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## Vandalism on Campus

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You can tell what happened last night by the scene that greets you in the morning: knocked over trash cans, vomit that somehow misses the toilet, and an exit sign dangling by a few wires. You also know what will happen next.

After facilities management cleans up the mess, every student in the hall is going to get charged a small fee. And those small fees eventually add up. Last year, some students paid more than \$50, according to Residential Life at Rollins College.

"Is [vandalism] happening on campus? Yes. Is it being addressed? Yes," said Leon Hayner, the Rollins Director of Residential Life. "The judicial process is taking care of it."

Hayner believes that incidents of vandalism are decreasing, but the number could be even fewer if the student body were more willing for it to end.

"We won't be where we want to be until students hold each other accountable," Hayner said. "We need to re-iterate to students to hold each other responsible for their actions. We need students to go to one another and say, 'I'm not paying for what you did.' We need students to want to have that hard conversation rather than just paying the money. I'd bet 95% of the time, in cases of vandalism,

somebody else knows about it.

"How do we get them to take pride in their hall? We need for everybody to think of their hall as their own home. I hope that the majority of people wouldn't do this sort of thing at their own home."

Despite the accumulation of fees for the majority of students, Hayner also says that a fair amount do come forward and admit their guilt. They accept the costs of their damage in its entirety. Whenever a student doesn't take responsibility, he or she is potentially putting the entire hall at risk for paying the cost.

The situation is made worse by a lack of personnel. There are around 50 people involved in residential life, from the director on down to resident assistants, and around 25 campus safety officers. The 75 total cannot cover the entire campus, Hayner believes.

In an attempt to combat vandalism, the school has been talking about installing cameras in hallways. Hayner suggested that some may not like the "big brother" aspect of having cameras in hallways and also said that they may not be that effective in the end.

"When I held this same position at University of North Colorado and Texas Tech, there were cameras installed," Hayner said. "They weren't 100% effective,

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however. Students would vandalize wherever there weren't cameras. I'm not sure which way [the school's decision] will go."

Whatever the school eventually decides to do, whether it choose to add more security personnel or cameras or neither, Hayner still believes to truly end vandalism on campus, the students have to accept responsibility.

"Students are making poor choices by not holding each other responsible. We need to have students monitoring each other."



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### AFTER



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THE MCKEAN MESS: Vandalism throughout the dorm halls is becoming a problem.



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## Calender

### October Monday 15 - Monday 22

#### October 13-16 Fall Break

Students enjoy a nice long weekend to either visit family or stay on campus to enjoy two days without classes.

#### October 17-20 Homecoming Week

SGA sponsors this week with spirit dress up days, a pool party, powder puff football, and a night swim.

#### October 19-20 Alumni Events

19-Alumni Tailgate at Alumni house 6pm, followed by men's soccer vs. Flager at 7pm

20-Baseball game; current baseball team plays against Alumni baseball team at 1pm. BBQ will be served at 12pm at the baseball field.

#### October 18 11:30am-1pm

Founder and CEO of Smart City, Marty Rubin, lectures at Crummer Student Lounge.

Smart City is one of the world's largest communication providers and venues; includes Walt Disney World.

#### October 18 7pm at Bush Auditorium

Sociologist from UNC Chapel Hill, Matthew Ezzell, discusses the topic "Media Messages: Women and Men in a Pornified Culture."

#### October 18 6pm

Dallas Museum of Art Curator, William Rudolph, lectures at Cornell Fine Arts Museum.

#### October 20 Community Engagement Ripple Effect

Students collaborate to help the homeless.

#### October 27 9am-1pm

5k walk will be held in honor of Breast Cancer patients and survivors.

#### October 15-27

NCM and J.U.M.P. team up to raise money for the Breast Cancer Association.

Pink carnations, pink homemade cookies, and pink ribbon pins will be sold in front of campus center.

#### October 27 Halloween Howl 2pm-5pm

Free event on Mills Lawn that invites the children of the community to our campus for a fun time of costume contests, arts and crafts, trick-or-treating, and face painting.

## Global Peace Visits Winter Park

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*the sandspur*

The fifth Global Peace Film Festival took place September 26-30. The festival showcased over 70 films, panels and workshops at sixteen locations on campus. Nina Streich's vision for a festival that would make a difference in our world has turned into a reality which has influenced students, faculty and locals to become informed and take action.

"The objective of this festival is to introduce peacemaking to everyone as something that must be worked on daily by all people in their own lives and in their own communities." Said Nina Streich and Kelly DeVine, the executive and artistic directors of the G.P.F.F.

Facing Sudan, a 90 minute film by Bruce Janu focuses on seemingly ordinary individuals who make a difference in Darfur in small, local ways. During the opening panel discussion on the definition of peace, a local 80-year-old Winter Park pastor shared his letters with a young man in Africa. The last note from the African boy said: "thank you, you are the only reason I get up every day; you're the reason I live."

Darby Asner, a sophomore majoring in critical media, said, "It's hard not to want to take action after hearing some of these stories; I at least want to be more aware of current events." Her response is common around Rollins' campus after the festival.

Similarly, Kelly Mitchell, a sophomore who was required by her critical media class to attend four hours of the films, is currently looking into activism groups around Winter Park in order to help raise awareness and become a better global citizen.

But why Central Florida? Dr. Julian Chambliss, a history teacher at Rollins who has been involved with the festival from the beginning, explains that, "Rollins is a global community with a well respected international relations program. We chose a college because some of the greatest resolutions for conflict come from students who talk about the films and write about them."

For this reason, the festival has motivated Rollins to start a model U.N. team who will solve the world's problems in 96 hours less.

Further local action comes from another teacher's perspective. Denise Cummings, a critical media professor and faculty

coordinator for the festival, has adopted Valerie Kaur's film "Divided We Fall: Americans In The Aftermath", a film shot as Kaur traveled across the country during the weeks following September 11. Cummings plans to teach students the importance of critically analyzing the media we confront on a daily basis. Kaur was present at both screenings of her film.

Students are particularly interested in becoming more involved with the festival, which will return next year after traveling Koshinomiya, Japan this October, because Chambliss says, "film is the medium which students are most well versed in. Art is a great way to overcome impassess against peace and healing." Students are encouraged by faculty and commissioners of the G.P.F.F. to make films because they promote awareness which in turn will encourage others to get involved.

Governor Charlie Crist, Office of Film and Entertainment and the 54 local commissioners have vowed to help get these films made. Every little step in the right direction counts.



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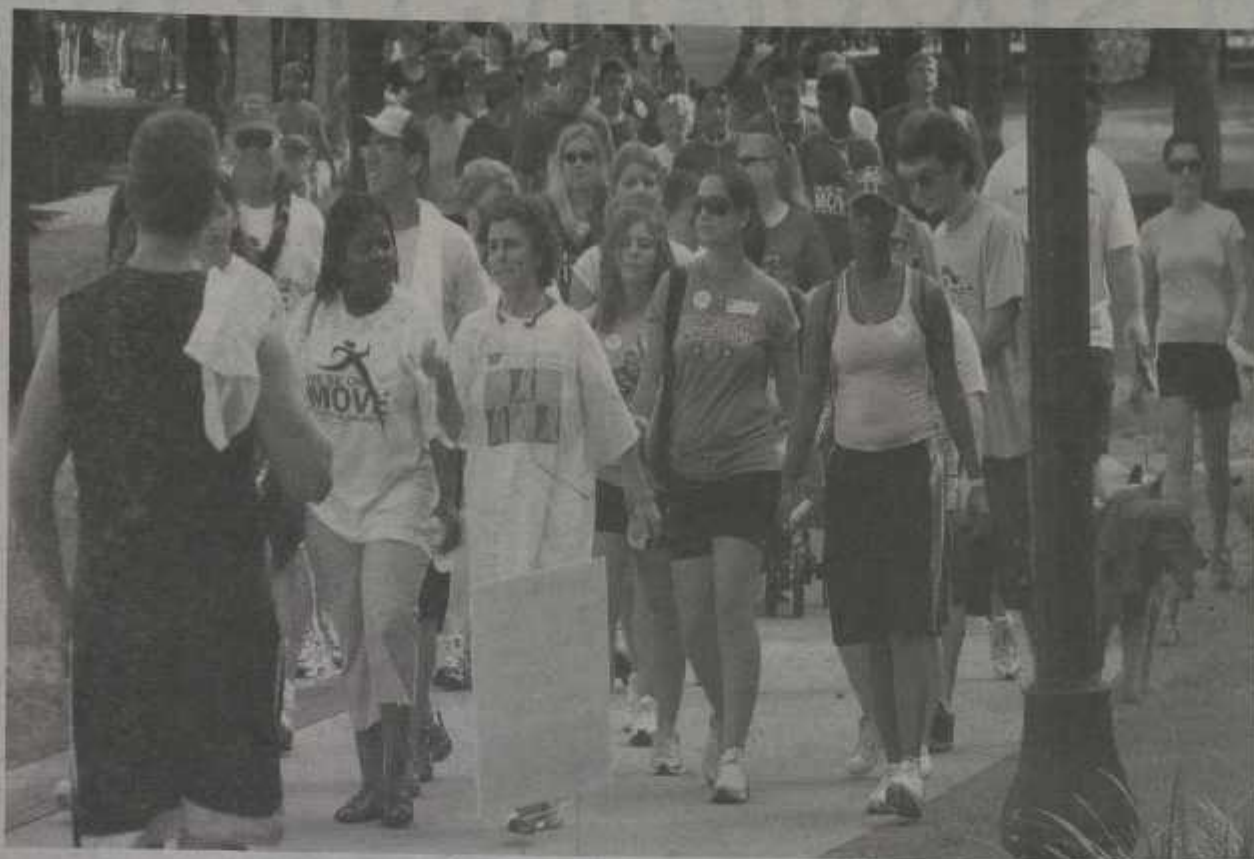


# Rollins RCC Walks for Alzheimer's

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the sandspur

The Nature of Happiness RCC course here at Rollins has been volunteering to assist the elderly population throughout the semester. Each week the students visit with their assigned elder at the Lutheran Towers assisted living facility in downtown Orlando. They interview the residents in order to further their education about what makes each person happy and how different people define and achieve happiness in their lives. They are also providing a community service by offering companionship to the elderly population.

