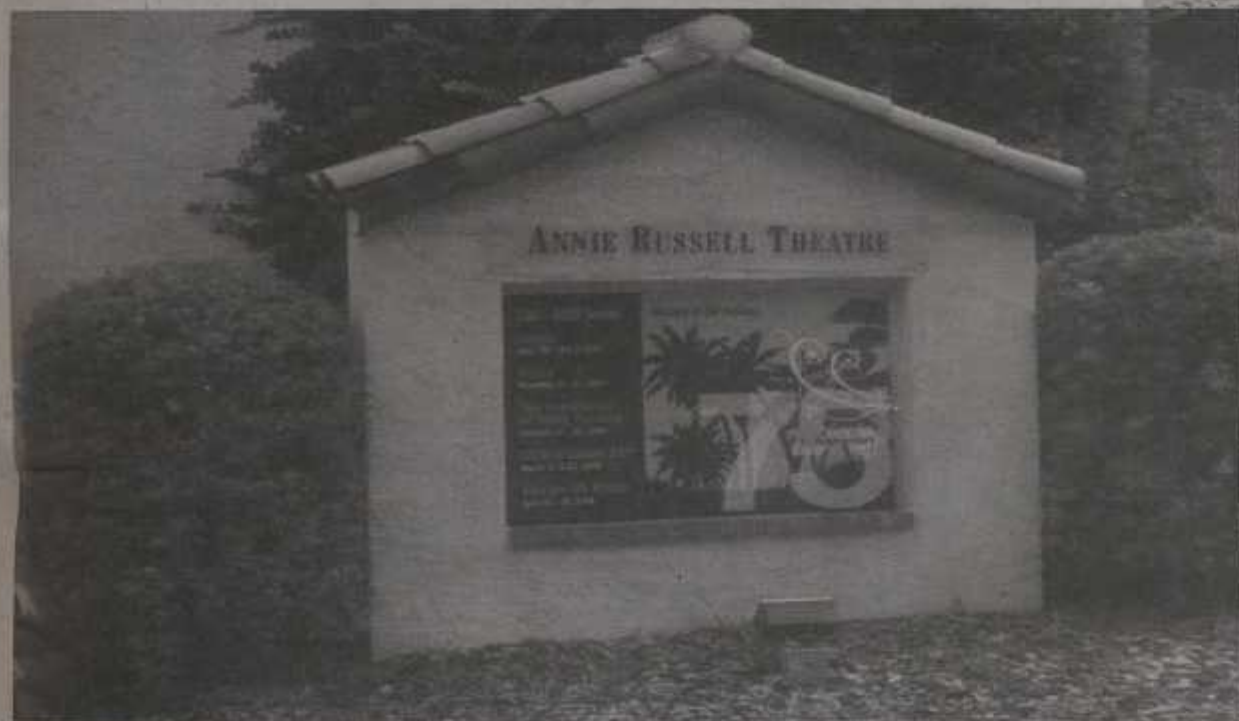
When first opening the theatre was not owned by the school but instead was an outside professional theatre however, was later given to the School of Rollins College. As mentioned from the Rollins



world. Contact the theatre department for more in-

formation. The lineup Rollins will be showing this year will be *Equus*, *Gypsy*, *The Importance of Being Earnest*, *Rollins Dance XXII*, and *Murder we wrote* as the main stage productions. Be sure to contact the Theatre and dance department for more information on dates and ticket sales.

Though 75 years has passed the Annie Russell is still as beautiful today as it was then. The Annie brings people from all over the world to admire its presence and the talent that really comes out of it. The Theatre brings many people together and lets people show their true abilities, because in this theatre



LINDSAY SIEGEL/The Sandspur

PHOTOS OF THE ANNIE RUSSELL THEATRE

formation on this exciting new offering from Rollins College.

With this season being the 75th year the theatre is offering some amazing shows that the

there are endless possibilities. So whether you enjoy acting or not the theatre is for everyone and will be around for a long time.

College Theatre and dance department in 1998, the National Parks Service named the theater to the National Register of Historic Places in recognition of its architecture and its role in education and the performing arts.

The Annie Russell theatre was given to Annie in her retirement by her good friend Marie Curtis Bok. The theatre was given to Annie for her to show her creative abilities on the stage. The Annie Russell theatre first started out as a professional theatre but since then time has passed and since it is now part of Rollins College it is more education based with students with many different background assisting in all areas of production.

The current head of the department Thomas Ouellette, with him as head chair and producing director he envisions that students will not just stop after graduation but stay with the theatre.

The Annie Russell theatre program is now offering trips to New York and Los Angeles to get the feel of becoming an actor. It's a learning trip where students can get the feel of living in a city that offers lots of opportunities. This trip shows you first hand how to live in the entertainment capitals of the

## Office of Career Services Fall 2007 Workshops & Info Sessions

### RESUME WORKSHOPS

September 5 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	1:00 pm
September 6 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	4:00 pm
September 10 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	3:00 pm
September 13 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	2:00 pm
September 18 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	4:00 pm
September 19 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	3:00 pm
September 24 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	1:00 pm
September 26 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	2:00 pm
October 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tuesday	1:00 pm
October 4 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	3:00 pm
October 8 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	2:00 pm
October 10 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	3:00 pm
October 16 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	2:00 pm
October 18 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	4:00 pm
October 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Monday	2:00 pm
October 24 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	1:00 pm
October 30 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	3:00 pm
November 1 <sup>st</sup>	Thursday	1:00 pm
November 5 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	3:00 pm
November 7 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	4:00 pm
November 13 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	2:00 pm
November 15 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	4:00 pm
November 19 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	1:00 pm
November 27 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	4:00 pm
November 29 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	3:00 pm
December 4 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	1:00 pm

### INTERNSHIP SELECTION & REGISTRATION INFORMATION SESSIONS

October 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tuesday	4:00 pm
October 18 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	1:00 pm
October 30 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	2:00 pm
November 15 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	3:00 pm
November 28 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	1:00 pm

### UNIQUE SUMMER 2008 INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES INFORMATION SESSIONS

September 26 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	1:00 pm
October 9 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	1:00 pm
October 24 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	2:00 pm
November 7 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	3:00 pm

*All Workshops will be held in the Career Services Office, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Carnegie Building*

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# Biodegradable Changes Take Rollins by Storm

AMANDA MORENO  
*the sandspur*

act the food policies Rollins will be seeing very shortly. Short's dedication, along with the awareness of Rollins students, is sparking

Winter Park community. Most Rollins students look favorably upon the changes that will soon be taking place within the food services on campus.

Elise Baxter, a sophomore, asserts that "In a liberal arts setting such as Rollins, students and faculty alike should be aware of the needs of the communities around us." Certainly these small

yet progressive changes will further enrich the sense of community awareness already prevalent on campus.



LINDSAY SIEGEL/The Sandspur  
**LOOK FOR A CHANGE:** Look for changes to come in the Campus Center.

Some significant changes are going to be occurring within Rollins Food Services this year.

They are may seem small on the surface, but these new policies will inevitably have a sizable impact in improving our local environment and even fighting hunger in the Winter Park Community.

Gerard Short, manager of Dining Services at Rollins, recently announced that Rollins will begin using biodegradable products in an effort to help the environment.

"Our mission is to improve the quality of daily life for people aligns seamlessly with the active journey of being a responsible corporate citizen," Short proudly states. In order to bring about positive changes for Rollins dining services, a Food Service Committee, representing a diverse portion of the student body, regularly met with Short to en-

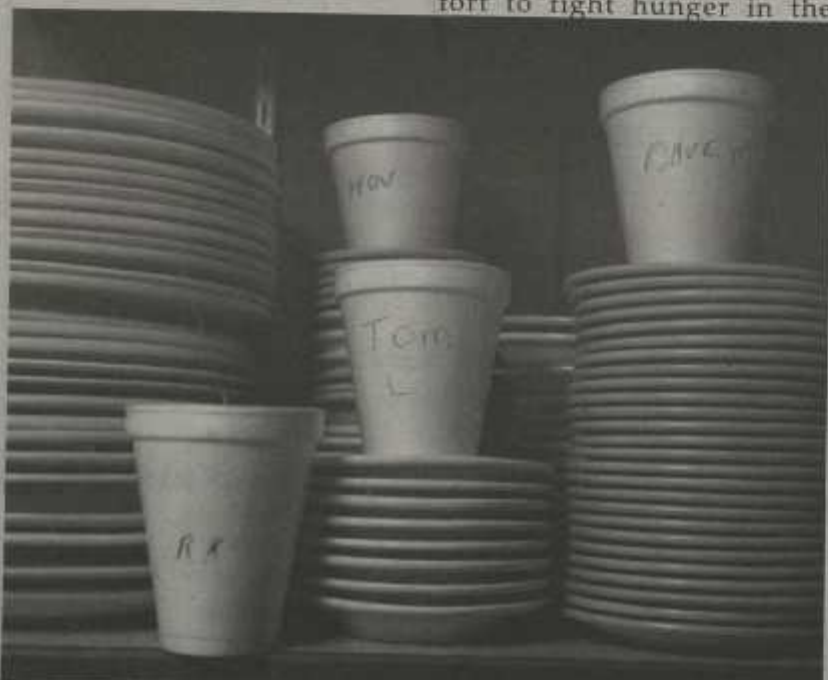
subtle, yet vastly important changes within dining services on campus.

Soon Rollins students will notice that the Styrofoam cups they once found at the Marketplace, the Grille, and the Cornell Science Center have been replaced with cups made from completely natural, biodegradable sources. Not only that, but Diane's Café, The Marketplace, and the Cornell Science Center will be using fair trade Starbucks coffee, and a new biodegradable napkin will be distributed throughout the entire campus.

Yet the food policies strive for even more than enriching our environment and taking a stand on brutal trade laws. In addition to these compelling improvements, the all the left-over foods from campus dining areas will be donated to a local charity in an effort to fight hunger in the



LINDSAY SIEGEL/The Sandspur  
**CHANGES IN STORE:** Food options in Beans will be changing throughout the course of the year.



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## Making Room for Homework

Sharon Harvey Rosenberg  
MCT Campus

During the school year, students often have special assignments that demand time, energy and money. Fortunately, with a few time-saving steps, homework duties can be less stressful and time-consuming.

Sort home supplies. Take the divide-and-conquer approach when stashing home supplies, said Suzy Wilkoff, owner of Tasks Unlimited ([www.tasksunlimited.com](http://www.tasksunlimited.com)), which is based in Florida.

She recommends separating pens, pencils, erasers, tape and

staples into plastic containers or storage boxes of different colors.

Use labels. In my house, school supplies are sorted into clear, vertical drawers. Having supplies on hand reduces the need for late-hour shopping trips on deadline.

Use a bookshelf. These are ideal for storing supplies, paper, notebooks, exam books and tablets.

Create a homework center. Whether it's the dining room table or a formal desk, homework needs a designated site.

Make a file box for important information. Wilkoff recommends establishing a file box with color-coded or labeled files for each subject.

"It is very important to continually go through papers and discard what is non-essential," Wilkoff said, suggesting a monthly review.

Use a bulletin board. Invitations and other announcements can be posted in chronological order and removed after the event is over.

A wall calendar and a dry erase board are also helpful.

Color code events, paper due dates, test dates, tutoring sessions, with a different marker for each.

While computer calendars and electronic reminders are great, a large family calendar is an obvious visual reminder of what's coming up.



LINDSAY SIEGEL/The Sandspur

**STUDY TIME:** Time management skills come in handy to students as the year progresses because of the amount of work that tends to pile up.

## Procrastination Prevention Tips

Lindsay Hansen  
the sandspur

On top of all the socializing and community involvement and personal adjustments of coming back to

school, some joining a college community for the first time, there's the classroom education.

Here are a few ways to help manage a busy schedule to keep focused on classes and still maintain a social life.

1. Write everything down.

Having a visual aid takes the pressure off trying to remember specific things.

Write when assignments need to be done a day before so there isn't an overload in work the day of.

2. Learn to manage time wisely.

You could be facebooking and myspacing, but take a few minutes to catch up on a chapter or two for the class tomorrow morning. That way, sleeping in won't be such a sin.

3. Instead of overloading, break large assignments into smaller pieces so it's not overwhelming and things will not be held off until the last minute.

4. All the things that are the least fun to do—finish writing that paper that's due tomorrow, return the library books, finish traffic school—finish all those things first so the rest of the day will be easy to handle.

5. Set a time limit of 15 minutes and do part of a project.

You'll be surprised on how much can be done in that small amount of time.



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## the CAREER COACH

Marian Cacciatore

CAREER SERVICES – IT'S HERE FOR YOU!

As the new academic year begins it is a great time to remind students about the diverse services available to all Rollins students through the Office of Career Services.

This week, the Career Coach will feature the services available to Hamilton Holt students.

### CLARITY OF CAREER DIRECTION

Not sure what major you should declare? Wondering which career path you should work towards? Career Services offers several different assessments to help you focus.

Completing the assessments and gathering data on careers paths may be one of the most important research projects you complete during your time at Rollins.

### INTERNSHIP OR JOB SEARCH

Did you know that Rollins offers an online database of internship and job postings? Whether you are looking for an internship, part-time or full time position check in with Career Services as a part of your search.