The personnel at Lutheran Towers put a team together to walk in the annual Orlando Memory Walk to fund Alzheimer's research, and the RCC class decided to join them as well. The Central and North Florida Chapter of Memory Walk took place on Saturday, October 6th at 9:00 in the morning. The members of The Nature of



**ALZHEIMER'S WALK:** Students from a Rollins RCC walk for Alzheimers in downtown Orlando.

Happiness course arose early Saturday morning to load a bus at 7:45 in order to make it to the Orlando event early. The event was held lakeside at downtown Orlando's Lake

KATIE JONES/The Sandspur

Eola. A stage was set up where the hosts and sponsors blasted Frank Sinatra and Motown tunes.

The crowd was filled with volunteers of all ages. There were high school teams as well as groups of family members who had known or been related to someone afflicted with Alzheimer's disease. Some walkers even had pictures of their loved ones clipped onto their t-shirts to show their support.

The crowd was a rainbow of different colored shirts that teams had made to distinguish themselves as they walked to fund Alzheimer's research.

The Memory Walk was made a family event with all of the activities. People were dancing to the music, eating a breakfast hosted by Panera Bread, and sharing stories of their experiences with the disease. One of the speakers guided the entire group in a dance/warm-up to "New York, New York" by Frank Sinatra. People were even allowed to bring their dogs and have them registered as walkers for their team. They called it the "Mutt Strut." The event had a sense of a large family gathering where everyone was pleasant to each other

and telling their own stories.

The Alzheimer's Association is responsible for putting on the Memory Walk each year. For twenty-five years it has been the world's leader in funding and supporting Alzheimer's research. The association seeks to find and provide Alzheimer's prevention, a cure for Alzheimer's disease, and care for all those who currently suffer from Alzheimer's disease. Memory Walk is held to increase the public's awareness of Alzheimer's disease and to collect more donations towards research of this disease. The event has been held since 1989, and it has raised \$225 million for Alzheimer's research in the process. They have raised \$81,002 just this year in donations from Memory Walk.

The trail that was walked by volunteers around Lake Eola was lined with signs displaying facts about Alzheimer's disease. Some of these facts included: There are 5 million Americans currently suffering from Alzheimer's disease, and 10 million people are caring for those who are diagnosed. Someone develops Alzheimer's disease every 72 seconds. Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia incur costs of up to \$148 billion each year. Without new developments in prevention, up to 16 million people could develop Alzheimer's by 2050. The fourth leading cause of death among adults is Alzheimer's disease. People usually only live about eight to ten years after the disease begins to show symptoms. These facts definitely helped to make the public aware of how serious this disease really is to our society.

Hopefully, the participation of The Nature of Happiness RCC will inspire more students at Rollins to become more involved in supporting Alzheimer's research. With more funding and support it is possible that a cure can be found or prevention methods could be developed so that no one has to suffer from dementia any longer. Our memories are some of our most treasured possessions, and nobody wants to lose their reason for living.



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**NATURE AND HAPPINESS:** The nature and Happiness RCC volunteered to help the elderly population.

## New Model UN Club Sparks Interest

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the sandspur

With nearly 30 students in attendance, Rollins Model United Nations was inaugurated last Thursday, October 4th in the Ward Hall classroom. Catering to students in the Political Science and International Relations fields, this student-run organization will attend a Model UN conference in mid-February and will organize a small-scale conference for Rollins students.

In High Schools around the nation a team of delegates represent chosen countries.

Participants present a country to a specific committee which range from Disarmament, Environmental Programs, Human Rights Committee, to the Status of Women. In the committee sessions about two or three questions are focused on by delegates. The questions are then debated and opinions are shared from other nations in order to come up with resolutions.

Meeting attendees shared experiences and half the students were devoted Model UN delegates who had traveled to regional conferences as well as international ones in Venezuela, Russia, and China. The other half showed up to the meet-

ing because they thought the idea of participating in college-level Model UN conferences would be interesting. After that, there was some brainstorming on possible activities the club could run on UN Day which happens on October 24th.

The main objective of the Rollins Model UN club is to attend one of the largest college-level MUN conferences hosted by Harvard in downtown Boston each year. The HNMUN conference attracts students from all over the world, as evidenced by a transfer student in the Rollins MUN club from Hong Kong who attended this conference last year. The orga-

nization is not limiting on how many students travel as part of the Rollins team but is expecting around 15-20 students to take part in this vital organizational activity. In preparation for this, organization members will be up to date on the assigned country's current events, practice parliamentary procedure, and learn the structure and format for the February conference.

As a follow-up to the February conference, the student organization would like to host the first-ever on-campus Model UN conference exclusively for Rollins students. Since this is Model UN's first year at Rollins they would like to keep it on a small

scale and limit it to Rollins students with hopes in later years of expanding this to other regional colleges and universities.

Rollins Model United Nations held their interest meeting last October 4th and if you have any questions about joining the organization to either attend the conference or just becoming an active member, you can contact advisor Dr. Gunter, (mgunter@rollins.edu) or Co-Presidents Omar Rachid (orachid@rollins.edu) and Ariane Rosen (acrosen@rollins.edu) for more information.



# Club Spotlight: J.U.M.P. WRCC Craft Night

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On October fifth, a group of Rollins students visited the Women's Residential and Counseling Center in downtown Orlando for a night of crafts and fun. The event, sponsored by J.U.M.P., gave the children who are currently at the shelter a chance to paint pumpkins, put together ghost lollypops, and make new friends.

Pumpkin painting was definitely a hit with the children, who painted everything from jack-o-lantern faces to vampire and tie-dye pumpkins. The event was not just a huge hit with the children, but it was also greatly appreciated by the children's mothers who finally had a moment to relax, and it was a fulfilling experience for the students who spent their night giving back to the community.

The WRCC shelter is a place for homeless women, and women that have experienced domestic violence.

Sophomore Susie Esch of the J.U.M.P. committee explains why Rollins visits the shelter.

"We go there because many of the kids don't have a lot of support in their lives and don't ever get personal attention." The craft night gave these kids a chance

to forget their problems and just have fun for a few hours.



that this event was not just a night of arts and crafts, but something that went much deeper.

lot to the boys to be able to play games with the male students that came to the event."

All of us who participated in the event left with a feeling that our efforts were much more significant than we had initially thought.

The turn out for the event was pretty large, about 25 students. Esch was excited about the large turnout and ratio of volunteers to children. "I'm so glad that they had more attention than necessary because these kids grow up so fast and if we couldn't provide opportunities like this for them, then the kids wouldn't have the chance to just have fun and laugh and giggle."

One thing that made the children laugh the most was playing with the vampire teeth that we brought and chasing us around the room. It

was as much fun for us as it was for them. This is one of the reasons why Esch decided to get involved in J.U.M.P. events like the WRCC craft night. "When a Rollins student has a connection with one of these kids it leads to a self-discovery which is really rewarding."

Photo by Colby Loetz

"Many of the boys at the shelter have never had much interaction with older men because they're constantly around women in the shelter, so it meant a

Another Sophomore on the committee, Claire Papevies commented

## The Ripple Effect

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On Saturday September 8th, I saw more peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, more pairs of men's underwear, and more compassion than I have in my entire life. These things are not usually associated with one another. So what ties them all together? That question can be answered very simply: the Ripple Effect.

Ripple Effect is one of many community partners that J.U.M.P. includes in their monthly events. J.U.M.P. (Join Us in Making Progress) is an organization at Rollins that provides students with several opportunities to serve the surrounding community. Ripple Effect provides food and clothing to the homeless community every Saturday morning in downtown Orlando.

J.U.M.P. advisor, Meredith Hein, says "a lot of students come to events like Ripple Effect thinking they are completely prepared for the demands. What they don't realize, is that Ripple Effect is an entirely different program from the average soup kitchen. While the physical demands may be simi-

lar, the emotional demands are much greater. An integral part of Ripple Effect is the personal interaction between the volunteers and those being served. "In order to do some learning," Meredith said, "students need to first do some 'unlearning.'" Students are encouraged to shed all pretenses and come with an open mind.

On the night of Friday September 7th, while most students spent the night partying or relaxing, some went to sleep early. These students reluctantly set their alarms and waited for the next day's early arrival. As scheduled, the next morning, twenty-five students met on Mills Lawn at 7 a.m. and caravanned towards the location in downtown Orlando where Ripple Effect takes place every Saturday. As students stepped into the parking lot and out of their comfort zones, they were greeted by unfamiliar beaming faces and hit with a tidal wave of humility.

They were led to tables with heaps of supplies ready to be prepared and distributed. These students and several Orlando residents formed an assembly line and started preparing mass amounts of food, including countless peanut butter and

jelly sandwiches. There were a few families from Orlando there that day who participate in Ripple Effect every week. Every single Friday night, they stay awake into the wee hours of the morning cooking in preparation for the day ahead.

A couple of students who attend Ripple Effect more frequently walked straight into the crowd and picked out some familiar faces to chat with. Meredith had been completely right when she explained that Ripple Effect really pushes people to interact on a more personal level. As the homeless individuals filed in line to receive the food volunteers had prepared, some would make eye contact and would even speak to the students. Sophomore Erin Hall explained, "It's evident that these are people who have needs just like you and me. Because Ripple Effect gives you that hands-on experience, you're forced out of the familiar and you really have to interact with them." Even if they talked with students about other things, it was certain that the men and women there were extremely grateful. In response to one student's remark, "It's a beautiful day," one man said,

"Every day above ground is a beautiful day."



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Volunteers of Ripple Effect provide not only food but also clothing to the homeless. Amit Karr, class of 2007, went to Wal-Mart the night before and bought all the men's underwear and socks they had in stock for the event. As students participate in events like Ripple Effect, they begin to form personal bonds with those they are serving. Those personal bonds are the same ones that compel people to give more. However, in order to form these bonds, one has to be willing and ready to 'unlearn,' are you ready?

If you're interested in participating in Ripple Effect, there

is a trip on October 20th. Meet at 7 a.m. on Mills lawn and we will carpool to the location. Drivers are always needed! If you're interested in J.U.M.P., there are open meetings on the second Tuesday of every month at 12:30 in CSS 167. Students wishing to donate clothes can drop them off in the boxes provided in each residence hall. Questions? Email J.U.M.P. student coordinators Elizabeth Schuman (EShuman@rollins.edu) or Susie Esch (SEsch@rollins.edu) or their advisor, Meredith Hein (MHein@rollins.edu) for more information.



## Holt News

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## Texting and Driving: Why We Do It

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There are those things you shouldn't do, but you do them anyway. You leave your contact lenses in overnight. You eat that last piece of pie. You text-message while driving.

And even if you know that driving while distracted is dangerous, you tell yourself that you're a good driver. You know where all the letters are on your phone or Blackberry so you barely have to look away from the road. Plus, it's just a quick message you need to send off.

Well, it seems, you think just like everyone else.



**Courtesy of MCT Campus**  
Text messaging has become a common way of communication.

About 90 percent of American adults think texting and driving should be outlawed, a Harris Interactive poll sponsored by Pinger instant voice messaging service found. And yet, 57 percent admit sending a text while driving.

"Sociologists call it pluralistic ignorance. It's this concept where reality applies to everybody but me," says Kevin Wehr, an assistant professor of sociology at California State University, Sacramento.

"We justify things because we think we're better or different from other people. But, of course, we are not better than others. We are just as bad as the next folk."

Text messaging has become a prevalent form of communication in today's technology age.

Last year, 158 billion text messages, or 300,000 per minute, were sent in the United States, according to CTIA, an international association for the wireless telecommunications industry. That's up 95 percent from 2005, the association found.

So it makes sense that some of those wireless messages are sent by people navigating the gridlock known as the modern-day commute; a scary concept when nearly 80 percent of crashes involve some form of driver inattention, according to a report by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute.

The most common distraction: cell phone use, with the act of dialing tripling the risk of a crash, the report found.

Simply talking on a cell phone affects your "functional

field of view," says Erik Nelson, a senior cognitive psychology student at the University of Kansas who is researching the impacts of texting while driving.

This means that because you're concentrating on the conversation, you have a form of tunnel vision and are not able to process what's happening in your peripheral vision, he says.

Texting demands even more attention because a driver can't look at the road while typing.

"You have two visual stimuli at the same time and you can't pay attention to them both," Nelson says. "So it's that much more dangerous."

Nelson polled about 300 University of Kansas students about their cell phone and driving habits. Every single student, 100 percent, admitted talking while driving, and 72 percent said they text message.

"It absolutely has to do with this age group," Nelson says. "But we hypothesize that future generations will have more of this type of usage frequency compared to older generations that haven't grown up with this technology."



**Courtesy of Google**  
Recent government bills fine violators ranging from \$20 - \$50

And for those surveyed who said text messaging is "very risky," 35 percent said they still text all or most of the time while driving, Nelson says.

"We believe there's a social pressure to always be available," he says. "And people are putting that need ahead of their safety both for themselves and others."

With our 24-hour-a-day, seven-day-a-week mentality, the need to constantly be reachable will only intensify, says Jo Mackiewicz, an assistant professor of technical communication at the Illinois Institute of Technology.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger signed a bill this month banning 16- and 17-year-olds from using cell phones and messaging devices while driving.

The bill fines teens \$20 for the first offense and \$50 for subsequent violations starting in July.

But still, adults in California will continue to have free rein when it comes to texting and driving although some technology companies are developing solutions.



**Courtesy of Google**  
The act of dialing tripling the risk of crash related accidents.

Pinger, based in San Jose, Calif., has created a service that enables people to send instant voice messages instead of texts. And Sync, a Microsoft company, has a voice-activated music and cell phone system that will debut in some 2008 Fords, Mercurys and Lincolns.

It's welcome technology for Pierre Khawand of PeopleOnTheGo, a San Francisco-based productivity training company.

"A few years ago, it was a unique thing to have a (text-messaging or e-mail) device like this," Khawand says. "Now we see it almost like a necessity."

Khawand, who uses an iPhone, says he rarely e-mails when driving and follows what he calls the "one-glance rule."



**Courtesy of Google**  
72% of students surveyed admitted they texted while driving.

"If you can do what you want to do in one glance, that's OK," he says. "If something's going to take your eyes off the road for more than one glance, then you're in the danger zone."

Still, texting while driving will always be like one of those things people do even though they know they shouldn't, says Wehr, the sociologist.

"It's like smoking. People will sit there and puff away and say, 'Never start this. This stuff will kill you,'" he says. "Common sense is not very common."

# the CAREER COACH

Marian Cacciatore

## BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

## QUESTION

You continually make references to the importance of networking. Since I work full time and go to evening classes I do not have time to attend networking meetings.

In addition to the time factor, I am shy and am not really comfortable talking to people. What advice would you give me?

## ANSWER

Thanks for bringing up one of my favorite topics! You have highlighted some common misconceptions and I appreciate the opportunity to bring some clarity to the topic of networking.

Many people cringe when I recommend networking. However, networking is all about building relationships with others. It's an openness to learn about others and learn just how interconnected or interrelated we all are.

So why do I preach the importance of networking in the job search? Statistics show that 3 out of 4 jobs are filled through networking. Think about your own career transitions?

How many jobs did you get from a friend or acquaintance telling you about it? Time and time again as I have informally surveyed adult students through the years the statistic has been validated for me.

However, to help you remove some of the obstacles that face you, I want to encourage you to look at several key points:

- Begin with the people in your classes! The Hamilton Holt School is full of successful professionals. Take advantage of the many group projects to get to know the other students.

One alumnus who recently updated me on her career progression reported that since graduation she has had 3 different jobs, (each with increasing levels of responsibility and pay)

In all three cases, she heard about the opportunity through another Rollins alumni. As a Holt student you don't have to look far to begin networking today!

- Get over thinking that "networking" equals "user". Networking does not mean that you "use" the other person. It's about taking the time to get to know other people.

Look for opportunities to offer ideas, suggestions or your expertise with others. "What goes around, comes around" certainly explains one of the foundational principles of networking.

- "Fake it till you make it". For some people it is difficult to walk into a room (even a classroom) and begin a conversation with strangers. All it takes is a smile and genuine interest to learn something about the other person for the exchange to begin.

Don't be discouraged and take it personally if their response is less than you hoped for. Move onto to someone else.

- Be ready for the formal networking discussions. At some point more informal informational interviews will be helpful in your job search.

One way to begin networking is through Informational Interviews. Interested in learning more about this process? Contact Marian at [mcacciatore@cfl.rtr.com](mailto:mcacciatore@cfl.rtr.com) for more details about this effective way to expand your business network.

## 10 tips to keep you on track

Shake things up. Change your scenery. Go somewhere and do something different.

Engage in a confidante who will help be your sounding board.

Keep a journal of your experiences, goals and dreams.

Remember to keep a sense of adventure.

Have fun, freedom and meaning in all you do.

Enjoy our physical surroundings.

Be a leader, a mentor.

Be a follower, have mentors.

Enjoy the camaraderie of your peers, colleagues, clients.

Live your passion every day.



# Arts & Entertainment

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## Get in the Entrepreneurial Spirit with WPRK

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For the past nine months, a program dedicated to the entrepreneur in all of us has been aired on WPRK every other Tuesday at noon. The idea for this program came from Pat Kirchner, a Rollins alum, who enlisted the support of Michael Cipollaro – former Executive-in-Residence on the Crummer Graduate Business School faculty and founder of The Center for Entrepreneurship at Rollins College.

These co-hosts have put together an entertaining and informative hour of interviews with entrepreneurs in the community and discussions of business and economic development topics with their guests.

Amongst their guests is Jackie Ossin, a 32 year old very successful

business broker who has her own firm, Crowne Atlantic Properties. "Doing the show was such fun as I could share with the audience the challenges of building a successful business from scratch. I hope I inspired some students to let their entrepreneurial spirit soar", she said.

Lisa Couett, owner of the Q Art Gallery in the City Art Factory (voted top gallery in Orlando) also shared her experiences in the art world. "I have a passion for art and have fused it into a business. Follow your passion and seek help with what you don't know" Lisa said.

"We are trying to add a call-in option for listeners", said Pat, "and can be reached by e-mail at bizradio@yahoo.com. Please give us feedback, suggest future guests and topics you would like to hear discussed", he added. Most of all, listen to WPRK at noon on October 16th and every second week thereafter.