Rollins students can also register for Monster Trak, an online posting designed just for Rollins students. Contact Career Services for the special password.

to gain access to this site.

### RESUMES AND COVER LETTERS

A necessary element in the job search is a top notch resume and cover letter.

Did you know that you can get assistance from Career Services in developing both of these? Don't underestimate the impact that a solid resume has on your job search!

### INTERVIEW PREP

Does the thought of an interview make you squirm? Work out the tension by participating in a Mock interview prep session at Career Services.

You will leave prepared to answer the tough questions successfully. Remember you only get one chance to make a good first impression. Make it count!

Are you a Hamilton Holt student with a question for the Career Coach? If so, email your question to Marian at [mcacciatore@rollins.edu](mailto:mcacciatore@rollins.edu).

You can also schedule an appointment with Marian by emailing her or calling the Hamilton Holt office at 407.646.2232.

### Communication Majors and Minors

LAMBDA PI ETA



National Communication Honor Society

-Lambda Pi Eta is the national honor society for undergraduate communication majors and minors and membership reflects the attainment of high academic goals.

-Lambda Pi Eta members are recognized at graduation by wearing the gold cords that signify academic achievement and success.

-Lambda Pi Eta is a great networking opportunity for career possibilities and graduate studies after graduation.

-Lambda Pi Eta at Rollins offers opportunities for leadership and participation in social and charitable events.

-Lambda Pi Eta at Rollins let's you decide your level of involvement. There is no time commitment required to join.

Find out about membership requirements and get an application on the Rollins website at: <http://www.rollins.edu/holt/students/lph.shtml>



# Direction: Purpose, Balance Help to Direct Us

LESLIE GARCIA  
MCT Campus

We have all some more than others been lost. We have stood befuddled on a corner, circled unknown neighborhoods for hours, roamed roads we couldn't find on a map.

It is disconcerting; it is irritating; it is downright scary. Yet if we're lucky, and we usually are, someone steps in.

A more experienced hiker finds the trail; someone who speaks our language leads us to the train station; a street sign appears out of nowhere.

And, aah.

We breathe a sigh of relief.

That breath of air, the breeze blowing you in the right direction is a healthy virtue.

Not so much north, south, east or west; we'll let you find your own way on the streets. (You know how to Google, right?)

Instead, we're offering a weather vane to life's byways.

Here are three people to point us in the right direction.

## THE ONE WHO HELPS

Christina Van Pelt not only helps people find their ways, she also helps them figure out where they are headed.

"I focus on what's important to clients, and that's where we start," says Van Pelt, 31, a certified life coach.

"What do you do that you're passionate about, where you lock into that feeling of everything else going away? What keeps you completely engrossed when you're doing it?"

Maybe it's a new job. Maybe it's your family. Maybe it's a hobby, or a yen to go back to school.

You may decide to save money for a trip next summer, or to write a book, or to start a business.

Whatever it is needs to be where you aim your energy, she says. Once you fix it in your mind, don't let everything else go. Instead, let that purpose shape your life.

"I try to help clients live in possibility," said Van Pelt, who lives in Allen, Texas.

"No matter how goofy an idea might seem at first, we talk about it.

How do you want to make decisions every day of your life that support what matters most to you?"

Sometimes, those decisions necessitate unpleasant conversations and emotionally charged situations.

"If you imagine the result you need to have, suddenly it may not seem so big, so difficult to get through that major life change or have the critical conversation," she says.

"If you say, 'OK, five years from now, I have everything I wanted,' then how difficult will this seem?"

Not surprisingly, staying in one spot can be easier than changing direction.

"If you have no reaction ...

you suddenly become the victim of things that happen instead of being able to choose, even if they aren't desirable choices," she said.

## THE ONE WHO DID IT

Lydia Duron discovered early on that if she wanted something, she had to

gosh. There are no words for what I experienced, what I experience."

Besides her own fear, Duron had to deal with that of

and goals.

"If I live my whole life and get only half of my dreams, that's a great thing," she says. "I'm resigned that I will not achieve every dream, and that's OK. I do, though, want to achieve all my goals."

## THE ONE WHO TELLS US WHY

To Frederick Schmidt, direction has two dimensions: daily and goal-oriented, which need to work together.

Someone who wants to be a concert pianist won't get there without practicing scales, he says.

Someone who wants to be an accomplished athlete won't get there without exercising.

"You have family relationships, you have work, you have recreation and time for play," said Schmidt, author of "What God Wants for Your Life" (Harper, \$22).

"But to one degree or another, whatever we most dedicate our lives to will shape the way we live the rest of our lives."

While researching spirituality in the workplace, Schmidt talked to a kitchen worker at a hospital.

The man said: "I don't see the patients on a regular basis, but I cut carrots with healing intentions."

Isn't that lovely? Wouldn't you like to receive your lunch tray, knowing the person who prepared it had your healing as the direction in which he wanted to go?

"Cutting carrots is very much a day job," said Schmidt, director of spiritual formation and Anglican studies at Perkins School of Theology at SMU.

Yet, having direction "changes your understanding of what you're doing."

It transforms your sense of the value of what you're doing and changes your perception of the depths of connections with other people, and the purposes of God, for that matter.

"What you conceive of yourself as doing shapes the way you do it," he said.

In some ways, it isn't hard to find direction, he says.

Yet in others, it's rigorous because it is a day-to-day pilgrimage.

"It requires space; it requires attention; it requires care. But I think it's profoundly rewarding."

So, here's what you do: Be concrete and intentional in your everyday steps to your goal as well as having a bigger picture.

Seek help.

"I tell my students to find a spiritual director or someone who loves them but isn't impressed by them. Someone who will tell them the truth about their lives in terms of day-to-day patterns as well as in terms of the direction in which they are moving."

Ask yourself what God is doing in the world.

Then try to decide how you fit into that.



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"Having the power to choose, saying you've made a choice, builds confidence as opposed to wrecking it by playing victim."

Purpose is her buzzword.

"Intention is important. Even in more difficult situations, look at them from the perspective as a positive, as 'this will get me where I want to go.'"

One more thing: Tell people where you are headed and ask for feedback.

"Get support," she says. "Get help, for crying out loud."

So, here's what you do: Begin with the end in mind.

What do you eventually want to accomplish? Then run toward it.

Choose your actions based on what will help you reach that goal.

Follow through now.

"So many of us fail to plan, and the other half doesn't take action," Van Pelt said. "Find what you can do right now, even if it means running through the actions in your mind or clearing the time in your schedule."

set her mind and aim her life in that direction.

"What worked for me is that I knew what I wanted to do," says Duron, a Dallas makeup artist. "You have to know that."

Her goal was to travel overseas and work in another country. She chose Italy and has lived there six times, for several months at a time.

"One of my first big steps was making that reservation, buying that ticket."

It became so real," she said.

"Once you do that, you have to plan and prepare, but it becomes a done deal."

She had to come to terms with one obstacle that could have kept her home forever: Her fear of flying over the ocean.

"I had to make a choice: I'm not going to let fear prevent me from achieving a goal," she says.

"We allow our fears to freeze us. It took many years, but I saw it as a real thing and was going to conquer it."

And then I see what's on the other side, oh, my

others, well-meaning loved ones concerned for her safety, for her success.

"I recognized they meant well, but were relieving their own fears," she says.

"That hinders you if you listen. There will always be obstacles; you have to get past those hurdles."

In my dream, I had the vision; this is what I want."

She also had another healthy virtue: flexibility.

"As much as you want to achieve that goal, life throws you curves," she said.

"By being flexible, doors open. Go through them at the right time; it's just as important as having that single focus."

You can't be afraid of failure or of making mistakes."

So, here's what you do: Decide what you want in life.

Women too often get told what to do, she says. But your life has to be what you want it to be.

Rely on your instincts. Let them guide you.

Have a balance of dreams



# Opinions

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## South Florida Gains Status

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If you have been watching ESPN then you know football season has arrived, and with it have been some major upsets within college the college realm.



STEPHANIE ELLENBURG/The Sandspur  
**ATTENTION PAID TO USE:** University of South Florida wins big against Louisville and West Virginia causing fans to see the team in a more positive way.

Michigan State, Florida State and Ohio State are just a few of the recently ranked teams that have fallen behind. For all the resident Florida fans, there still is hope.

University of South Florida is getting serious attention since the big win against Louisville two years ago (SCORE?) and last season against West Virginia in Morgantown (SCORE?). Fans are seeing a positive transition from a division II team in 1997 to a current Big East division I team.

The Bulls reside at the Raymond James Stadium

in Tampa, FL; an on-campus stadium is still in the making. The team is contender for the Big East title, and is led by sophomore quarterback, Matt Grothe.

Currently the Bulls are 2-0 with games against Elon (SCORE?) and a recent upset

against Auburn (SCORE?). The first game at home against Elon was viewed as a struggle, but last Saturday night in Alabama, the Bulls had an ultimate element of surprise for the Auburn Tigers.

Prior to the game, tailgating at all corners of the Auburn campus took place. The Tiger fans displayed orange and dressed up in sundresses and ties as a game day tradition. Campers and tents were set up all along the roads, and USF Alumni were celebrating their return. 4,000 USF fans attended the game to represent the Bulls.

"Our team is on the rise, and with only ten years of football experience they have come so far so soon, and there is definitely more to come," alumni Mark McConahy said.

The Auburn versus USF head-to-head was a defensive game. The defense was able to hold off until a tie of 20 to 20 leading into overtime.

USF held the Auburn offensive line and came back with a touchdown. The Bulls left the game well respected and as the USF fans headed back to Tampa, the Tiger fans held no bitter feelings, but instead shook hands and congratulated on a well deserved win.



STEPHANIE ELLENBURG/The Sandspur  
**CELEBRATE USE:** Alumni of USF celebrate the return of USF into football.

## Why You're Here

ALAN NORDSTROM  
contributing writing

Here's what I've come to believe a Rollins College education is really about: it should prepare you to help make the world flourish.

The flourishing of our planet and its biosphere includes, of course, your own flourishing as a fully developed human being.

Therefore, you need to learn what presently imperils life on Earth, and what life needs to thrive.

Likewise, you need to

comprehend the best wisdom we humans have discovered regarding our own developmental potentials, and what paths lead us toward fulfillment—toward living good and happy lives.

About good and happy lives, a college education can reveal much, through courses not only in the humanities and the arts, but in the social sciences and sciences—all of which serve you best when they illuminate you about how we flourish.

While you may have heard that college is about a final four-year stint of academic servitude before you assume the full weight

of adult responsibilities, or maybe a four-year fling of evaporating adolescence—"the best years of your life"—it isn't. Not if you want to get your investment's worth and achieve what Rollins aims for you to do.

Simply said: Rollins aims to wise you up, wisdom being the realization of what is of greatest value to yourself and others. Being knowledgeable, well informed, and thoughtful is part of wisdom, but being committed to practicing what furthers our flourishing is its essence. Learn that.

And practice that.

## Country Rendered Helpless

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There is a genocide happening today; a modern day holocaust that is taking lives every second and we as a militant country are not doing any serious action about it simply because the United Nations will not recognize the actions in Darfur, Sudan and many more countries across Africa as a genocide.

One person's death is a tragedy, a million people dead is a statistic. Hitler made the most horrendous statistic for the world in World War II, and even now those numbers are being taught and displayed to prevent repetition, but at this point it's hypocritical.

We're already in a war, and the reason why was once clear. Now, the tides have turned on the idea of inhabiting a country that is going to any length to break down the United States military. The people are grateful to us for getting rid of a tyrant, granted, but it's not our place to be over in Iraq and Kuwait and the rest of the Middle East telling the general population what they should have for government and what they should consider a jihad.

Husbands are missing anniversary after anniversary and wives are desperate to maintain a family without a father for what seems now to be a political war and a war of pride and oil. We rid the world of a tyrant. That doesn't infer that we need to become one in his place.

There has always been unrest in Sudan and Rwanda, but the genocide has become prevalent to the world in 2003. The government and their militia, the Janjaweed, began fighting rebel groups in western Darfur. Instead of attacking the specific rebels, the government and militia began focusing their attacks on the same ethnic groups as the rebels; the Fur, Zaghawa and Masaalit. The rebels are to blame for many civilian deaths as well, but the government and militia have killed an overwhelming amount of people simply because of their ethnicity. Hitler's theories are coming alive again, but they

are more dangerous and lethal. Hitler was one person—the government is an entire nation.

The numbers are overwhelming; The area under attack is roughly 75,890 miles from the volcanic peaks and the Marrah Mountains to the sandy desert and forest in the southern regions. There are 6.5 million people in those thousands of miles, and over 100,000 people are dying each day.

Humanitarian aid is beginning to decline. Israel declared that no more refugees will be able to find shelter within the Israeli walls. Refugees already there will be able to stay, but borders are closing.

Sudan's President al-Bashir announced to the United Nations Secretary General that he would not hinder a hybrid operation, but didn't give any specifics on the number of troops or their control. Subsequently after his statement, the rest of the Sudanese government have made it clear that UN troops are not welcome. They still continue to resist the deployment of additional troops to other parts of the world.

The United States Deputy Secretary of State, John Negraponte is to visit Sudan in an effort to persuade the government to accept troops for aid, but there isn't a hope in sight without the people of the world stressing the need for more involvement.

It's impossible to go into the details in depth because there are too many things that are worth mentioning, and all instances would not have their justice.