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## Fashion Week Rained Out



COURTESY OF JESSICA BENSON

**RAINED OUT:** Winter Park's fashion week is sadly ended early due to unexpected weather.

Jessica Benson  
the sandspur

People from all over central Florida were looking forward to their very own sampling of the Fashion Week buzz similar to that which occurs in the Big Apple twice a year. Anyone in the

community with a taste for fashion had probably heard about the mini-fashion week festivities happening on our very own Park Ave. Back-to-back runway shows, meet the designer events and trunk shows were among the many highlights of the first Park Avenue Fashion Week, which was to take place October 5-11th.

As central Florida is gradually becoming a new market for

fashion it was hoped that this event would be a great way to show case the best of central Florida. This venue seems like the perfect way to show off Winter Park's numerous new boutiques. Some of the participating shops include Sami's, Sultre, Bullfish, Synergy, Tuni, Thread, Nicole Miller, Bebe, Fashion Xperience and Bella. There were scheduled to be 7 fashion shows on Friday night and 17 shows on Saturday night. The shows included fashions for men, women, children, and even dogs.

When arriving at the runway, which was set up on Lyman Avenue just west of Park Avenue, Friday night the sky was not looking very promising. The show was scheduled to start at 7 and that is right when the rain chose to begin as well. The seats were beginning to fill as VIP ticket holders made their way in, huge pink umbrellas and all. The show started despite the rain, but after the third model made her way down the catwalk the rain picked up and turned into a torrential down pour! Everyone attending the show ran to the covered areas and the models rushed to their changing tents. Since the rain did not let up, the show was postponed until Saturday. However, Saturday's forecast did not look promising either, so the outdoor fashion shows have been pushed back until next month. Keep an eye out for the new date, because Park Ave. Fashion week is an event you do not want to miss.

## Movie picks

★ Outstanding

■ Worthy effort

▼ So-so

● A bomb

New review

Local critic  
Chicago Tribune  
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# The Stars Shine with Melancholy Lyrics

Scott Cohen  
the sandspur

"The night starts here / the night starts here / forget your name / forget your fears." There is an all-pervasive theme of darkness in Stars - melancholy and disappointment must hang over the psyche of Torquil Campbell (founding member, vocalist) like a choking night sky. However, like stars in the night sky, Stars offer hope for finding your way to safety. In *Our Bedroom After the War* is that journey. Get lost in the fear of night, only to emerge once more in the comfort of our bedrooms.

Stars' previous album, *Set Yourself On Fire*, is widely considered a classic and the status is well deserved. With theatrical arrangements and story driven lyrics, Stars creates albums that are less music than theatre, and do it with a degree of excellence unrivaled.

In *Our Bedroom After the War* was released two months ago digitally to combat illegal leaks, but the bonus of waiting

for the CD release is its inclusion of a 55-minute documentary and compilation of live shows from the *Set Yourself On Fire* tour. Also included is a short story by Daniel Handler, also known as Lemony Snicket - an accomplished accordion player who appears on *In Our Bedroom* as well as 69 Love Songs by the Magnetic Fields.

In *Our Bedroom After the War* feels less histrionic in its instrumentals than *Set Yourself On Fire*, but ups the ante lyrically. Songs address love found between revolutionaries under fascist control, such as the ballad "Barricade", sung nearly a cappella by Torquil Campbell, and songs like "Personal", a duet shared by Torquil and Amy Millan written as the letters between two singles who meet through newspaper personal ads only to end in a stomach turning mirror of human instinct.

While the album has no bad songs, some may be too forgettable for their own good. Each track could stand out more if they each had a defining moment or hook, and while all the songs are excellent, they begin to float by unnoticed as the album meanders in its second half. "Today Will Be Better, I



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**ROCK ON:** The Stars' new album, *In Our Bedroom After The War*, reaches deep into the essence of the human soul, moving the listener to tears.

Swear!" is only noticeable for its lack of anything noticeable.

"In *Our Bedroom After the War*", the title track and the final track on the album, resonates as perhaps the best build-up of instrumentation and emotional re-

lease since Arcade Fire's "In The Backseat". Whereas *Backseat* is a song about fear, *Bedroom* is a song rife with hope, and Stars leaves us in our bedrooms after the war, safe and ready to go out and start over again.

## Season 3: Weeds: Highly Awesome

Amy Barlow  
the sandspur

Season three of the hit time television show *Weeds* is on Showtime, Monday nights at 10pm. Season three started on August 13, 2007 and Jenji Kohan is credited with writing this fantastic show. It is produced by Lions Gate Television and it received a Golden Globe Nomination after the first season as did Elizabeth Perkins and Mary Louise Parker. Mary Louise Parker won the Golden Globe nomination for best performance by an actress in a television show in 2006. If you missed the first two seasons, this show is a must-see. *Weeds* was the highest rated series for Showtime in 2005.

Mary Louise Parker (Nancy) is a widowed mother of two who makes a living by dealing marijuana. She has no college education and was forced to make ends meet by starting up her own drug business in small suburb of California. She has

been through every scenario in the book and has miraculously come out on top. This season highlights the beginning of letting her eldest son Silas, Hunter Parrish, deal her drug stashes. Season three also welcomes Mary-Kate Olsen as Silas's newest love interest. Mary-Kate has done a terrific job acting thus far, even I had my doubts. Nancy also has a younger son, Shane, who is having his own troubles fitting in at school and "becoming a man." Nancy's brother-in-law, Andy, has moved back into their home after escaping the Army life. The entire setup for the season is sure to bring a lot of surprises.

While this lifestyle is nothing that I personally would agree with, especially involving her children in her affairs, it is still incredibly amusing and entertaining. The whole show is just completely fabricated and impossible which is what adds to the humor. Fictional stories always make better TV shows. Make sure that you tune into the new season of *Weeds*, and if you have yet to hear of it or watch an episode, shame on you.

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# Fear and Loathing at Halloween Horror Nights

Justin Braun  
Danny Travis  
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After arguing on the phone with the excruciatingly peppy voice of the public relations zombie for over an hour, I knew it was going to be an interesting evening. Earlier in the week, we were promised press passes as a part of this collegiate, scholastic press event, or something. However, we had never received any email confirmations, just an invitation and a parking pass. So, even after the aggravating phone call, we were still left without a single shred of evidence that we were part of this event.

After the long hard drive through the desert sands of I-4, we arrived at Universal, the place not named Disney where fantasy dreams children, juvenile adults, and low wage immigrant workers come true. The most horrifying event of the night was not a haunted house, but our climb up the parking lot packed with van-driving, heavily-medicated soccer moms, and delinquent children throwing their bodies in front of our instrument of death on wheels.

The moving walkways leading to the prefabricated and overly-hyped City Walk literally writhed with humanity. Thankfully, Universal had prepared. There were multiple security check points to pass through,



**COME ONE COME ALL:** The golden archway of Universal Studios beckons the unsuspecting tourist to their financial death.



**ZOOM ZOOM:** Danny Travis found the car of his dreams on his way into the park.

where purses were searched, liquids and water containers were thrown away, and metal detector wands were waved at one's genitalia. We felt safe.

Waving our invitation email in the faces of any employee we could find, we were passed around like the proverbial buck, waiting for a real answer. Someone finally lead us to a giant mansion, somehow hidden by the hustle and bustle of the park. Amidst oil paintings and chandeliers, a staff member informed us that the scholastic media banquet had ended over an hour ago. Feeling guilty about the mix up, the park manager lifted a dusty candle from the sconce on the stone wall, which slid open revealing our entrance into the event.

The sun had completely set, and dusk

was upon us. Fog poured into the street, mobbed with wild-eyed thrill seekers, money in hand, ready to fuel the capitalist dream, baby. The sound of mayhem could be heard echoing in the distance and the sweet smells of mischief wafted into our nostrils. However, the decorations left much to be desired. The outsides of buildings were dressed

spooky at best. Masked men with chainsaws jabbed apathetically at our ankles, and the aquatic pyrotechnics ejaculating from the lake were little more than sparklers. To compensate for their lack of effort, Universal made sure that one could not move without bumping into a gothic street walker selling jello shots, or a bar-hut with a possibly deformed bartender. After all, everything is much scarier when you're drunk.

With our entrance to the park being free, we decided to spend the sixty dollars we would have spent on admission on the various theme park delicacies. It is now our journalistic responsibility to advise you on where to point your taste buds. In no particular order, Danny ate a turkey leg, a piece of pizza, a funnel cake, a hot dog, and a root beer dippin dots float. The turkey leg, which is rumored to be an emu leg, was tasty and surprisingly lacking the sinewy bone strips commonly associ-

ated with turkey legs. Fun fact: emus are one of the few animals that are sexually attracted to humans. The pizza and the funnel cake were both middle of the road, lacking the extra something to make it worth the buy. Avoid the hot dogs, as the bun to dog ratio is astronomical. To be truly gastronomically satisfied, one must find the dippin dot float vendor. An amazing combination occurs when the ice cream of the future is melded with a classic frosty mug of root beer.

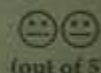
When one thinks of Halloween Horror Nights, food is not the first thing that comes to mind. It is common knowledge that the haunted houses at an amusement park known for its costumes, make up, and over-the-topishness would be by far

the best. We were wrong. Lines could only be described as endless. At times we stood in line so long, the weather changed. Milling about, soaked to the skin. The grotesquely costumed teenagers inside halfheartedly said boo to us. Disappointed and annoyed is an understatement for what we felt.

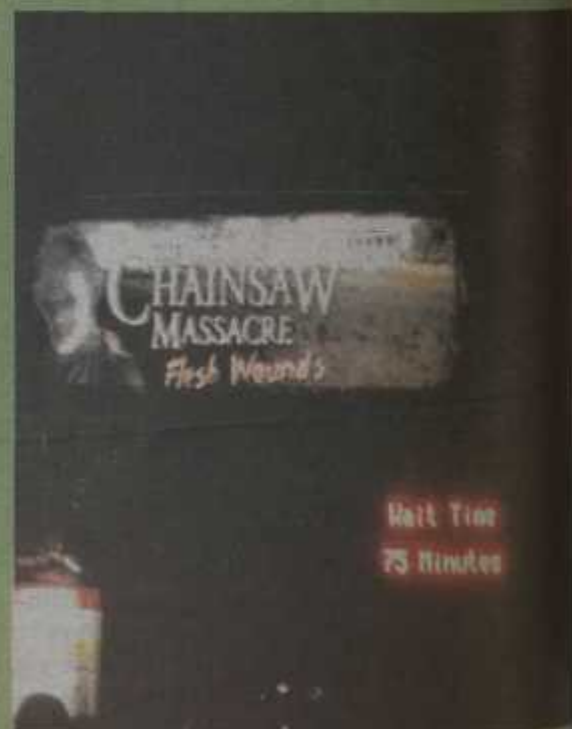
The stock theme rides were surprisingly the best part of the experience. We saw the old and boring Jaws ride in a whole new light. Everything looks less decrepit at night. We got the high score on the Men in Black ride. Even waiting in line for an hour and a half for The Mummy was totally worth it. After being rocketed through the dark, having our minds thoroughly blown, we commented on the insane amount of colorful lights.

So, you have sixty dollars burning a hole in your pocket and a free evening. If you are into waiting in line and then getting yelled at in the dark, knock yourself out with Halloween Horror Nights at Universal Studios, just watch out for emus.

**DANNY AND JB GIVE HALLOWEEN HORROR NIGHTS AN OVERALL RATING OF:**



(out of 5)



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**SCARY:** Who in their right mind would even wait in a line that long, packed against sweaty strangers, just to have a chainsaw swung at them? Everyone in Orlando, that's who!



**YUM?** JB chows down on an enormous emu leg.



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**ENDLESS LINE:** These "people" actually have no idea where they are or why they're in line, thanks to the jello shots they just took.



# Dunder-Mifflin Doesn't Toy With Comedic Formula in Fourth Season

Jimmy Colston  
the sandspur

The Emmy-award winning series *The Office* has returned for its fourth season on American television. The scripted mockumentary continues the monotonous workplace comedy, picking up after a summer of transfers, rekindled romances, and more antics. Dunder-Mifflin doesn't toy much with its formula used throughout much of the first three seasons, which is definitely a great thing, since they aren't trying to fix what isn't broken.

The show begins with a car wreck that sends Meredith (Kate Flannery) to the hospital, and Michael (Steve Carell) into a frenzy. Michael's naivety and tendency to see himself as the center of attention in almost any situation continues throughout the show in great stride. He attempts to placate (as usual) Meredith's situation by an office field trip to the hospital to visit her. Although his expectations of the visit head south when Meredith denies him forgiveness for her injuries in front of

everyone from the office, Michael tries to rebound by organizing a 5k run in Meredith's honor. He really is doing nothing different than anything he had done before, and that is going to extreme lengths to make sure that everyone likes him.

The romance between Jim (John Krasinski) and Pam (Jenna Fischer) is reignited for this season. Jim broke up with Karen (Rashida Jones), which effectively removed her from the show despite her saying that she wouldn't leave Dunder-Mifflin. Jim and Pam try to keep their relationship a secret through the first half of the show, but the nosy cameramen are able to catch them together in a car kissing, revealing their relationship. The rest of the office, however, doesn't know for sure but they are extremely suspicious, which was hilarious when Kevin was theorizing their relationship to the camera crew. Jim and Pam's undyingly sarcastic attitudes continue through this episode, with hilarious remarks about how

The only two people that weren't as funny as they have been before are Dwight (Rainn Wilson) and Angela (Angela Kinsley). They have a little too much dramatic tension within the show because of Dwight's



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**OOH LA LA:** Things start to heat up this season on *The Office* as employees Jim and Pam enter a sizzling relationship, which can only be described as scandalous.

supposed euthanasia he performed on Angela's cat. Although some of the consequences of this turn out to be funny, such as Michael's belief that the office is cursed because of all the bad things that are going on during this episode, it doesn't weigh out the drama between Dwight and Angela. She cries quite a bit during this episode, something that I didn't particu-

larly appreciate in what should be pure comedy.

Overall, the show moves in the right direction. More and more of the characters are showing more dimensions to their personalities than they had been before, and the right amount of characters are keeping their stereotypical antics. Jim and Pam's romance has left us on the edge of our seats these past few years

as the tension between the two has escalated from cute friendship to serious relationship. Fortunately, it does not come at the expense of taking out their deviously crafted office antics, as evidenced with their continued sarcastic attitudes to office going-ons. This should be one of the best seasons of *The Office* to date.

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# Life & Times

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She's got strange taste  
"I absolutely love cheesy  
pick up lines. They re-  
mind me of corny cards.  
In fact, I give them to my  
guy friends whenever  
they are trying to pick  
up a girl. However, for  
some reason, they refuse  
to use them. Here are  
some of my favorites:  
'I hope you know CPR  
because you take my  
breath away' and 'Is  
your name summer?'  
'Cuz you're hot!' Also,  
'Can I borrow a quar-  
ter so that I can call my  
mom and tell her I just  
met the women of my  
dreams or I could call  
your mom and thank  
her.' Lastly, 'They call  
me MILK because I do a  
body good.'

-Brittany Fornof, fresh-  
man



## Nice Move

"One of the funniest  
pick up lines I've ever  
heard was when the  
guy sits next to you and  
says, 'Let's count shoul-  
ders....1,2,3,4' (hand  
ends up across the girl's  
shoulder.)"

-Ryan Orobello, fresh-  
man & Bradley

Ever so Charming  
Whenever I need to  
pick up a girl I just ask,  
'What's it like... (she  
responds- What's what  
like?)....What's it like to  
be the most beautiful girl  
in the world?'

-Michael Mastry

# The WORST Pick-up Lines

Lacking Lackluster  
"One of the cheesiest  
ones I've heard is, 'Is  
your dad a jeweler? Cuz  
I see diamonds in your  
eyes!'

And the worst is proba-  
bly, 'Do you have a mir-  
ror in your back pocket,  
cuz I see myself in it.'"

-Christine Wigand,  
freshman



Brittany Fornof  
the sandspur

## Bright Idea

"Are you a lightbulb?

'Cuz you turn me on.'

-Erik Kirschner, Fresh-  
man

## Direct Approach

"I like your shoes. Can  
we make out?"

-Anonymous freshman

## Sensitive Side

"I lost my teddy bear.  
Can I cuddle with you  
tonight?"

-Anonymous

## Say What?

One time I was at a  
club, and I danced with  
this guy. Then, he came  
over to me and asked,  
'What's your name?' I  
responded, 'Tabitha'  
only to have him ask,  
'Tropica?...If your name  
is Tropica then I will  
come to see you every-  
day!'

-Tabitha Curry, junior

## Smooth Talker

"Pick up lines?.....Hmm-  
mm I know a few, 'Can I  
defry your hard-drive?....  
If you were a sandwich,  
I'd eat you... If I could  
rewrite the alphabet, I'd  
put 'u' and 'I' togeth-  
er.'"

-Nathan Ackley, fresh-  
man



## Oh so Clever

Tips coming from a Ma-  
ster Pimp:

"If the girl's eyes are  
blue- you look her right  
in the eyes and say 'Your  
eyes are as blue as fresh  
cleaned toilet water.'"

"If the girl's eyes are  
green- you simply say  
'Your eyes are as green  
as a freshly mowed go-  
course.'"

"If the girl's eyes are  
brown- you tell her 'No  
many girls have brown  
eyes, and that's why you  
are special.'"

"Also, if you and your  
friends are walking be-  
hind a herd of females  
simply run up to one of  
them shouting 'Angela!  
Angela!', and when she  
turns around, act sur-  
prised and explain that  
you once dated a beauty  
queen named Angela and  
that you somehow mixed  
the two of them up. Next  
introduce yourself with a  
suave smile..."

Courtesy of Chris Dade  
dyPimp

-Schembra, sophomore



# Studying Abroad

## AUSTRALIA

Megan Schutz  
the sandspur

The third week into our stay in Australia, we got the chance of a lifetime. A weekend trip to the Outback, or as they call it here, The Red Centre. Gathering at the Sydney airport on that Friday morning, we were all ready to undertake a weekend of hardcore camping and fun. Of course, our trip was delayed a couple hours because of a seat on the plane was broken, and that was the start of a few things to go wrong on the weekend getaway.

Arriving in the tiny airport in Alice Springs, we're greeted by Matt and head over to pack up our three real SUVs. With a brief stop into town to get last minute supplies, we're all ready for our journey to begin. Our first stop was camping in Catherine's Gorge, about an hour outside of Alice Springs. We arrived at the campsite after dark, so we had to pitch tents and cook dinner in pure Australian darkness. Since it was cold and windy out, we all slept in swags

(a bed role sleeping bag type thing) and woke up bright and early to start our day out. We all got to hike around the gorge, which gave us some amazing views of the Australian outback as well as a glimpse of a couple rock wallaby, then we had to head to our next destination in King's Canyon. A four hour drive through the outback on a largely unpaved road. There was nothing around us but the red sands for most of the drive.