It doesn't go unnoticed that there are events that are going on to make the situation more widely known. There are ways to change this, and from the way things are going, that change can not wait until we as a country are directly attacked. This is more than just a war over land, it's a war on humanity and we have an obligation as a free country to help those less fortunate.

Ways to help the cause can be found at [www.invisiblechildren.com](http://www.invisiblechildren.com) and [www.ushmm.org](http://www.ushmm.org).

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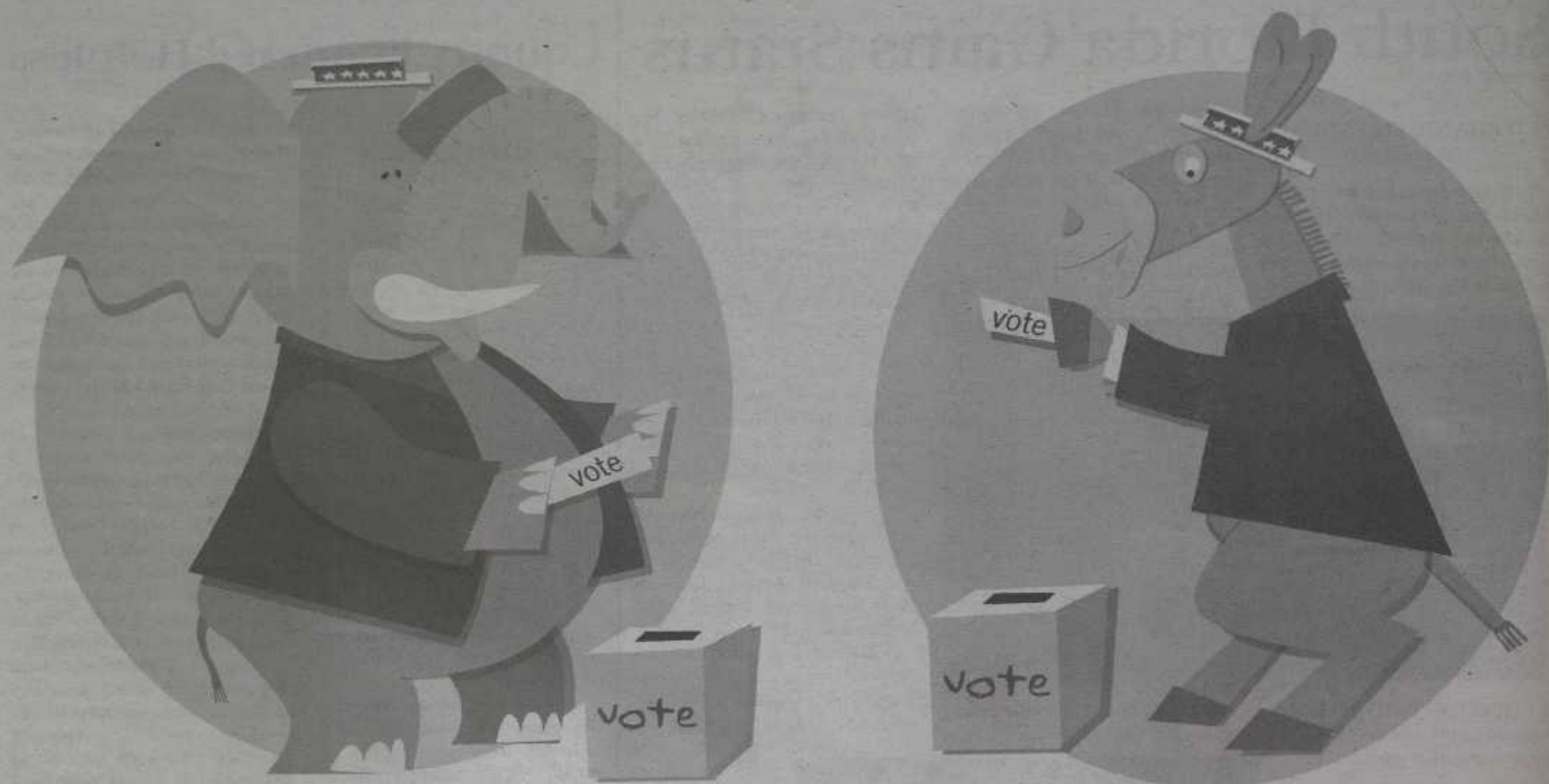
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# Debating the Topic of Same-Sex Marriage



**CATHLEEN WARD**  
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There are numerous issues being brought to the attention of the public by the political world today surrounding the 2008 presidential election. During election periods, there is always a big focus on controversial issues and what stance the different spectrums are taking.

The 'big issues' being discussed and debated right now and will be continuously debated all the way until election time are: The War on Terror, Iraq, taxes, education, abortion, and same sex marriage. The topic of this article will be on same sex marriage and the viewpoint of what I feel most Republicans stand for, the stance the head runner as of right now for the Republican Party has, as well as my very important personal opinion.

If you ask any conservative Republican if they have a religious background the answer will most likely be yes. It is very important to those people that some religious beliefs are upheld and put forth in the government. One of these beliefs is that there should only be marriage between men and women.

Although some people find the idea of same sex relationships repulsive, that is not the general consensus of those on the hill trying to fight against same sex marriage. Many believe that American society is slowly ignoring the sanctity of marriage. In my opinion this disregard is from both heterogeneous couples and homogeneous couples.

However, what is being discussed is whether same sex marriages should be allowed or not. This topic is one that is very important to some people and candidates running for office receive certain constituents

because of what they will push for while in office. The main candidate as of today for the Republican Party is Rudy Giuliani.

Although Giuliani believes in equal rights under the law for all Americans, he does not support gay marriage. Instead, he supports domestic partnerships that will provide committed same sex couples with stability in important legal and personal matters, while preserving the sanctity of marriage between a man and a woman.

It is my personal opinion that homosexuals should have the opportunity to have on paper that they are a couple and have the same rights as any heterosexual couple. If they are good, honest people who help our country socially and economically, or maybe even adopt a child to raise in a safe environment, I see no problem in giving them that right as any other heterosexual couple has. However, I have been raised with a Christian background and

I feel that marriage is something done under God and should stay as he wishes in the bible, between a man and a woman. What you do in your own home is your own business and should always stay your own business. However, the idea of marriage does not just affect a couple in their own home.

This affects people that feel their religion is being undermined. People need to stop looking at this issue from a political point of view and start looking at this from a view point that this is about peoples' strong religious beliefs and what they feel is the true word of God. Religion has always had some part in our society and should not be neglected when it comes to this.

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In the New Hampshire Republican debate Senator Sam Brownback said he supports a federal constitutional amendment defining marriage as between a man and a woman. His position is not unlike the majority of Republican candidates, but I found his reasoning to be quite dumbfounding. He claimed that an amendment is needed because same-sex marriage causes a decline in what is traditionally defined as marriage.

What Senator Brownback and many Republicans need is a history lesson. Marriage rates in America reached their peak in the 1950's when, quite frankly, women needed to be married to men because they lacked other options.

Coincidentally (or not), Valium use in this country was also incredibly high during that time. But marriage has been downhill since the good old days of abundant sedatives, and conservatives like to blame a decline in 'family values.'

Yet a great majority of Americans today—gay and straight—value monogamous lifelong relationships. The strongest statistical evidence that explains a decline in marriage rates is economic change, specifically increased opportunities for women to enter the workforce. When both women and men have the financial ability to delay or entirely opt out of marriage they get married at lower rates.

A bad economy also has the same effect on marriage rates. Today we have an

economy that is not doing well in terms of the lack of good jobs and declining real wages, not in terms of the stock market (a poor indicator of economic well-being for the majority of Americans who don't own stock in my opinion). It is much more practical for people to delay marriage and pursue a career instead, given the costs of raising a family, which is of course the expected next step after marriage.

It is completely illogical to argue that same-sex marriage causes a decline in marriage when the strongest relationship is between marriage rates and the economy, not cultural values. But, to humor conservatives and play the 'family values' card, I would argue that same-sex marriage strengthens the role of marriage in this society. Could gays and lesbians to anything more mainstream and conventional than marry the person they love? What more could conservatives want than for same-sex couples to assimilate into 'traditional' society?

To briefly mention the right-wing argument that same-sex parents harm children psychologically—it's the discrimination against LGBT families that harms children who grow up with the stigma of being 'othered' and suffer from the harassment from peers. And I don't have to get into the nature/nurture debate to argue that gay parents don't raise gay children any more than straight parents raise straight children—just look at the wealth of evidence.

However, it is not only conservatives who oppose same-sex marriage. Only two Democratic Presidential

hopefuls, Mike Gravel and Dennis Kucinich, support marriage, while the rest of them support 'civil unions.' Many of these pro-civil union Democrats, like the Republicans, play the religious card. If marriage is a religious institution (which is another issue that calls for a history lesson) I would like to ask these candidates why the government has a role in regulating it. What happened to the separation between church and state?

Because religion has hijacked the term 'marriage' why don't we just treat partnerships between a man and woman, two women, and two women as 'civil marriages/unions/partnerships'—the terminology is insignificant. The state should grant the same license and rights to couples regardless of gender and leave it to religious institutions to perform "marriage" ceremonies if that is what they choose to call it.

Churches, synagogues and mosques should rightfully be able to choose what unions to sanctify. It is not the role of the government to regulate lawful religious proceedings, nor is it the role of religious institutions or beliefs to dictate legal rights, as the constitutional separation between church and state would suggest.

Ultimately, the fact is that there are millions of LGBT families—same-sex couples raising children today—who do not have the protections of other American families. I am waiting for the leading Democratic candidates to stand up for their rights and stop playing the trivial game of semantics.



# Arts & Entertainment

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## Annie Russell Bears All This Semester

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The Annie Russell theatre has brought Rollins talent from all over the world. This season will be marked the 75th year and this season is going to be like no other.

The productions that will be going on at The Annie Russell will be:

**Eqqus:** A play by Peter Shaffer and directed by Thomas Ouellette will be showing in the Annie September 28 to October 6. Eqqus is a psychological thriller about a seemingly obedient 17 year old with a passion for horses. Then one night everything changes when he blinds six horses. This play has been shown at the Annie Russell in 1979 and there were many protests. Please keep in mind that their will be adult themes and nudity.

**Gypsy:** Music by Jules Styne, lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, book by Arthur Laurents and this play will be Directed and choreographed by W. Robert Sherry. This play will be showing in the Annie November 9 to the 17. This play is about how an untalented girl rises from the shadow of her little sister to become a burlesque queen.

**The Importance of Being Earnest:** A play by Oscar Wilde and directed by Fred Chap-



The Annie Russell in all her glory, celebrating 75 years of theatre.

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pell will be showing in the Annie February 16-24. This play will be featuring Dana Ivey as Lady Bracknell 1963 college alum who has been in films like Legally Blonde 2, and Home Alone 2, and TV shows like Sex and the City. This play is known to be one of the funniest plays ever written. According to Rol-

lins Theatre department it's about a girl who gets misled by a boy and it is about the undisputed champion of wit.

**Rollins Dance XXII:** This play is choreographed by W. Robert Sherry, Lesley Brasseux and some guests. This will be shown in the Annie March 21 and 22. This one year collabo-

ration of dance will include a mix of jazz, ballet, and modern dance.

**Murder We Wrote: The Improvised Whodunit.** Created and directed by David Charles will be held in the Annie April 18-26. According to the Rollins theatre department the victim, the weapon, the motive, and the

killer will all be in the audiences hands and will be eventually be determined by the audience. This is a true improvisational comedy.

There will also be some second stage shows created by the students of Rollins College and will be held in the Fred Stone Theatre such as:

**Desdemona:** A play about a handkerchief. By Paula Vogel directed by Scottie Campbell '96. This will be shown in the Fred Stone October 25- 28. This play ties in with Shakespeare's Othello but has to do with Desdemona's side.

**Dog Sees God: Confessions of a teenage Blockhead** by Bert V. Royal directed by Roberto A. Pineda '08 will be shown in the Fred Stone January 31- February 3. This play is about characters who have a resemblance to the Peanuts gang all grown up.

**Two Rooms:** By Lee Blessing Directed by Alea Figueroa '08 will be in the Fred Stone March 27-30. According to Rollins Theatre department this play is based around two different rooms the first room is a cell in Lebanon and there is a hostage held by terrorists and in the second room an office in Washington DC his wife awaits his fate.

Call the Box office for more information on these plays  
Box Office 407.646.2145

## Willow's Winter Park Week of Fashion

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The Winter Park Area Association offers three weeks of every year dedicated to showcasing retailers on Park Avenue: The Art Crawl, Ultimate Dining Pairings and now fashion week.

Since the Art Crawl this spring was such a hit, this October brings much anticipation to Winter Park as the town32 will play host to the inaugural Central Florida Fashion Week. Twenty-one area retailers will participate in trunk shows, meet-the-designer parties, and will culminate with two fashion shows on the 5th and 6th.

While the events are for-profit, a part of the proceeds will benefit the national organization Dress for Success. The Central Florida Chapter helps battered women and children get back into the work force through leading a series of interview skills workshops; the organization also provides the women and children with a proper outfit for interviews. The remainder of proceeds will be saved for use during the holi-

day season. "The drive behind these three weeks comes from the fantasy holiday season. We want the whole she-bang: snow on Park Avenue, caroling and a skating rink in the park", says Willow Shambeck, the leader of the association.