And of course about 40 minutes before we got to our next campsite, the SUV with the trailer attached got a flat tire. Thirty minutes of sitting in the heat and direct sunlight, we were ready to go. Our campsite at King's Canyon was a huge step up from the one at Katherine's Gorge. It was complete with hot water, a pool, camel riding, helicopter tours, quad biking, kangaroo feeding, and many other fun activities. Luckily, even after the flat tire, we made it to the campsite in plenty of time to enjoy more of the sunshine and activities. The next day, we took an amazing hike, complete with the steepest set of stairs I think I've ever climbed, around King's Canyon. On the hike, we

encountered snakes and skinks native to Australia. After completing the strenuous hike, we got back onto the road for the main attraction of our camping trip, Ayer's Rock or Uluru to the Aboriginal people.

Arriving right before sunset, we enjoyed the sunset with crackers and cheese, snapping away photos and taking in the beautiful sunset. The camping near Ayer's Rock was even more comfortable than the previous two. Most all of us opted to not bother pitching the tents and instead just sleep in our swags under the full moon and stars. We also got to try Kangaroo tail after dinner.

Despite how crowded the campgrounds were, we saw dingo and rabbits, as well as goanna tracks. The next day we took a drive around Ayer's Rock stopping at the cultural center to learn a bit more about the Aboriginal culture and the importance of Uluru, then took a brief walk around the base, before heading to the airport to catch our flight back to Sydney.

You may groan about camping, but even at the roughest of campsites, we still did it in style, complete with amazing dinner.

## Leaving Home for College



## Homesickness at Rollins

Rochelle Siegel  
the sandspur

Every year hundreds of teenagers move away from home, enter college, and learn to take care of themselves without the watchful eye of a parent. Adjusting to a life away from home is a huge step for anyone and that is why it is so hard for many. But, everyone is different when it comes to leaving home and beginning college.

"I think the hardest thing for college students throughout the ages is the new found freedom that comes with college," said Doug Little of Rollins Explorations.

Many first year students at Rollins admitted that the amount of freedom they have makes it hard to adjust. Danielle Nannini said she almost has too much time and she doesn't know what to with it.

Several factors play into how easy or hard the first year at college is for first year students. A student's relationship with their family can either help or hurt when entering college. If, for example, students are close to their family it can make it harder for a student to break away and become independent. First year student Laura Fox said she was not homesick until her mother came to visit her. "It's hard to see your family then have to go back to college," she said.

College is a new playing field, "it's a blank slate," said Little. "Some students are paralyzed by the choices," he said.

For a student's "whole life their parents have been planning every second of every day for them and now they have to make their own schedules and learn to balance their own time and it's tough if you've never had to do that before," said Little. As a result of this new found independence students tend to become homesick and depressed.

"Relationship issues, anxiety, and depression are certainly present," said Mark Freeman, Director of Counseling and Psychological Services at Rollins. The toughest part of adjusting is realizing something is wrong and fixing it.

"Early in the year we see lots of students feeling anxious and depressed," added Diane Hathaway, Assistant Director of Rollins Counseling and Psychological Services. "These students are most likely to withdraw." According to the counseling center at Rollins, once a student becomes withdrawn they begin to do poorly in their classes, spend more time alone, and even sometimes

fight with families.

"To cope with the homesickness I try to keep busy all the time," said Anneli Fernandez. "When I'm doing something with my friends or in class my mind is preoccupied."

It is scary to put yourself out there in a brand new scene, but the best things to do are to keep busy and spend time with other students. "Homesickness sets in when you sit around worrying about the problem," said Little.

According to Hathaway, students with at least two college affiliations, such as Greek life, sports, clubs, or roommates, adjust better than students with only one or no affiliations. "Some student's need a lot of friends and affiliations and other just need a few close friends to feel at home," said Hathaway.

Certain problems are heightened by the inability to cope with changes, resisting peer pressure, and unwillingness to become independent.

As Doug Little said, problems begin to occur when "students don't get involved and meet people and end up just sitting around struggling with academic issues or if they are having too much fun and not devoting enough time to their school work, which is much harder than what they were used to in high school."

Students need to figure out what their interested in and pursue that passion, Doug Little explained. "Adjusting to college is a process," he said, "everyone is going through the same thing."

Hilary Serra, Senior at Rollins and former Peer Mentor explained how many of her mentees seemed to "recharge during family weekend and it those who go home all the time that don't have the opportunity to become independent."

"Successful new students should be happy to be at Rollins, not all of the time, but they should have more happy days than sad ones, and be successful inside of the classroom and be making friends and connections outside of the RCC setting," Doug Little said. College is a big step, but the best way to cope with it is to take one tiny step at a time. Little believes that students should seek others out to study with and never study alone.

"During your first year you're going to have ups and downs, peaks and valleys and the goal is to make it through the valley's and have as many peaks as possible," said Little.

# Jessie Benson

## Senior Spotlight

Nicole Fiedler  
the sandspur

Hometown: BALTIMORE, MD

What are your extracurricular activities?

At school, I write for and am the advertising manager for the Sandspur and I am also a peer mentor.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I love to work out, travel, go to the beach, and go out with friends. I love trying new places downtown!!

What do you plan on doing upon graduation?

I plan on moving back to Baltimore, doing a lot of traveling this summer, and then get a job with a magazine in Baltimore, ideally either Style or Baltimore magazine, but we shall see what happen with that!

Your favorite class at Rollins and why:

This is hard...well Pilates was my favorite class that I took for fun! And I guess American Dream with Van Sickle was one of my favorites. I always love Van Sickle's classes, even though they are very challenging and require a ton of reading. I feel like he sets the class up very well and the class has a nice flow. In this particular one we got to watch several movies and see how the concept of the American Dream was shown in each. It made me think about our society and how so many Americans are led to believe in the hope of achieving the American Dream, when in reality it is not as easy as simply working hard.

Favorite thing about Rollins:

Sporting events. I love going to basketball games!! I also love that Rollins provides a ton of opportunities for everyone's interests. For example, I love going hiking, skiing, and to the beach, all of these activities are things that ROC does. It is very easy to find a group of people with similar interests on this campus because there is such a wide range of clubs and events happening on campus.

Least favorite thing about Rollins:

No football team!! I love football and think that it is very sad we don't have a team. Instead, I just have to either fly to Baltimore for Raven's games or drive to Gainesville to watch the Gators!

What is a random fact people might not know about you?

I jumped off of the highest bungee jump in the world!

What advice would you give underclassmen?

To enjoy your four years here and to get involved with something you love and are passionate about. Have fun! After these four years you are on your own in the real world so just enjoy every minute of life at Rollins.



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# Opinions

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## Price of Contractors: Billions, Credibility

**Sacramento Bee Editorial**  
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When historians look back on the Iraq occupation, the policy of outsourcing basic U.S. military functions to private contractors will stand out.

The September incident in Baghdad that killed 17 Iraqi civilians and wounded 24 has put the spotlight — including a high-profile Tuesday hearing of the House Oversight Committee — on one contractor, Blackwater USA. But the larger issue is the increasing dependence of the U.S. military on private military companies — a Bush administration policy to “liberate” the defense sector by privatizing it, as former Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld put

it.

In Iraq, private contractors guard U.S. military bases, the Green Zone, critical infrastructure and important people. They provide armed escorts for supply convoys, gather intelligence and interrogate detainees, engage in covert operations and more.

This outsourcing of core military functions has hidden the true cost of war from Congress and the American people. That has allowed President Bush to low-ball the size of the U.S. occupation. Though the Bush administration does not track how many private contractors operate in Iraq, various sources have estimated the numbers at 127,000 (with 20,000 to 30,000 who are armed) — nearly matching the 140,000 U.S.

military forces in Iraq.

It also has allowed the president to underreport casualties, since the administration doesn't track private contractors killed or wounded. Other sources estimate that more than 1,000 private contractors have been killed and more than 12,000 wounded. Add that to 3,800 U.S. military fatalities and 28,000 wounded and you get a different picture of the occupation.

The bill to taxpayers is unknown — but it's billions.

And that's not to mention the inequities of one-source, no-bid contracts and the \$500 to \$1,500 per day that private contractors get paid (compared with about \$70 a day for soldiers).

The legal status of private

military companies remains unclear. Blackwater owner Erik Prince insisted at Tuesday's hearing that contractors are part of the U.S. Total Force — and thus are not subject to civilian law. But Blackwater also insists that contractors are not soldiers, who are subject to the Uniform Code of Military Justice. That's like Vice President Dick Cheney's claim that his office is part of neither the executive nor the legislative branch.

Allowing private contractors to act independently of the military chain of command and rules of engagement has had serious consequences, such as the Fallujah ambush and Najaf firefight in March and April 2004. And Blackwater isn't alone. The Army's Takuba Report found that private military contractors

CACI and Titan were at the core of detainee abuse at Abu Ghraib in late 2003. These private contractor incidents do nothing to help the U.S. effort to “win hearts and minds” and surely have contributed to the rise of the Iraqi insurgency.

The House passed a bill Thursday that would make contractors subject to prosecution by U.S. courts. The Senate is likely to follow. But Congress also must pass legislation requiring disclosure about the numbers of private contractors, the cost of contracts, contractor use-of-force incidents and contractor injuries and deaths.

Removing the veil of secrecy is the only way to pin down the true cost of the Iraq occupation.

## SCHIP: For the Children...Or Not

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President Bush has followed through on his threat to veto an expansion of the State Children's Health Insurance Program. Predictably, Democrats accused him of, in the words of Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, “depriving millions of poor children of health care.” But even setting aside the fact that health insurance and health care are not the same thing — as the hundreds of thousands of patients on waiting lists in countries with national health care can attest — the SCHIP expansion has never been about helping poor children.

Indeed, despite the big “C” for “Children” in the program's name, 12 states currently use S-CHIP funds to provide taxpayer-funded insurance for adults.