The fashion week has been in the works since January when Shambeck thought of a way to bring more annual festivities to town for people to look forward to. Tuni's, Shou'Ture, InnerBlue, John Craig, Sultre, Thread, Synergy, Ten Thousand Villages, See Eyewear, Nicole Miller among others anticipate to bring 1500 people to the event which will give special insight to the look this fall by sending models down the runway on Lyman Avenue. Tickets are 25\$ which include a cash bar and grill along with tickets to all the festivities or 100\$ for VIP access seats to the shows, open bar, meet with the mayor and commissioners and swag bags which are sure to please all.

Melixa Carbonell, owner of Shou'Ture, is most looking forward to "the meet and greet with the Italian shoe designer Angelo Anastasio of Angeleigh Anastasio and the fashion designer for Raw Materials, Melissa Rajsky." Both designers can



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On any given day, one can partake of the privileged lifestyle on Park Ave, Orlando's ritziest stretch of pavement.

be found at their trunk shows held in Shou'Ture. Additional trunk shows will feature shoes, handbags, jewelry, sunglasses, sample size pieces, and clothing by name brands such as Lilly Pulitzer, Prada, Salvatore Ferragamo and Fendi. Carbonell hopes that if things go well this year that next year the event can

be held on Park Avenue

Fashion week will precede the Ultimate Pairings event, to be held in November, which will offer a cook off between local chefs, wine tasting in tandem with retail boutiques and food along the way. After that, the much anticipated holiday season is around the corner which

will host four main events, yet to be announced, but promised to be a hit among all ages.

Winter Park is on the map as a fashion power house bringing in shoppers from near and far; the much anticipated first annual fashion week will not disappoint.



# Hussel and Grind Invades Music Culture

## UK artist M.I.A. debuts third political dancehall album

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She came into the world by storm, and surprised us with her first subtle album in 2004, *Piracy Funds Terrorism*. A year later, she shook the foundation of music with *Arular* in 2005, an album worthy of mention. The album was an instant hot item. Her first single off the album, "Galang" was introduced in a London club by world-famous DJ Jay and Florida native Diplo and later was the song for a Honda Civic commercial. She's constantly praised for her perpetual talent to infuse every aspect of musical inspiration into one song and it still flows perfectly. And now, Maya Arulpragasam, most commonly known as M.I.A., has just released her third album, *Kala*. She started off in a family plagued by fear in Sri Lanka, and now she's a name that once introduced, will not be forgotten. *Kala* is bold, to vaguely describe something so eclectic and unfamiliar to the common ear. Her lyrics are even bolder than the collaboration of African tribal drums and Moroccan tambourines with a face paced rap overlapping. It's been called Grime, dancehall and baile funk, but it can't be pinned, much like the ability to say specifically where she recorded *Kala*. The album was recorded while M.I.A. quested throughout several different



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A popular UK Discotec booming with the beats of political artist, M.I.A.

countries including India, Trinidad, Jamaica, Australia and Japan.

M.I.A.'s music is not written by anyone other than herself. Her music is infused with her lyrics, and when the listener reads her words, they're a total contradiction to the upbeat bongos and Japanese twangs. She's always been political, even on

*Arular* ("Like PLO, I don't surrender" in her song *Sunshowers*). On the first track, "Bamboo Banga" she talks openly about the war in the jungles of Sri Lanka and Ghana with "Now I'm sittin' down chillin' on some gun powder, Strike / match / light / fire" but with an electro-vibe as she says "I'm knockin' on the door of your Hummer,

Hummer/ You'll be hungry like the wolves hunting dinner, dinner". Some of her song titles are more direct about issues the world is facing, and the perfect example of that is track 2, "Bird Flu". This track isn't just music, it's sounds and noises that aren't found in any ordinary recording studio. It opens with what sounds like tribal drums and

birds exclaiming in surprise and African children chanting. She makes it clear the world knows of American social living with her mention of rapper T.I. and the brand Roca Wear, but focuses mainly on the deterioration of the third world countries and social problems that millions of people face daily. "I have my head down/ So I need a man for romance/ Streets are making em hard/ So they selfish little roamers/ Jumpin' girl to girl/ Make us meat like burgers/ when I get fat/ I'll pop me out some leaders."

Her words are fierce, and her personality is not a contradiction. She's not intimidated into making music that won't offend, and for the masses, the track "Hussel" is an attack on the current war situations and the lack of attention they're getting. *Afrikan Boy* lashes out, "You think it's tough now/ Come to Africa/ Out there we are grinding like pepper/ you can catch me on the motorway/ selling sugar water and pepper/ I rep Africa not Miami/ Hustle hustle with M.I.A./ I'm broke I've got indefinite stay/ You can't touch me like leprosy".

The summary of what is going on in the world is hidden, but not inconspicuously, in her lyrics. Her beats were yet to be heard before the millennium, and she is a creator of the blend of culture. It's not for the faint of heart or the close-minded. The album can be found worldwide and on miauk.com.

# The New Pornographers - Challengers



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On their fourth outing, *Challengers*, The New Pornographers have decided to move away from the indie rock ballads of their previous *Twin Cinema*, and to abandon to rollicking power pop style of *Mass Romantic*, their eponymous outing as a Canadian super group. Instead, The New Pornographers have mellowed out, and infused the balladry and harmonizing with an ample share of folk.

While consistency is skirted aside in much of their catalogue, The New Pornographers have always had their standbys: Carl Newman's indecipherable story telling,

Neko Case's alt-country crooning, and the unique time structures that lend the songs a feeling of originality. When blended with a more calm and subdued style, *Challengers* both shines and waivers. What we end up with a New Coke-esque dilemma - it tastes similar to before but something seems uneasily wrong.

Make no mistake; there are truly standout tracks on *Challengers*. The gradual build up of the first song, "My Rights Versus Yours", becomes both exciting and hypnotic. "Mutiny, I Promise You" has a hook you'll be humming for weeks.

The addition of new instruments to the band is a big positive. The harpsichord seems natural when it slides in and out, as does the violin. The new instruments add a chamber-pop feeling to the ballads, which is most welcome.

However, in the past when the songs built to a cathar-

tic break through, such as in "Stacked Crooked" of *Twin Cinema*, the songs gained a level of emotion absent on *Challengers*. This new album seems more intent on lingering in a moment than taking the moment to new heights, as is evident on songs like "The Spirit of Giving" and "Challengers", the title track.

The slow down doesn't lay the album at all, many of the songs remain interesting despite their inability to become the "old showstoppers" of The New Pornographers past. *Challengers* is a worthy edition to the New Pornographers discography, never quite achieving the heights of their past, but never quite falling short of what is to be expected.

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The challenging new album from up and coming artists, the New Pornographers



# Family Force Five Rocks the Universe

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Family Force Five is truly a band like no other. Hailing from a background of crunk, rap-core, Christian rock, and

southern rock- this myriad of musical themes unites to form a purely original sound that is loved by many but mimicked by none.

For those of you who were fortunate enough to be entertained by this band on Friday night at Rock the Universe

(featured at Universal Studios), it would only be appropriate to take a moment to explain those characters that were head-banging around the stage.

First off, we have Crouton (Jacob Olds) on drums/vocals, Fatty (Joshua Olds) on bass/vocals, Na-

daddy (Nathan Currin) on keytar/turntables/vocals/tambourine, Chap Stique (Derek Mount) on guitar, and Soul Glow (Solomon Old) on lead guitar/vocals (who was unable to make it because he was welcoming his first child with his

wife.) Despite the fact that their lead vocalist/guitarist wasn't present, it would be in no way presumptuous to proclaim that their show rocked! To those of you who missed the performance- just imagine every band member shaking their gorgeous emo-like hair as they paraded around the stage singing "The wall's begin to shake/ It's too much for the club to take/ It's shakin' like an Earthquake" with a red-haired Carrot Top (known as Xanadu) look-a-like dancing along while unleashing his mad tambourine skills. Not to mention- the multi-talented Crouton wowed the crowd as he managed to do a headstand on his drum set in the middle of a song. Overall, the band looked like a group of spunky kids overtaken with muscle spasms and the inability to stand still, and that is what made them so freakishly amazing.

Their talents motivated the audience to follow the lyrics and "move their tail." All across the

crowd, (from the green-haired mohawk rebels to the sassy teenage girls to the occasional old father figure) the music managed to captivate the crowd as people bounced around to the tempo of the music with their eyes fixed to the stage in anticipation of what the band members were going to do next.

Needless to say, by the end of the show the band members were out of breath and thoroughly drenched in sweat (much to the appeal of the dozens of middle school girls who shouted out marriage proposals) yet they took the time to lead the audience in a quick prayer thanking God for the opportunity to have everyone gathered together there that night.

For those of you who are interested in finding out more about Family Force Five, check out their Myspace page at [www.myspace.com/familyforce5](http://www.myspace.com/familyforce5). Also, for those who are ready for a thoroughly entertaining night of crunk, funk, and good ole southern

rock- they will be performing at the Orange County Convention Center on December 2, 2007.



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Not only was her purse searched, but her face was melted by the awesome sound of Family Force Five.

## Want To Know What He's Really Thinking?

### Author Sheds Light on Male Mind

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Much to the dismay of the average American male, the world now has an idea of what really goes on inside the mind of a guy. It's a bit stereotypical, but a bit Pandora's box for both sexes. This is California boy Chad Kultgen's first book, and with his wit and bold humor, hopefully it isn't his last.

There was no book tour, just the assistance of YouTube.com and the worldwide web. Three videos of one minute long were produced as teasers, and the uproar was much more than expected. CNBC did a story on the 'viral video', and in five months, all three videos had more than 80,000 views and four and a half stars.

I had remembered seeing the videos, and when I saw the book on display at Urban Outfitters at the Millenia mall I added it to the stack of clothes and pillows ready to adorn my dorm room. The title was intriguing, since every girl is desperate to know what the guy is thinking. For a woman, the mind is racing. Does he like me? Does this dress show

the extra two pounds I feel like I've gained? Maybe I shouldn't have worn this headband, he keeps glancing at my ears, will he leave me if we end up doing it tonight? It's a never ending conquest to know what they are thinking, and it's hard, since a conversation usually goes something along the lines of, "Honey, what are you thinking?"

"Nothing."

"Well you must be thinking something."

"Nope, nothing."

So ensues an argument. See, ladies, they really may be telling the truth. The average American male does not think about the color chipping on your fingers or if your eyes are perfectly symmetrical. When they are sitting watching the NFL draft, do not ask them to go and do the dishes.

Every single possible relationship problem happens to the character in this book. His name is never mentioned, and it's written through his eyes. It's racy and shallow, and if not taken lightly, could be extremely degrading to many women, even offensive.

Kultgen doesn't hold anything back. He's crude and very... erm... specific when it comes to the sex life of his character. Nonetheless, he never

dives into the emotions. He never gives the women reading his book the guidelines on what to do if he says he doesn't want to talk about it. He just shows you.

Mark Twain once said, "Don't say the old lady screamed- bring her on and let her scream." Kultgen could have just told us what the average American male thinks and does, but he didn't. His words gained the ability to show us clearly, and even though it's risqué and bold, it's worth reading.

Ladies, this book is something that should be on your bookshelf. It's a quick read and full of wit, and if you take it for what it is, it's very possible that it can help us as women to calm down for one second and let boys be boys.

For all you guys out there, you'll get a laugh out of every page. As for this scene where he's breaking up with his longtime girlfriend because she manipulated them into an engagement he never agreed upon, his character bluntly says,

"I never want you to tell me a stupid story about stuff I couldn't care less about again. I want you to get rid of your cats. I want you to lose about fifteen pounds off your ass. I want you to never want to get married

or have kids. I want you to like video games. I want you to think retards are funny. I want you to wish Marie Osmond was dead."

As long as you take this book strictly for what it is, and if you are a person who doesn't get too offended during the explanation of sex scenes, there is no way you'll be disappointed in this book.

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Lindsay Hansen is thoroughly engrossed in The Average American Male.



# Superbad: King of the Teen Angst Movie

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Without a doubt *Superbad* was the most hilarious movie I have seen this year. It is one of the first movies I have seen in a long time that was both extremely funny and did not contain a member of the Frat Pack (Ben Stiller, Vince Vaughn, Will Ferrell, Luke Wilson, Owen Wilson, Jack Black and Steve Carell).

Although *Superbad* has the same producers as *The 40-Year-Old Virgin* and *Knocked Up*, the cast is made up of Michael Cera (Evan), Jonah Hill (Seth) and Christopher Mintz-Plasse (Fogell).

*Superbad*'s plot is based around two inseparable best friends (Evan and Seth) who are faced with the last two weeks of

high school. They are struggling to face the fact that they will not be attending Dartmouth in the fall. Through a few white lies and strokes of luck, they are invited to an end of the year party, which is a big deal since they aren't the "type" to be at a party mingling with those on top of the elite high school totem pole.

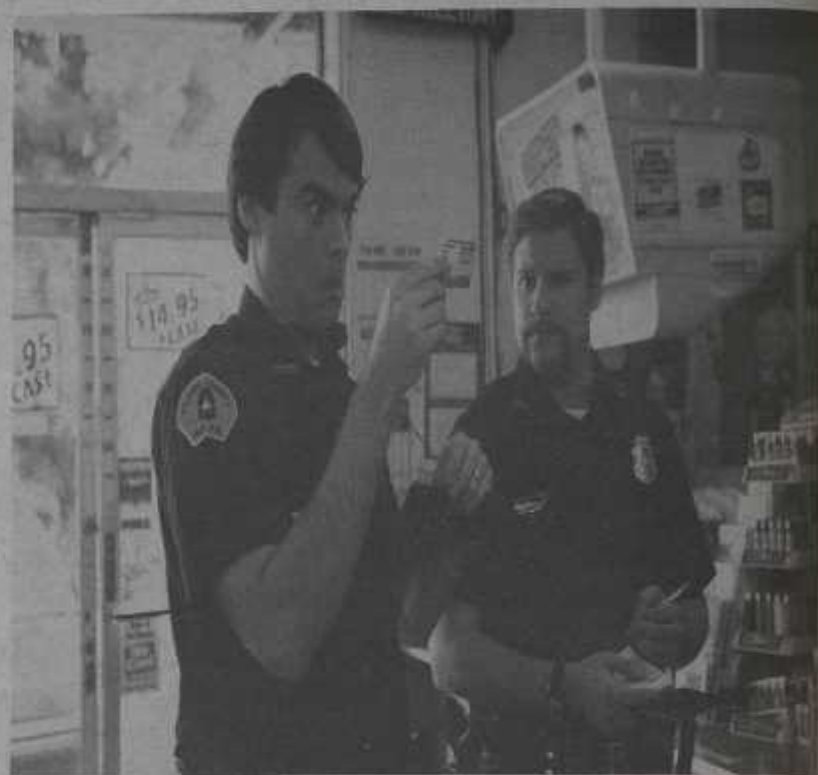
As always, there is a girl involved, and both Seth and Evan have their hearts set on a girl. For Evan, it's Becca, and for Seth, it's Jules.

Evan and Seth are given the task of getting the alcohol for the party, since Seth let it slip that they had a fake ID. In reality, it's their friend Fogell who has one. This movie is their journey getting the alcohol and trying to get to the party. If they make it to the party then they will hopefully get the girls that they are after.

Fogell is the star of the sub-

plot of the movie. He is Evan and Seth's dorky friend with a fake ID that says he's McLovin, a twenty five year-old organ donor from Hawaii. An incident occurs while Fogell goes to get the alcohol for his two friends in which the police are involved. Despite the fact that the ID is absolutely ridiculous the cops believe him to be McLovin. The adventures between the cops and McLovin are ridiculously funny.

*Superbad* has a ton of one-liners that you will pick up right away. Do Evan and Seth make it to the party? Do they get the girls? Do they cope with the fact that they will soon no longer attend the same school and not be by each others side? Do the cops ever figure out that Fogell is not actually McLovin from Hawaii? Watch the movie to find out.



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**SUPERBAD:** McLovin's ID faces scrutiny at the hands of the city's finest.

## The Nanny Diaries: Yet Another Dramedy?

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While I am not particularly the biggest Scarlett Johansson fan, the premise of "*The Nanny Diaries*" was cute enough to convince me to give the movie a chance on an otherwise uneventful Saturday evening.

"*The Nanny Diaries*," an adaptation of the novel by Nicola Kraus and Emma McLaughlin, is Johansson's most recent film and current lead role. Previously, Johansson's former movie roles have primarily taken a backseat to her costar counterparts ("*The Island*," "*Match Point*," "*Scoop*," and "*In Good Company*"). With the onslaught of college-age, light-hearted dramedies, such as "*The Princess Diaries I and II*" and "*The Devil Wears Prada*" — where young heroines attempt to conquer both professional and personal problems while finding themselves along the way — "*The Nanny Diaries*" treks carefully under this growing cult classic genre's umbrella of recent big screen successes.

Johansson plays Annie, a recent college graduate who inadvertently finds herself thrown into the role of a nanny to a family living on the Upper East Side after a potential job site interviewer's first question stumps her into further introspection and personal reflection.

working-class New Jersey, Annie feels tremendous pressure from her mother to succeed and secure a respectable, financially secure position in the business world, even though Annie's true passion and interest is anthropology. By chance, Annie stumbles into the world of the elite and ritualistic upper-class of Manhattan's Upper East Side when she accepts the position of nanny for seemingly sweet, only-child Grayer. While her job description seems carefree enough, Annie soon finds that all is not a bed of roses in this adverse culture. Through her firsthand experiences with her new "family," the new sacrifices she must make, the trial and error of a first job, the effort in winning over her new charge Grayer and the complications of a budding love interest — which is certainly not allowed in the realm of nannies — Annie is forced to explore herself and her priorities in a new light.

With a cast that includes Chris Evans ("*The Fantastic Four*") as the love interest, Paul Giamatti ("*Sideways*") as the out-town and out-of-touch father of Annie's charge, Laura Linney ("*Jindabyne*") as the harrowing mother of Grayer and Alicia Keys as Annie's friend, there is no question to the diversity of the cast in both experience and acclaim. The characters in the film are mostly superficially developed and are presented as loose sketches rather than fully developed personalities, as the

metaphor throughout the film is Annie conducting a "field study" of her new family with a very anthropological view. This becomes slightly frustrating in understanding Annie's personal and historical background, as was in the case of Andrea's

friends and family characters in "*The Devil Wears Prada*." Following suit with the anthropology theme, none of the characters' real names are used until the very end, as Annie describes her experiences on voice-over, diary-style. While the film has

a fable-istic ending, it does not strike a chord on either extreme of super bad or amazingly great. There are cute, clever, touching, and comedic moments within the story that keep the film entertaining enough, while not all together above average overall.

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- Bed rest (1)
- Lap desk (1)

##### Munchie Makers

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- Forks, knives, spoons (4)
- Glassware set (1)

##### Cookware set (1)

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- Bottle/can opener (1)
- Water filtration pitcher (1)
- Replacement filters
- Chip clips/magnetic clips (5)
- Dorm-size microwave (1)
- Dorm-size refrigerator (1)
- Blender (1)
- Toaster oven (1)
- Coffee maker (1)
- George Foreman grill (1)
- Snack table (1)
- Dish rack
- Travel mugs

##### Heat n Tidy

- Hand or stick vacuum (1)
- Dish cloths & towels (6)
- Cylinder hamper (1)
- Compact iron (1)
- Drying rack (1)
- Laundry bags (2)
- Lint roller

##### Dorm Pre-req's

- Clock radio (1)
- Night light
- Fan (1)
- Storage boxes (2)
- Extension cords (2)
- Spauld multi outlets (2)
- Surge protector
- Batteries
- Door mirror (1)
- Wall hooks
- Frames
- Storage ottoman
- Trash can

##### Chaos Control

- Storage trunk or tote (1)
- Under the bed containers (3)
- CD or DVD storage (1)
- Set of 4 bed risers (1)
- Over the door storage (1)
- Shoe rack (1)
- 24 hangers (1 Pkg.)
- Mesh cubes
- Bubble crates
- Modular storage shelves
- Drawer organizers (4)
- Storage set (1)
- Duffel bag (1)
- Space bags

##### Student Body Needs

- Towel sets (6)
- Towel bar (1)
- Bath towel tower (1)
- Tub mat (1)
- Bath rug (1)
- Shower curtain (1)
- Shower liner (1)
- Shower ring set (1)
- Shower caddy (1)
- Soap holder (1)
- Bath brush and pail
- Electric toothbrush (1)
- Replacement heads
- Over the door hook (1)
- Magnifying mirror (1)
- Blow dryer (1)
- Body wash & lotion
- Cosmetic organizer (1)
- Tweezers
- Curling iron (1)
- Hair straightener (1)
- Electric razor (1)
- Nails & clippers (1)
- Hair towel & shower cap
- Shower radio (1)
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**LADY IN RED.** Scarlett Johansson poses at the premier of *The Nanny Diaries*. The movie grossed 17.7 million dollars since its release date on Aug. 24. Co-stars included Laura Linney, Paul Giamatti, Chris Evans, Donna Murphy and Alicia Keys.

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# Life & Times

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## Welcome Back to Rollins Daniel Paulling

Welcome back to Rollins College, and if this is your first year here, welcome. Over the summer, the college underwent a tremendous amount of change. Two living halls received renovations, another major has been added, there are two new sports teams, multiple professors joining the Rollins faculty, and a revamped cafeteria.

Much to the chagrin of students living there at the time, Ward Hall began undergoing renovations during the spring semester. There was plenty of early morning construction, but the result is spectacular. The building contains entirely new floors, ceilings, and furniture, as well as extensive overhauls of the student lounges. Ward is now a freshman-only dormitory.

Pinehurst, the only surviving building from the college's founding in 1885, is also undergoing a bit of change. The wood on the outside of the building is being replaced and repainted, while new furniture has been added. Vice President and Treasurer of Rollins College George Herbst said that there has been a lot of attention paid to maintaining the historic feel of the building.

The newest major at Rollins College, the Critical Media and Cultural Studies major, is an interdisciplinary major. It draws upon 20 departments and 40 different professors, according to Dr. Denise Cummings, an assistant professor within this major. There are now 29 academic majors for students to choose upon, and 60 students have already declared Critical Media and Cultural Studies as their major.

Twenty-one professors have either joined the Rollins faculty or have been given a different position for the 2007-8 school year. The English department has been affected the most, featuring five changes; the Anthropology, Classical Studies, Communications, Education, International Business, Physics, Political Science, and Sociology departments have had one change each.

Men's and women's lacrosse has been added to Rollins' NCAA Division II program. The impetus for the move came after many students wanted to be able to play lacrosse at the collegiate level. There are 24 men's Division II lacrosse teams and 41 Division II women's lacrosse teams. Andrew Baxter, a former assistant coach at Mars Hill (Tenn.) College, is slated to take over the men's team, while the women's team will be coached by Dennis Short, who last coached collegiately at the University of Albany. The two new teams raise the total of sports offered at Rollins to 23.

Due to the late announcement of two teams, the coaches were unable to spend much time recruiting. Short's team will feature the Florida Player of the Year and a three-time All American, however. The majority of the squad will be filled out by students who were already attending Rollins.

The Rollins College Food Service spent the summer following through on suggestions given to it by the Food-Service Committee, an all-student council. The changes made have been both noticeable. Sushi, fruit smoothies, salad, and Panera bagels and pastries have been added to the fare. An all-organic dinner is in the works, as well.

With all of that in mind, the Sandspur welcomes everyone back for the 2007-8 school year.

## Lost Boy John Bal Dau Comes to Rollins

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In the course of college life one is exposed to many occasions in which you are presented with a moment that has the ability to stand out and remain an important memory in one's life, having the opportunity to meet Lost Boy John Bal Dau face to face is just one of those moments. During explorations week here at Rollins the incoming freshman class of 2011 and the new transfers and exchange students were presented with just that opportunity. For those who could not attend the presentation or cannot quite recall the details after memorizing our new R-Card numbers, class schedules, dorm numbers, and roommate's complete medical history lets have a recap.

For those who started our Rollins career this semester we received the book *"They Paired Fire on Us From the Sky"* sometime during the end of the summer break with instructions to read it before classes start. The book chronicled the story of three boys and their perilous journey through war-torn southern Sudan and their many hardships and struggles in their quest for freedom. The book gives us enough background information on the crisis in the Sudan to help us better understand the presentation of John Bal Dau's *"God Grew Tired of Us"*, a documentary of the journey of several of the the Lost Boys, including John Bal Dau, through the Sudan and finally to the United States. Through the reading of the book we came to understand some of the incredible struggles faced by these young boys and the rest of their persecuted people as they dodged bullets and bombs from a relentless enemy, fended off the wild animals of eastern Africa (these are nine to twelve years olds staring down packs of hyenas and lions with often nothing more than a stick), and survived crossing on foot some of the most inhospitable terrain on earth.

During the later part of the presentation we were able to see the other leg of their incredible journey, the trip from a refugee camp in Kenya to what they always assumed a faraway almost mythical place, the United States of America. In this part of the story they are young men raised in some of the harshest conditions but yet bonded together and driven by those same conditions to go out into the weird and at times confusing West in hopes of making a difference for their people. Can you imagine at your age having to move to such a country where light was turned on by a switch, food of every kind was found in a store that was bigger than your village? (In the movie they remarked that the supermarket must be the palace of a king.) Their struggle then becomes a very familiar one, that of a newcomer in search of the American Dream, and as some of us know the road to that dream is full of both difficulties and rewards. They often were in confusion with our cultures norms (such as the way we treat strangers, how we treat our elderly and families, and how we celebrate major holidays such as Christmas just to name a few) and struggled to adapt to this whole new world so alien to their own. The presentation brought their story away from news on the television (something that can be seen as "far away" and "distant") and took the

story home to our own streets and cities.