According to data released by the Department of Health and Human Services in July, Wisconsin covers almost twice as many adults as children — and spends 75 percent of its SCHIP funds on them. Minnesota spends 63 percent of its SCHIP funds on adults. In New Jersey, it's 43 percent.

Nor is the program targeted to the poor or those most in need. Under the proposed expansion, taxpayers would be subsidizing insurance for middle-class families earning as much as \$82,000 for a family of four. This is an extension of what amounts to welfare benefits well into the middle class. And, ironically, this expansion of benefits is theoretically funded primarily through a tobacco tax — which is highly regressive, falling hardest on low-income Americans.

Even worse, according to a study in the journal *Inquiry*, six

out of every 10 children covered under SCHIP already had private coverage. S-CHIP merely encourages their family or their family's employer to drop private coverage and switch to the government program — at taxpayer expense. Increasing eligibility will only worsen this crowding out effect. At the upper levels of the proposed eligibility expansion, fully 89 percent of children already have private insurance.

That is what the battle over S-CHIP is really about. Many of the program's supporters see it as the first step in creating a full-blown government-run national health care system. A memo from Hillary Clinton's secret 1993 health care task force called for a “kids first” approach to bringing all of American health care under government control. Since then, national health care advocates have seen children's

health insurance as the camel's nose under the tent for a wider program.

And those plans are well under way. Already nearly 45 percent of all American children are enrolled in government health programs such as Medicaid and S-CHIP. Under the proposed expansion, 70 percent of children would be pushed into government-run health care. At the same time, Clinton and others are calling for opening Medicare to people younger than age 65. Thus, private health insurance will be squeezed from both the top and the bottom.

Of course we all like to see more children, indeed more Americans of all ages, have easier access to affordable health insurance. But getting there means eliminating the expensive government mandates and regulations that drive up the

cost of insurance, not increasing government subsidies and control. For example, Congress can repeal the barriers that prevents families living in states like New York and New Jersey where regulations have made insurance particularly expensive from buying policies in lower cost states. And Congress could provide a tax break for families who buy insurance separately from their employers. Health savings accounts can and should be expanded.

Congressional Democrats have scheduled a vote to override the president's veto on October 18. Between now and then, we can expect a great deal of wailing and gnashing of teeth over the plight of the children. Congress should ignore the rhetoric and uphold this veto.

This time, let's not do it for the children.

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# Why is Thomas Reopening This Chapter?

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Penning a memoir is one of the few forms of therapy available to a U.S. Supreme Court justice. So we should hope that Clarence Thomas found it cathartic to vent in his just-released book, "My Grandfather's Son."

Otherwise we are left to contemplate the idea of a man "with issues" sitting on the court that ultimately decides the law of the land.

More than 30 years after his graduation from Yale Law School, Thomas keeps a 15-cent sticker on his diploma to signify what his Ivy League education is worth to him.

He has kept the rejection letters from an early job search for decades.

But Thomas' resentment at the slights he believes were dealt to him in law school and upon

graduation pales in comparison to the anger he has harbored regarding his confirmation hearings 16 years ago.

"I'd been nominated to sit on the Supreme Court — but my refusal to swallow the liberal pieties that had done so much damage to blacks in America meant that I had to be destroyed," he wrote in his memoir.

Black friends had warned him that "the man" would stop him if he climbed too high, he wrote. "Now I knew who 'the man' was. He'd come at last to kill me, and I had looked upon his hateful, leering face as he slipped his noose of lies around my neck."

In his book and in recent interviews, Thomas frames the fracas surrounding his confirmation as an attempt by "left-wing zealots" to discredit him because he didn't toe the liberal line, especially on abortion.

He unloads on law professor Anita Hill, the former employee who came forward with allegations that Thomas had made lewd comments and tried to pursue a romantic relationship with her.

"My most traitorous adversary," Thomas calls Hill. His book portrays her as a problematic employee who didn't complete assignments or get along with others when she worked for Thomas at two federal departments.

He describes her as "sullen, withdrawn and touchy," and "far too interested in my social calendar." And perhaps worst of all: "a left-winger."

Thomas' confirmation hearings before the U.S. Senate represented contact politics at its worst. That he emerged bruised is not surprising.

What's less understandable is the decision by the 59-year-old Supreme Court justice to make the nation relive that

bizarre chapter. Once again, we are asked to choose sides.

Who lied, the law professor or the judge?

Lots of people will line up as they did in 1991. But we now know that Hill's allegations didn't come out of the blue; acquaintances confirm that she complained about Thomas' behavior while she worked for him. Another former employee has made similar allegations.

Former college classmates of Thomas', as well as acquaintances in Washington, have confirmed that he was a consumer of pornographic films and that they'd heard him use language similar to what Hill related to the Senate.

That kind of information, related in accounts such as the recent biography "Supreme Discomfort" by journalists Kevin Merida and Michael A. Fletcher, makes Thomas' willingness to pick the scab off of his own wound all the more

puzzling.

Every Supreme Court justice brings his or her life experiences and convictions to the bench.

And so we have seen Thomas, scarred from being labeled as an affirmative action admission to Yale, act to dismantle race-based preferences.

We've seen him make it harder for workers to gain redress for wrongs or discrimination incurred on the job.

The last session alone, with the court's new conservative majority, gave Thomas ample opportunity to chip away at the cherished precedents of the liberal elite that he finds so loathsome.

If he found revenge to be therapeutic, it doesn't show in his book. What shows is a supreme chip on a shoulder that probably will weigh on the nation for years to come.

## Accurate Voter Registration Lists are Crucial

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In a few months, Americans will cast ballots in the earliest and most crowded presidential primary season in our history. Many will arrive at the polls only to find they are not on the list of registered voters. In this, and in every election, the accuracy of voter registration lists is essential.

In states throughout the country, the integrity of voter registration lists is in question. In 2004, a study by the Chicago Tribune found that more than 187,000 of the voters on the rolls in six swing states were deceased. Additional controversies erupted during the election cycle as partisan and nonpartisan registration drives were charged with submitting fictitious registrations and destroying applications, and election officials were accused of erecting needless barriers to voter registration or using faulty means to purge their lists.

Registration rolls are cre-

ated in a very piecemeal way, relying on local registrars, state motor vehicle agencies and a wide array of nonpartisan and partisan get-out-the-vote campaigns. Efforts to ensure registration rolls are up-to-date are impeded by limitations in state data management technologies and federal legal constraints on when names can be removed from lists. And while the private sector has developed efficient ways to keep consumer records current, the 40 million Americans that move each year must manually re-register to vote when they change addresses — a process that is time-consuming for both voters and election officials.

If past trends hold true, an estimated 19 million prospective voters will be left off the rolls in the next election, and the lists will contain millions of ineligible names. This is a serious management problem for local election officials and an opportunity for those seeking to manipulate elections.

Democracies around the world are doing a far better job

than we are at ensuring the integrity of their voter rolls. Perhaps the most important step they have taken is in the use of automatic registration practices to compile and maintain their lists. In Canada, a linked system of government agency databases registers eligible voters as soon as they reach voting age. In Denmark, inclusion on the register is automatic, requiring only that voters report any changes in residency.

Here at home, states are experimenting with similar innovations:

—Arizona was the first state to allow online registration, and in 2006 more than half of all new registrants did so via the Internet.

—Florida just updated its laws to allow new drivers to pre-register when they get their first license. When these new drivers turn 18 they will automatically be added to the voter rolls.

—Michigan directly linked its registration and motor vehicle databases. More than 600,000 out-of-date voter registration

records were removed and that list is now automatically updated whenever a change of address is filed with the DMV.

—Ohio is undertaking an effort to register those who relocate frequently by tying registration to change-of-address systems; they are also exploring a partnership with the Overseas Vote Foundation to expedite registration for military and civilian voters abroad.

—Washington state is testing personalized invitations to 18-year-olds to vote and will soon allow online voter registration.

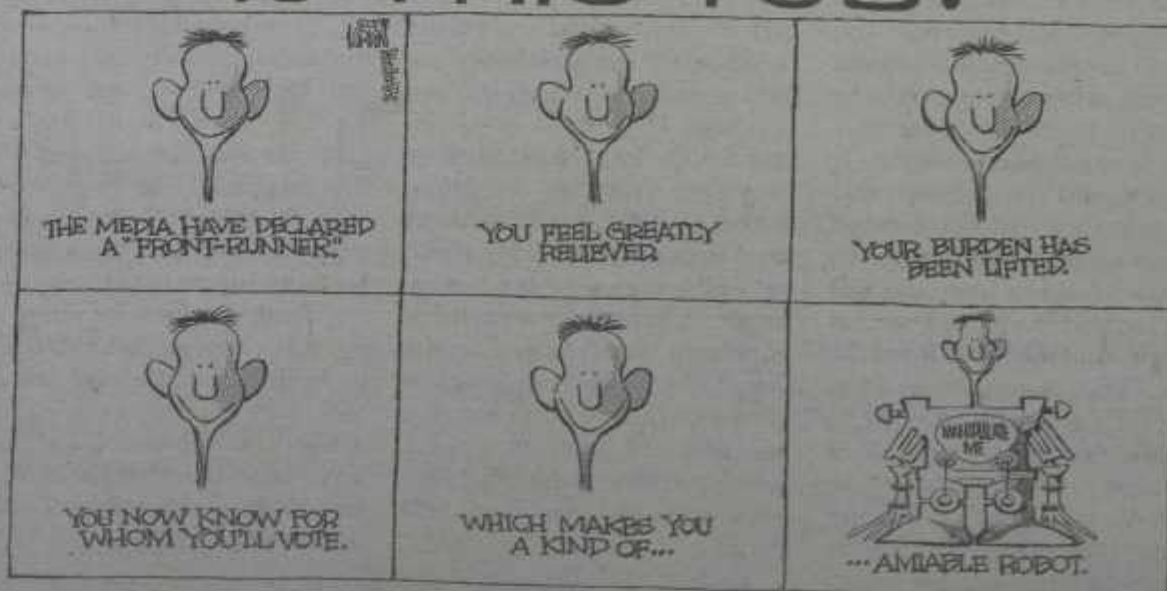
Each of these innovations represents a promising step forward, and in the coming election cycle they deserve serious evaluation. But even if they succeed, they are only Band-Aids. It is time to take an entirely new look at the way we compile and maintain our voter registration rolls. Certainly reform must be built on a solid base of evidence and change must roll out at a pace that already overburdened elections officials can manage. But that should not limit us to incremental embellishments to a

mediocre system that has failed to keep pace with the changes in our society.