The culmination of the event was the appearance of John Bal Dau himself at the end of the movie, giving his time to answer some questions and comment on the documentary. It was not a rehearsed speech from a professional speaker but an out of head, out of heart talk between a well worn, well traveled, yet greatly humbled man and countless young and curious college students who for the most part are just finally finding their places in the world. Many of us had a brief moment in time to spend with him as he signed books, shook hands, and took pictures. It can be truly be said that we stood in the presence a giant of men (and not just in the fact that he is really is a giant!), a man who's very words exemplified not just his own life but that of his people, "never ever give up." He summed his life with those words, that no matter what obstacle he and his friends had to face, be it in the deserts of Africa or the streets of America and no matter how harsh and burdening those challenges were, he never surrendered his hope or lost his faith in his mission, his people, and his God. Now with his American Dream accomplished he has turned to fulfilling the dreams of his people by building health care centers and hospitals in his native land as well as investing in schools and other important projects that have brought great relief to many thousands. He has also been instrumental in the spreading of the word, bringing great amounts of international and national attention to the Sudan and thus pressure on its government and the world to act. Because in large part to his actions and the actions of his brothers and sisters along with other major organizations a peace treaty was signed by the northern Arab government and the indigenous people of the south that has brought some degree of calm to that area. Now his organization has turned their attention to the still tumultuous western Darfur region in hopes of helping its suffering people.

It can be said that in such times of crisis and chaos the very worst and the very best of humanity emerges from the masses and while we have certainly heard about much of the worse in that conflict it can be said without a doubt that we were in the witness of one of the best. So when we all feel the pressures of college life (from assignments, exams, weird roommates, and the dreaded "freshman 15") simply remember the words of John Bal Dau for no matter the circumstance, no matter the problem, no matter the cost, never ever give up and persevere for these trials do not last forever and only serve to make you stronger.



# Studying Abroad in Hong Kong

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PHOTOS BY ORAL FRIER

When we last left our protagonist, Oral was going on and on about going to Asia. Fast-forward to August 26<sup>th</sup>, Oral Frier leaves the United States for the first time, and sets off on 24-hour journey to the other side of the world. Now, he is living it up in Hong Kong, and writing a small piece for his school newspaper.

I thought it would be a good idea to write articles for the Sandspur; unfortunately, I realize that I would have to create some format to write it in. After many songs on iTunes, I decided to make a list of tips I have learned so far. If my article is not left on the editing room floor, I might be able to write about more of my exploits in detail. However, I thought that this style of writing would be helpful to show some of the steps I had to take to end up in Hong Kong.

**#1** Fill out all of your abroad forms early. I am one of those habitual procrastinators, so I will admit to the difficulty I had in turning forms in on time. There are a lot of little forms that need to be signed by a lot of different people who just happen to reside on opposite sides of the campus. These treks become very annoying when you have to keep walking from your room (which was in Holt Hall) to someone's office (over next to Hauck that is right I said Hauck Hall) six times a day. Save yourself some trouble, and do all of the paperwork in one night. Then you can spend the next day getting all of them signed as you go about your normal day. Also, scholarships have due dates, and they do not alter those dates for anyone.

Enjoy the semester and break before you go abroad.

**#2** One of the best things to do is to take time and enjoy the company of your friends. Whether you are being shanghaied to the movies to see *Superbad* on someone's birthday or spending time in Albertsons on a beverage run, it is important to have fun with the people you care about since you will probably not be seeing them for about four months. Spending time with your family is also highly encouraged. Moms have a tendency to cry, so you want to spend time with them even though they will probably begin peppering you with a million questions about your checklist status. This leads into the next important tip.

**#3** Do not, under any circumstances, wait until the last minute to pack! Do you remember when I said that I was a habitual procrastinator? Well my procrastination came back to bite me in a big way. For my last three days stateside, I had to drive up and down Orlando looking for the things I had neglected to buy all summer. I also had to deal with the last minute emergencies that cropped up when I least expected it. And after I spent most of my last days in America shopping, I still had to pack. I rationalized my lax attitude towards preparation by telling myself that it was going to take two hours max to pack four bags. Four hours later I was still packing. One last thing before we move on. Be sure to pack more than one outlet adapter when you are going abroad. I have been here for over a week, and I am getting really tired of rotating my electrical appliances through my one available outlet. Maybe if I had packed earlier, I might have been able to avoid the ever-frustrating search for a U.S. to Hong Kong adapter.

**#4** Finally, brace yourself for culture shock. I know people think that culture shock just means that the new environment overwhelms you, but I am here to tell you that there are different forms. Of course, you would get the one form of culture shock that seems ridiculous. I was, and still am, shocked by the inability to distinguish smells. I know what you must be thinking, but at least hear me out while you are laughing. At home, you usually smell something and think, "I know that smell", but that has not been the case for me. I do not recognize any of the smells in the air. This may not sound like much, yet it is really off putting. Well, I have already gone over my word limit for this article, so I will end it by simply saying LOVE HONG KONG!

## Life as a First Year VS. Life as a Transfer

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Rollins welcomed over 530 freshmen students this year, the largest incoming class to date. Moreover, a couple dozen transfer students joined the student body from several different states and as far as Latin America and Far Asia. Even though they all went through same six-day orientation sessions, are they really "new" students.

Before moving into my dorm, I was assigned a temporary room where a transfer student from Guatemala was staying. Coming from a differ-

ent university, I figured that this whole experience would be as new as it was to me or even more. As part of international student orientation, we were taken to the local Target for some last-minute shopping and my temporary roommate proved to be very helpful. It was not the first time he was living alone and he had gone to college for two years in his native country.

After spending time with him, it became apparent that as soon as he got to know campus

figured out where his classes were, he would not need much time to adjust to life at Rollins. This thought was consistent among several transfer students, because most had already lived alone in their previous university and were used to the independent rhythm of college life. For some coming from as near as Valencia they were already familiar with the area—this is where the distinction is the greatest between both types of students.

There are around 15 stu-

dents on campus, according to an incoming freshman, that came to Rollins directly from Winter Park High School. Even though they are from a few minutes away from campus, their knowledge of the surrounding area is almost trivial to their adapting to campus life. They might have gotten to see Rollins several times during their senior year but the experience is as new to them as it is to a freshman from South Africa.

What is remarkable is how some out-of-state students

claimed that they had felt a light version of culture shock. From the way central Floridians speak to how they dress, it is unique to this state and it may take some getting used to wearing shorts and flip flops year-round. Northerners used to below-zero winters. This may not apply much to transfer students because they experienced the diversity at their previous colleges unlike most students who experience little to no diversity in their high schools comprised of students living within a 15 mile radius of the school.



# Are Pita and Panera Baked?



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Recently, a number of rumors have been spreading like wild fires among the campus about how Panera Bread and Pita-Pit are closing/moving/ been kicked out/ran out of flour. As much as a game of 'Campus Chinese Whispers' is fun, it can also mislead people into believing information that has been manipulated; thus how these rumors have been spreading. Accordingly, I am happy and proud to inform you that I have uncovered the truth regarding the matter and wish to put an end to the rapidly circulating 'word-of-mouth'.

The workers at Pita-Pit are pleased to inform us that

they have a multi-year lease and have no intentions on leaving in the near future; they also look forward to greeting the freshman students to their restaurant considering they have met the majority of current Rollins students already. On the other hand, Panera Bread were equally pleased to inform us that they will be moving to a new location, after 10 years of occupying their current location, during the middle of October this year, since their lease ends on Nov. 30 of this year.

The two reasons that Panera is moving are a) the small parking lot, and b) how it is constantly crowded there. Insiderpages.com, a business reviewing

website gives this particular restaurant an average of 4 stars. One reviewer commented that it's a "nice place to go to check out chicks and eat a good sandwich", however "this location is typically very crowded (A sign of its quality)". It seems as though Panera bread have taken into considerations their customer's opinions by moving to a larger location that is next to a parking lot. And before you begin to worry about where you're going to get your morning coffee and bagel with cream cheese for your 8am class, their new location is going to be in the 'Park Place' building on Park Ave. and Canton Ave. where they will be opening later in the

fall of this year.

Now that we have established that the Pita-Pit is staying and Panera Bread is going, that still doesn't solve the mystery of who's leasing the land. Luckily the Vice President and Treasurer of Rollins College, George Herbst, is able to shed some light on the matter. It turns out that Panera Bread and Pita-Pit have only been tenants to Rollins since May 9<sup>th</sup> 2007. He goes on to say that "We [Rollins] contacted them [Panera Bread] about renewing the lease but they said that they were not going to renew and planned to move - It was their choice and a business decision to move". He

then goes on stating that Rollins currently have no intentions of rebuilding this land into new department buildings, nor are they planning on even using the land for themselves; as Rollins are hoping to find a new tenant to occupy the building.

So it turns out that the majority of rumors were correct; Panera Bread is in fact moving to a new location and Rollins are the current owners of the land. The only questions that remain are who are the new tenants going to be? And will they suffer, like Panera Bread did, with the lack of parking spaces available? Or will their only tenant be the lingering smell of freshly baked bread?

## Starting off Overseas: Australia

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Hey all my fellow Rollins students! While you guys are just now starting classes, those of us who decided to be a part of the Rollins in Sydney international program have been here already for a month and a half. It sounds like a bit of a bummer, but believe me, it's anything but.

After applying for the program in February and getting accepted within a month, I started looking at all the cool things that Australia has to offer and as the date to leave got closer and closer, the more excited I got. Stepping out of the airport in July on our first day in Sydney, it was cold thanks to it being winter in the southern hemisphere. We should have been pretty cranky due to most of us having been through at least 20 hours worth of travel

between flying to LA to meet the entire group and flying to Australia. But don't let the long flight make up your decision about whether the program is right for you.

Our first week here was sort of a blur. Instead of living in a dorm or our own apartments, we were set up with a host family who came to pick us up on our first day. The first day here was pretty much a day to get to know our families, most of who live really close to the beach. But then the rest of the week was orientation; getting to know our professors as well as each other, a tour of campus, things to do both on and off campus, and a tour around the suburbs of Sydney. The campus is huge, with students from all over the world using the facilities offered especially the library, gym, and the student union building complete with delicious food, a bar,

and coffee.

Studying here at Sydney University, you can take three to five of the six classes offered, all based around Australian studies. Much like the classes at Rollins, it's a small class with a professor who is able to give you any help, both in the class and suggestions on pubs, restaurants, and things to do while here. The professors are all very friendly and really know what they are talking about. We don't take classes with Australian students, although once their classes start, it's very easy to meet them around campus and the student union throws huge parties complete with live bands, DJs, tons of dancing and of course a bar. During the week, you can usually find live bands playing as well as BBQs and stands set up so you can find out what groups on campus are hosting events.



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It is a really fun and laid-back atmosphere, both on campus and off. Since most people rely on the train and bus system to get them to and from the Uni, we're given a weekly stipend to cover our bus passes as well as lunch money during school days. Every Friday, there is a field trip to various places of importance in or around Sydney, beaches, the Taronga Zoo, aquariums, museums, and parks. The field trips are only required if you're in the class

that is going on that particular trip, but the places you go are distinctly Australian and won't be found elsewhere, so going on trips for classes you aren't in is always welcome, and you won't have to pay!

I highly recommend applying to come here. It's a lot of fun in a country with animals you don't find anywhere else in the world, like platypus, kangaroo and koalas, all of which you'll get to see and hang out with.



## Sports

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## NFL Previews: The Dominant AFC

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Football season is here and that means that you can finally plug your television set back in. Gone are the days of summer where the top choice of sports programming is professional cup stacking over a mid July baseball game that even the players would rather not be watching.

With the dawn of football season comes rampant speculation and team previews from talking heads and sports publications alike. Its hard to listen to the NFL "analysts" on ESPN when the vast majority of them are ex-players who are clearly suffering from post concussion syndrome. One of the analysts, Keyshawn Johnson, is an inarticulate lunatic who lost his job on the Carolina Panthers to a mid second round pick. Basically you should not trust any type of preview or prediction that you have read. Put your trust in me, even though I will admit to you right now that I am incredibly biased, I know little to nothing about most of these teams, and I am a chronic liar.

During this decade, the Superbowl has been dominated by the AFC, in large part due to the New England Patriots. This year it should not be any different (the first prediction, a 50%



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NFL: Vince Young will lead the Titans and dominate defenses where ever he is playing.

chance of coming true, I like those odds), as the AFC houses some of the most dominant players and teams in the NFL.

The Patriots, Colts, Chargers, and Steelers should all be at the top of their divisions by the end of the season. The Pats are now even more loaded thanks to the offseason acquisition of Randy Moss on offense

and Adalius Thomas on defense. With effective air and ground attacks, and a blitz-based defense engineered to confuse opposing quarterbacks, expect the patriots to finish with at least thirteen wins and go deep into the post season. One must have the Colts up at the top of the AFC South because they still have the best player in the game, Peyton

Manning, and the fact that the rest of the AFC south is appalling and almost talentless. The Chargers, who dropped head coach Marty Schottenheimer for Norv Turner in the off season, will edge the broncos out for the AFC west crown, because LaDarian Tomlinson is good for about

30 tds and Phillip Rivers will

have his best year yet. Probably the most questionable pick is the Steelers winning their division, but after gaining his bearings from a brush with death, Big Ben has improved accuracy but it wont matter because their ground game and defense are crushing.

The Cincinnati Bengals, Tennessee Titans and Denver Broncos will all be in the Wild Card hunt come December. I expect Carson Palmer, Chad Johnson and the Bengals to have another good year, but they will be challenged by the Steelers and the Ravens. Jay Cutler and Travis Henry are expected to have great years with the Denver Broncos, but they are in no position to challenge the Chargers. The Tennessee Titans are a lead pipe lock to get a wild card berth for three reasons: their strong ground game, Vince Young's playmaking ability, and a deceptively stout defense.

These are the predictions but here are two guarantees that will no doubt come true. The Cleveland Browns and the Oakland Raiders will be so bad it will be funny. There will be discussions of whether they will be allowed to be in the league next year, but then the ownership of both teams will negotiate a merger of talent, form a new team and move it to L.A. You can bank on this.

## The NFC

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I'll be previewing the NFC by division. After a brief mention of each team, I will predict the division's results. First up is the North.

## NFC North:

The North is the only division in the NFC about which there is little confusion over who will win. The Bears still own this division. Pending Grossman's performances, how they will do overall is as of yet unknown, but their defense alone is elite enough to win them more games than the other teams here. The Packers should do decently and surprise people, but they are little threat to the Bears. The Lions should have a potent passing attack, and the Vikings can run the ball well and defend against the run very well, but neither team is complete enough to be much of a real possibility of going .500 for the season.

A weak division overall. As proven by their performance last year, the Bears are a very good team, but no one else in the division can compete strongly with the better teams in the NFL.

Result: Bears take the division. Vikings in the seller.

## NFC South:

New Orleans and Carolina both could win it this year, and both are a ways ahead of Tampa Bay and Atlanta. The incumbent victor Saints are still the favorites to win with their explosive offense, but Carolina never performs how they are expected. They could do anything. Without Michael Vick the Falcons aren't a danger to take the division and the Buccs aren't doing anything this year.

Result: Saints take the division again; Buccaneers and Falcons battle it out for last place, with the Buccs taking it.

## NFC East

One of the most difficult divisions to predict. This division is full of parity. The Eagles are the favorites but the Cowboys are loaded with talent and the Redskins are coming off an injury-marred down year with something to prove on defense. I see the Giants a definite last-place team in the division with so many question marks still surrounding Eli Manning's ability to be a consistent quarterback and no Tiki Barber (who accounted for some 60% of the Giants offense last year), but

even they could beat any other team in the division. When it comes to the NFC East, anything could happen. I am very confident that at least one wild-card team comes from the East (last year, both did)

Result: Though severely torn, I'll give the nod to the Cowboys with the Giants finishing last.

## NFC West

The only division in football that can really compare with the NFC East in terms of competition. St. Louis has a great offense with the young Steven Jackson at Runningback and the upper-tier veteran Marc Bulger throwing to a pair of aging but high-caliber receivers in Torry Holt and Isaac Bruce. Their defense needs to step up their game if they are going to make it anywhere in the playoffs. Seattle has a very solid team with young LB Lofa Tatupu leading the defense and an offense that boasts Matt Hasselbeck, and if the now-healthy Shaun Alexander rebounds to 2005 form, the division should be theirs. The 49ers are a young and much-improved team with workhorse RB Frank Gore, but they are likely still a year or two off from real playoff or Superbowl contention. The Cardinals are home to another strong of-

fense with Matt Leinart throwing to Anquan Boldin and Larry Fitzgerald and Edgerrin James on the ground. If their offensive line can play at a higher level, they will be a dangerous team also. There is a likely wild card team here.

Result: Despite Seattle being the favorites, I predict St. Louis winning the division and Arizona finishing in the basement.

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# NFL Power Rankings: Opening Week

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Power rankings are tricky. It's hard to order teams so precisely, especially before the season is really even underway. Furthermore, I have the task of trying to mediate between general expectations of teams and how they look based on last season and preseason, and personal opinions on how the team will do and what upsets will occur. "Any given Sunday" and all... Always a work in progress, my present power rankings are as follows:

1.) New England Patriots - From what we can see so far... scary. Tom Brady has been given some actual weapons at Wide Receiver this year. Randy Moss is a huge question mark, but he has talent and will likely use it on a team that will keep him happy. They just better hope he keeps getting the ball. They are solid in pretty much all aspects of the game. They will be hard for any team to deal with.

2.) San Diego Chargers - The best team in the league last year. Strong all around, with the exception of WR. No team in the NFL is as complete as the Chargers, and with new head coach Norv Turner who while a downgrade from Schottenheimer, I am sure doesn't plan to change much, as long as they don't decide to stop giving LaDanian Tomlinson the ball again (a la last year's playoff loss), they'll be fine.

3.) Baltimore Ravens - Still a great defense (though the loss of Thomas to my #1 ranked team hurts them) and McGahee should mark a little improvement to their lackluster but not dysfunctional offense.

4.) Indianapolis Colts - Peyton Manning and his receivers are ranked 4th. Yeah they won the Superbowl. Yeah, they're a good team. Yeah, they have the best QB and a top-level WR. But their defense was only acceptable for a few games last year (luckily for them, it was the most important ones). They weren't the best team last year and they lost a lot in the offseason so they sure as hell aren't now. From what I've seen so far, 4th is generous.

5.) Chicago Bears - Lance Briggs is still there next to Brian Urlacher, DT Tommie Harris is healthy again, and their defense is ready to shut offenses down. Hey, if they're lucky, maybe Grossman will manage functionality this year with the additions of an athletic dumpoff option at TE and Devin Hester screwing around all over the place.

6.) New Orleans Saints - Prolific Offense. Reggie Bush showed improvement last year,

and with an addition at WR in Anthony Gonzales, this already great offense should be a little bit better. One of the top RB tandems in the league, and a strong QB in Drew Brees despite what their performance against the Colts would suggest. When their offensive line shows up, they are loaded with playmakers at the skill positions. Their defense is bad, but not as awful as they are sometimes purported to be. Don't let their slaughter at the hands of the Colts fool you; they will be better than that.

7.) Cincinnati Bengals - Carson Palmer is an elite young QB. It almost always takes a year to come back from an injury like his, so he should be back in spectacular form and is leading a great offense with the only WR corps that can challenge that of Indianapolis (and likely win because of age and a better #3 (when he is eligible to play)).

8.) Philadelphia Eagles - A strong offense all around. Westbrook has shown to be a good running back; the receivers are bland, but capable. McNabb's health and durability remain concerns. Defense has a mediocre D line and great secondary. There is a severe lack of Linebackers.

9.) Dallas Cowboys - Promising young team with a scary LB corps anchored by pass-rushing monster DeMarcus Ware. RBs Marion Barber III and Julius Jones have shown that they can play. Tony Romo's improvement is crucial to their success, as is T.O.'s ability to hang onto balls and not fall off too much.

10.) Denver Broncos - Champ Bailey and Dre Bly? Teams are going to have a hard time passing here. Jay Cutler looks like a good young QB. They picked up Travis Henry who should perform well behind the Denver O Line, and the team is pretty solid.

11.) Seattle Seahawks - Another solid team. Hasselbeck's a good QB, Lofa Tatupu is a great young LB, and if Shaun Alexander can pick it back up, the Seahawk's will be strong contenders in a division with no clear-cut dominance.

12.) Pittsburgh Steelers - Steelers have a very good defense, a moronic but talented young QB (You don't like wearing helmets on your motorcycle? You wear one every day!) whose play will greatly affect the fate of this team, pretty good WRs, and a good speed back in Willie Parker with Najeh Davenport to punch things in.

13.) St. Louis Rams - Steven Jackson, Marc Bulger, Isaac Bruce, and Torry Holt. A scary offense (and a WR duo I have ranked likely at 3rd in the league behind Indy and Cincy). Defense is lackluster, but if they can step it up, the Rams will be a team to fear.

14.) Jacksonville Jaguars - A solid team. Great defensive line and another team in contention for best RB duo in the league (though I believe they'll be re-

lying on a backfield threesome this year with Fred Taylor, Maurice Jones-Drew, and LaBrandon Toefield). As made obvious by the recent release of would-be starter Byron Leftwich, QB is a big concern.

15.) Carolina Panthers - The Panthers are difficult to predict, as they never perform as expected. Williams and Foster make another great RB tandem, and with Steve Smith at WR the Panthers have a good-looking offense with some QB issues that need to be figured out. Julius Peppers will get it done on the defensive line, but LB Dan Morgan is notoriously unable to finish a season and safety Mike Minter's retirement leaves their defense a question mark. A good shot at a wild-card playoff berth.

16.) Washington Redskins - A team ravaged by injury last year, with their starters back, a growing young QB in Jason Campbell with some good targets in Moss and Cooley, and a strong claim to potential best RB duo in the NFL with Portis and a backup in Betts who is better than most teams' #1 guy; this offense should surprise a lot of people this year. The defense boasts the scariest safety tandem in the league, an elite LB corps, and increased depth all around, but a weak line and is a question mark as a unit.

17.) San Francisco 49ers - Frank Gore will require the bulk of opposing teams' attention, so if Alex Smith can improve, there should be a pretty strong offense. Their overpaid addition at CB Nate Clements will help the secondary. This team has a lot of potential, but not much proven. Expect improvement from last year, but they aren't in their prime yet.

18.) New York Jets - Pretty solid team all around, doesn't excel greatly in many locations. Good veteran leadership QB in Pennington, prepubescent girl throwing in Pennington's arm. Bringing in veteran Thomas Jones should help, but they may have overachieved last year.

19.) Green Bay Packers - The only franchise in the NFL to have only ever had one quarterback, the Packers rely once again and Sir Brett Favre to lead them to the promise land. He will have a hard time, however, with a weak running game in the wake of veteran Ahman Green's departure. The defense is shaping up particularly the talented young LB corps - and this team should surprise some teams this year (just like they did the Eagles on Sunday), but are no real threat to the bears hegemony in the NFC North.

20.) Tennessee Titans - Vince Young had an impressive year for a rookie - especially given the fact that he is the only player on the offensive side of the ball for Tennessee - but even he can't win all the games for them now that Pacman Jones is gone and he'll be forced to play 11 positions on defense as well.

21.) Arizona Cardinals - The final team with amongst the elite WR duos in the NFL, the perennial underachieving Cards have talented young Matt Leinart at QB. A pretty good offense and below average defense to this fairly solid team. As always, hopes are high, but when's the last time that panned out?

22.) Buffalo Bills - J.P. Losman has begun to mature as a QB and has almost completely stopped looking like crap. Growing with him is WR Lee Evans, and this team could surprise some people. Granted, it won't take much to surprise people.

23.) Kansas City Chiefs - Larry Johnson has ended his holdout and is still an elite back, but how much is left in the tank? Certainly a lot less than there should be at his age. With a fossil at QB, a weakened O line, and promises to run the ball less, this team could be in some trouble. Defense is above average but not nearly great enough to hold off opposing offenses when they are going to be on the field as much as they will.

24.) Houston Texans - Matt Schaub is a beacon of hope for Houston, but how much can the 1-game starter and former Vick backup do from his ass, while being "protected" by the porous Texans Offensive line? Mario Williams still has a lot of potential at D end (arguably not enough to warrant the #1 pick given the teams' needs though) and there is some potential here, but overall they are pretty weak.

25.) Detroit Lions - Another strong offense with a WR corps almost on the elite level of the aforementioned with Roy Williams, Mike Furrey, Calvin Johnson, and 27 wasted first-round draft picks. Jon Kitna is nothing special but he's solid and with the weapons he has, he will put up great stats. Big question mark in the running game (which doesn't even feature a clear starter between Tatum Bell and Kevin Jones, with T.J. Duckett for short yardage situations) and a weak defense means this team won't be winning too many games.

26.) New York Giants - Without Tiki Barber, the rest of the Giants offense - especially Eli Manning - are going to have to seriously step it up. Jacobs and Droughns show promise at a somewhat coherent running game, and Manning has shown flashes of great play. A

strong defensive line thanks to Osi Umenyiora and Michael Strahan, but only 1 LB worth crap and one of the worst secondaries in the league. There is a little possibility here, but don't expect too much success so soon in the wake of the departure of their workhorse player.

27.) Tampa Bay Buccaneers - The first all quarterback offense in the NFL. Will win all of their games because opposing teams won't be able to predict whether Jeff Garcia will be snapping the ball to Chris Simms or Trent Green, and with Luke McCown running patterns, anything could happen. Not a bad defense, but far from one that can salvage many games for their impotent offense. They lose points for no Mike Alstott. This isn't going to be popular around here, but the Buccs just aren't a good team.

28.) Miami Dolphins - A great LB corps... and not much else. DPOTY Jason Taylor and his brother-in-law Zach Thomas make up the bulk of a mediocre defense. On offense, Ronnie Brown should do okay, but I'm not sold on him and bringing in 37-year old Trent Green isn't going to win them a lot of games.

29.) Atlanta Falcons - With their star player in jail, the Falcons hopes for a great season are dashed. Joey Harrington, Alge Crumpler, and aging WR Joe Horn may be able to couple with what should be a pretty strong running game (though not #1 like in the past now that Michael Vick is in jail) to score a TD every now and then, and the defense is solid enough that the Falcons could surprise a few teams, but this is going to have to be chalked up to a rebuilding year.

30.) Minnesota Vikings - A pretty good running game with Adrian Peterson and Chester Taylor should help to, but not completely, make up for the lack of a passing game. Likewise on defense, exception run stopping ability coupled with a lack of secondary means this team would be among the best if the ball wasn't allowed to enter the air during play.

31.) Oakland Raiders - The number 1 pick in the draft isn't going to help them a whole lot this year. If Daunte Culpepper can return to form, he and Currey along with a ménage of decent RBs could potentially string something together to put a few points on the board, but they won't be doing a whole lot. A pretty good defense - particularly against the pass - but overrated due to the fact that if you are always losing, teams don't pass on you much.

32.) Cleveland Browns - The only team with two first round picks, the Browns are finally doing a lot to improve with their QB-of-the-future, studly young lineman-of-the-future Joe Thomas, and worn down Larry Johnson-from-the-future Jamal Lewis, but they aren't yet able to really compete.



# NFL Week One RoundUP!

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For all of those NFL fans out there, the wait is over—the 2007 season is finally underway. As for the non-NFL fans, now might be a good time to get in tune with the program, for this season should be a thriller for all spectators, players, and coaches.

Week 1 is always particularly exciting because not only does it break the anticipation of the start of a new season, but it is also the best time for teams to make statements to the league—saying, “Hey, we came ready to play.” I’m going to give a preview of some of the action which took place around the league this week.

Indianapolis Colts 41, New Orleans Saints 10. The solo Thursday night match-up between the Saints and Colts got the season underway, as the

reigning Super Bowl champions (Indianapolis Colts), led by future hall-of-fame quarterback Peyton Manning, ripped through the Saints’ secondary, completing 18 of 30 passes for 288 yards and three touchdowns. Manning’s favorite target, Marvin Harrison, caught one of those touchdown passes, while the number two receiver on the depth chart, Reggie Wayne, snagged the other two. The Saints’ offense, which ranked number one overall last year, fell well short of expectations.

The 2006 NFC pro-bowl quarterback and runner-up MVP Drew Brees did not play his best game, going 28/41 with 192 yards, two interceptions, and no touchdowns. The dynamic duo of running backs Reggie Bush and Deuce McAllister combined for just 76 yards rushing and also posted zero touchdowns. In fact, the entire offense of New Orleans was held without an offensive touchdown the entire game, their only touchdown coming from the defensive side of the ball on a 55 yard fumble recovery and return by ex-Colt, Jason David.

However, one must credit the Colts defense for coming

out fired up and executing, as Colts’ head Coach Tony Dungy obviously had an effective game plan for the Saints’ high powered offense from last season. The final score was 41-10, as the Colts definitely made clear to other teams around the league that they’re a force to be reckoned with.

Denver Broncos 15, Buffalo Bills 14. For Bills fans, it was a heart-breaker. However, in a game in which Denver was supposed to run the table, the Bills fared pretty well in their season opener, losing by only a point... and just barely. With the score 14-12 in Buffalo’s favor with less than a minute remaining in the fourth quarter, Denver had one last chance to set up a winning drive.

With a few sharp, well-placed passes by second year Broncos’ quarterback Jay Cutler, the Broncos were able to march all the way down to the Bills’ 25 yard line with roughly 0:08 seconds left and no timeouts remaining. As the clock was running down, the Broncos quickly substituted 11 guys on and off the field, getting the final play off with just one second on the clock. Rewardingly, they capitalized when veteran place kick-

er Jason Elam nailed a 42 yard field goal for the 15-14 victory.

New England Patriots 38, New York Jets 14. With key new additions to the Patriots during the off-season such as Randy Moss, Donte Stallworth, and Adalius Thomas, expectations to succeed are at an all-time high for New England. Do you think that maybe there would be that slight chance that come Week 1 they crumble and fold under the spotlight?

Sorry Patriot-haters, but that’s just not happening. New England met their expectations with delight in their season opener, and the Jets were simply victimized. Randy Moss got off to a quick start in his first regular season game as a Patriot, catching nine balls for 183 yards, including a 51 yard touchdown reception. Tom Brady was practically flawless, completing nearly 80 percent of his passes (22 of 28) for 297 yards and two touchdowns.

To add to New England’s success, kick returner Ellis Hobbs srecord by returning the opening kick of the second half 108 yards for a touchdown. Apart from Jets’ wide receiver Laveranues Coles’ and his two touchdowns, there is simply not

much to say about the Jets’ performance, as the Patriots dominated in nearly every aspect of the game.

The prime match up for next week’s games will be the Patriots vs. the San Diego Chargers on Sunday night football, two powerhouse teams. However, this week is not quite over yet as there are back to back Monday night games tonight.

The first of the two is the Cincinnati Bengals vs. the Baltimore Ravens, which will showcase a high-powered Bengal offense against perhaps an even higher-powered Ravens defense—which will prevail. Directly after that, the Arizona Cardinals make the relative short trip to San Francisco, as two young teams on the rise square off in a battle representing NFC West, which is predicted to be the most competitive division in the NFL this year, but who knows for sure?

All we know for sure is that there is much football to be watched from now through February.

## Women's Sports Team Previews

### Lacrosse

Lacrosse has finally come to Rollins College! Rollins now offers 23 varsity sports to its students. The game of lacrosse has had the fastest growth rate of any high school sport in the country.

Sports Illustrated named lacrosse as “the fastest growing game in the US at any level. As of last year, the athletic director, Parker, hired a new coach and the ball began to roll, or shall we say fly? Rollins girls will be coached by Dennis Short, who has 14 years of experience and was the head coach of a DI program for five years. They will compete in the NCAA DII conference starting in the spring of 2008. The girls home field will be Showalter Field, located in the heart of Winter Park. Since lacrosse is just beginning here in the community it is expected that many will attend and encourage support for the new team.

Short coached previously at Ocee HS in Orlando, was the assistant at Ursinus College in PA, and then at the University of Albany, NY before coming to start up the program at Rollins. Short graduated with a B.A. in history from Ursinus College and a minor in English.

We are very excited that he has chosen to bring his expertise to Rollins this year.

Rollins is to be the first school in the state to offer both men’s and women’s lacrosse. While Coach Short has not yet been given any athletic money with which to recruit, he has still brought in at least four top-notch players. His season is looking promising as fitness and weights began last Tuesday. There are plenty of students who are interested in playing lacrosse at the college level, and now Rollins will be a choice for all of those who would not have given it a chance in the past. Short is looking for players who are athletic, intense, determined and competitive.

As soon as this program gets its feet off the ground, hopefully the athletic department will allow Coach Short a budget where he can recruit players from all over the country in order to make Rollins Lacrosse the top in Division II athletics. Next year Short plans to heavily recruit experienced freshman in order to stack the team for future success.

Look out for the new Tar’s women lacrosse, and we will keep you updated about the roster and the future game schedule in the future! Make sure to come out and support our new team by cheering loud and letting the competitors know that Rollins College is here to win! Go Tars!

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### Volleyball



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**REACHING HIGH:** Lorena Orlandini is about to crush someone’s dreams with a nasty block.

Rollins volleyball preseason began the second week of August with three-a-days and ended preseason with the team’s first ever trip to Hawaii! While it was a great experience and allowed time to bond and mesh, the team did not do as well as they hoped to.

Interviewed for a season preview was junior, number fourteen, Nikki Swift. Nikki is a phenomenal player who has a great jump and stellar defensive ability. She will make a positive impact for the team this year and next.

The volleyball team’s current record is 5-3 as a result of a disappointing finish of 1-3 in the Hawaii opener. Nikki believes that it will “improve as the season continues but their biggest challenge will be overcoming the conference”. The Sunshine state conference is arguably the hardest in DII. Rollins is ranked 7th out of nine this year, hoping to make a gigantic leap forward.

Last weekend Rollins hosted a tournament with Colorado Christian, Michigan Tech, University of Alabama, and St. Mary’s. Rollins team took first place, beating almost every team in three games to none,

to improve their record and get off to a fresh and positive start. Thank you to all who came out and supported them!

Rollins welcomes the new freshmen this year. Jennifer Sherwood, middle blocker, and Erin Wareham, setter, are set to make a quick impact for the team this season. Look out for senior right side hitter Lorena Orlandini! She was athlete of the week this week for Rollins athletics and has tremendous power in her arm swing.

Not only is she talented, she is aggressive and determined on the court. She is bringing plenty of leadership and energy to the court, so watch out for her and the other competitors. The team is going to graduate five seniors after this season, Christie Eastman, Christina Reinders, Piper Young, Kelli Cline and Orlandini, so now is the time to capitalize on their talent and dominate the conference.

Thank you to Nikki Swift for the interview and the inside scoop on the team this year. Good luck volleyball! September 16, 19, and 21 are the dates for the Tars next home games. Lorena Orlandini plays Eckert, Tampa, and St. Leo, respectively. All the teams are in the Sunshine state conference and will be crucial matches for the Tars. Make sure to come out and support our Lady Tars! Have a great season girls!



# One Final College Try

## Gene Howard's Triumphant Comeback

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Baseball is not the biggest sport in Nahant, Massachusetts. But for Gene Howard, an infielder/pitcher for the Rollins College Tars, it is something he has played his entire life. A serious shoulder injury, though, nearly ended that career, one that scouts were following.

"Scouts have been talking to me ever since my freshman year," Howard said. "I had a bad sophomore year, but a great junior year. I thought I was going to get drafted."

All of the major league teams passed on Howard, however, and he returned to Rollins to play out his senior year. Howard's shoulder began to hurt near the beginning of that season. The pain was so tremendous that he had trouble sleeping, combing his hair, and

brushing his teeth.

A trip to Dr. James Andrews in Birmingham, Alabama, delivered the prognosis: Howard had a torn rotator cuff and a torn labrum. He had the surgery on March 1st and missed the remainder of the season.

Expected length of rehabilitation: eight months. Chance of successful comeback: a far cry from 100%.

To get back onto the baseball diamond, Howard had to make it through rehab. After his surgery, he spent two hours a day stretching and doing band work, all in an effort to stabilize his right shoulder joint. He will finally pick up a baseball and begin throwing with the rest of his teammates this month.

"There are some good days, and there are some bad days,"

Howard, 23, said in April. "It really sucks not being able to play. You get used to it after a while, but it is really hard not going out there."

When Howard was on the field, scouts took notice of his fastball, which sometimes reached the mid 90's. Pitching for the first time in his career, Howard had a 2.66 ERA in 44 innings his freshman year and a 3.38 ERA his junior year.

"I've never worked with a pitching coach," Howard said. "I've got a good curveball, good fastball, and I use a changeup if I'm not closing. My fastball is usually 89-92 [mph], but I got it up to 94 the summer after my freshman year."

Then head coach Bob Rikeman, who recruited Howard and is now the head coach for

Newberry (S.C.) College, believed in Howard's potential of becoming a good pitcher.

"I played with Howard's [Howard's] older brother Christian and coached his other brother Justin, so I knew he could pitch," Rikeman said. "His brother Justin basically told me that he had a live arm so when Gene arrived, it was an easy decision."

Pitching has given Howard what he considers to be the most memorable moments of his baseball career. They came in victories against two of Rollins' biggest rivals.

"In the '04 regionals, we were at home and lost the first game," Howard said. "It was a double elimination tournament, so we had to win. I pitched two scoreless innings against Tampa

and closed out a game against Florida Southern."

Howard's bat has also drawn a lot of attention.

In the 2006 season, his last healthy year, Howard hit .384, a figure that led the Tars. He also led the team in slugging percentage, hits, doubles, triples, home runs, RBIs, and total bases.

Rikeman believes that Howard can make it back to the promising form he showed last year.

"Gene is special because he is tenacious, fearless, and loves the game," Rikeman said. "Most of all, Gene is a caring person. You have to dig to find the true Gene, but he is tremendous."

## Tars' Soccer Experiences Ups and Downs

Cathleen Ward and Lindsay Hansen



Cheers could be heard echoing throughout the campus as the women's soccer team played against West Florida on Friday and Thomas on Sunday.

Friday's match proved to be difficult for the women, the score at the end of half time 0-0. 7 shots on West Florida's goal failed to put points on the board, but goalie Stina Lykke Peterson made saves to help her team stay in the game. Lykke Peterson saved nine shots on goal throughout the game, holding the Argonauts until overtime.

The second half did not reap any more goals, the score still at a standstill.

West Florida managed a goal against the Tars in the 93rd minute, shutting

out the Tars 0-1.

Sunday's game turned to be in higher spirits, the ladies ahead by one in the first thirteen minutes, thanks to Jessica Moony with an assist from Julie Gatt. The score remained stagnant for the remainder of the first half.

The second half was a turn of performance for the Lady Tars, with four more goals scored by Jeri Ostuw, Melissa Doerk, Chelsea Brady and Meagan Thomas.

Shots on goal by the end of the game were 22-4 in the Tars' favor. West Florida is the team to beat when it comes to soccer. After the loss against the Lady Argonauts, the men proved to be an equally difficult opponent. In the first half, the Tars had a promising four

shots on goal, but the score was still 0-0. The keeper, Frazer Siddall, had a great one on one save that brought the crowd to its feet.

The Argonauts came back in the second half right after the 30 minute mark. The game ended 0-1 in favor of West Florida, but not in vain. The Tars had an impressive 17 shots on goal and a strong defense in the second half.

Sunday's afternoon rain caused a half hour delay after the end of the first half, but not before the Tars triumphed two goals scored by Leslie Osei and Bradley Welch. At the end of the game the Tars had 18 shots on goal, and a final score of 2-0.

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