Accomplishments in the states, the private sector and other democracies suggest we could be much more ambitious. It is time to take a hard look at whether universal portable registration is possible in the United States — a system where states would have a comprehensive list of all their voters; registration would seamlessly follow those who move; ineligible names could not be added to the list and information would be managed reliably. With solid evidence collected during the 2008 election cycle, it will be time to wrestle with that question and other bold ideas that would transform rather than repair our elections.

Registration is the pathway to voting for every American. Our goal should be no less ambitious than a state-of-the-art system worthy of American democracy and the voters who make it work.

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## The Comeback Kid on Ice

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It was just a normal hockey practice for Brandon Burns. He was skating, doing drills, and joking with his teammates. But then his knee started to hurt. Never did he imagine that the pain would nearly end his hockey career.

"I was skating, and my knee started locking up," Burns says. "I went to the doctor for arthroscopic knee surgery, but it was much worse."

When doctors began to operate, they found something entirely unexpected: Burns' fibula had been pushed back and up into his knee two inches.

"That is a pretty significant injury and one that is not common," says Paul Giannotti, the head athletic trainer at Rollins College. "A fibula dislocation can cause trouble walking and impair knee function. There's a lot of therapy that goes into rehabbing after this to help teach people how to walk properly."

"It's not a real common athletic injury. You hear about these more with car accidents."

The injury, which happened during Burns' senior year of high school, was career threatening. Surgery required eight months of rehab. He tried playing for six months, but his knee was still bothering him, despite the strenuous physical

therapy.

"I just wasn't at the same level anymore, so I quit," Burns says. "I was ready to start the next stage of my life, ready to go to college."

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At a very young age, it was obvious that hockey would play a big role in Burns' life. He learned how to skate at the age of three; when he turned five, he began to play hockey. Even though he idolized Mario Lemieux, the legendary center for his hometown Pittsburgh Penguins, Burns played defense.

At the age of 15, Burns began playing for a traveling team, competing against the best players in the northeast. For two years of high school, he lived with a host family in Michigan to play on a national team. His opponents were the best players at his age, and he even competed against some college teams. Through it all, Burns held his own.

But then doctors cut open his knee and lower leg, and it became too much for him to keep playing the sport he loved. He began his freshman year at Rollins College in the fall of 2004, not even knowing the school had a hockey team. When someone told him, he

hesitated in joining. Hockey was in the past.

"I was reluctant until I got on the ice," Burns says. "But I figured it was a great way to meet people."

One of the people he met was Carson Nicely, a junior. Upon meeting Burns, Nicely immediately identified both Burns' hockey talent and character.

"When I first saw Burns, I recognized him as the type of person who commands respect on and off the ice," Nicely says. "The best thing about him as a player is that he's not selfish, even though he's one of the best on the team, by far. Even though he had a much better chance to score a goal, he'd pass the puck to someone else."

Burns returned to hockey just one year after giving it up. He pays for everything — pads, stick, and jersey — out of his own pocket, just like everyone else on the Rollins team. They compete against teams from Florida State and Florida Institute of Technology, starting as late as 10 o'clock at night sometimes. It's a far cry from his days on traveling teams and national teams, but Burns wouldn't have it any other way.

"I would do it all over again," he says. "Without a doubt, I would."



YONI BINSTOCK/the sandspur

**DID YOU KNOW?** Rollins has a hockey team! The squad is a member of the American Collegiate Hockey Association and they play most of their games at the RDV Sportplex. They face off against USF on October 19th. You can check them out on the web by pointing your browser to [www.freewebs.com/rollinsicehockey](http://www.freewebs.com/rollinsicehockey)

Athlete of the Week:  
Lacy Goodwyn

The athlete of the week is Lacy Goodwyn. Lacy is a freshman and she plays on the Women's Lacrosse team. Lacy is from Washington D.C. and attended Holton-Arms HS. She played soccer for two years and ice hockey for four. On choosing Rollins she says, "lets face it, it is the prettiest school I have ever seen." Lacy was one of the few girls recruited to play lacrosse and that was a major deciding factor for her. Lacy has played lacrosse for eight years now and she can not imagine life without it. It makes her very happy to be a part of Rollins first Lacrosse team because she does not know if she would have chosen this school if they had not decided to form a team. Even though the intensity level is high and she does not lead the life of a normal college student, it is hard to imagine not playing since it has been such an enormous part of her life. She knows that all of this hard work will pay off in the long run. Lacy is playing midfield for the team this year because her strengths are speed,

Amy Barlow  
*the sandspur*

footwork, accurate vision of the field, and strong stick skills. She played attack positions in high school, but is very excited to try something new.

Lacy had very positive things to say about her coach. She says he is "very understanding, supportive, and awesome." He wants the best for every girls on the team, both on and off the field. As for the team, they are getting along very well and are bonding. They mesh very well and have a lot of fun together. Lacy says that they are going to be a better and stronger team because they all get along so well. She says that every single player brings something important and unique to the game. Their first team practice is Monday, and Lacy believes that they are going to make a major positive impact in their conference. Her coach said, "We are going to create a dynasty."

Lacy claims that there are

three players, besides her humble self, that will take this program to the next level and be essential to the future success of their team: Courtney Bianculli, Liz Connelly, and Katy Tyszkio. These players bring strength and much needed positive support to the field.

For their fall training the team is allowed to condition together and have individuals once a week for an hour. They only have Wednesdays and Sundays off. Lacy is looking forward to the spring season and cannot wait for their first game because she is very positive that they are going to win. She believes that this program is really going to take off after this year and is very proud to have this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

Thank you Lacy for filling us in on the newest sport to come to Rollins College and we all look forward to seeing you in action in the spring! Good luck girls, keep working hard! That which does not kill you only makes you stronger.

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# NFL Quarter Season RoundUP!

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A quarter of a season has past in the NFL, it is clear now who we should be watching for and what story lines we should be following into the winter. Among the things you should keep an eye out for are the San Diego Chargers picking it back up. Norv Turner will be trying as hard as he can to sabotage them, but the Chargers are just too talented to stay down all

season. They showed what they can still do against the Broncos this past week, and they're not looking to stop. LDT has given enough teary-eyed post-game press conferences. Also look for Miami to... continue losing. A lot. The loss of their quarterback to concussions isn't likely to turn a winless team into anything else.

## AFC Playoff Picture

**North:** Pittsburgh Steelers. They lost to the cards, but are still leading the division, and are the team giving up the least points per game at an average of 9.4. Barring some unexpected changes, the division should be theirs.

**South:** Indianapolis Colts. Do I really need to explain why? The Titans, Jaguars, and even the Texans are looking better than expected this year, but Unless Peyton Manning develops epilepsy, the Colts hegemony over the South should continue.

**East:** New England Patriots. End of story. Not only do they look like the best team in the league, but they're the only good team in the division.

**West:** Now this one is actually pretty tough. All four teams have 2 wins apiece. But my money is still on the Chargers. Give them time and I believe they'll take back over in this division.

**Wild Cards:** Tennessee Titans and Baltimore Ravens. The Jaguars make a strong case, but the Titans have really impressed everyone this year, and it's hard for two wild card spots to come from one division.

**North:** Green Bay Packers. Anything could happen here, but with the way Brett Favre and that young Green Bay defense have been playing, it'll be hard to wrestle the NFC North lead away from their hands.

## NFC Playoff Picture

**South:** No one. What? That's not an option? All right then, the Carolina Panthers. The incumbent Saints have reached new levels of suckitude, even Falcons tight end Alge Crumpler thinks they have no shot, and the Bucs- the only other team in the division who could really win it- are going through running backs faster than Britney Spears through rehab.

**East:** Dallas Cowboys. It pains me to say it, but Tony Romo and the rest of the Cowboys offense have been downright prolific- until this week. If he doesn't get his act together, the 'Boys won't even finish second in the division, but something tells me he's not going to start all the rest of their games with one to four touchdown to interception ratio (three to four if you include touchdowns to the Bills!) first halves.

**West:** Seattle Seahawks. The 49ers fell apart after a couple games, the Rams are in the hunt for the number one pick in the 2008 NFL Draft, and I don't trust the Cardinals to win the division.

**Wild Cards:** Washington Redskins and New York Giants. Forget what I said about 3 playoff teams from one division; the NFC East did it last year, and they might do it again. The Redskins have only one loss (which could've been different if not for a spectacular failing to get 1 yard with four downs) and the best point differential of all the 3-1 teams with 35. After them, it's tougher, but if the Giants have shown some real- if fleeting- flashes. It also works in their favor that the only other division I could see sending a team to the wild card is the North, and between the way the Skins dismantled the Lions and the fact that Da Bears are still under .500, I'm not picking either of them. So it's the Giants by default.

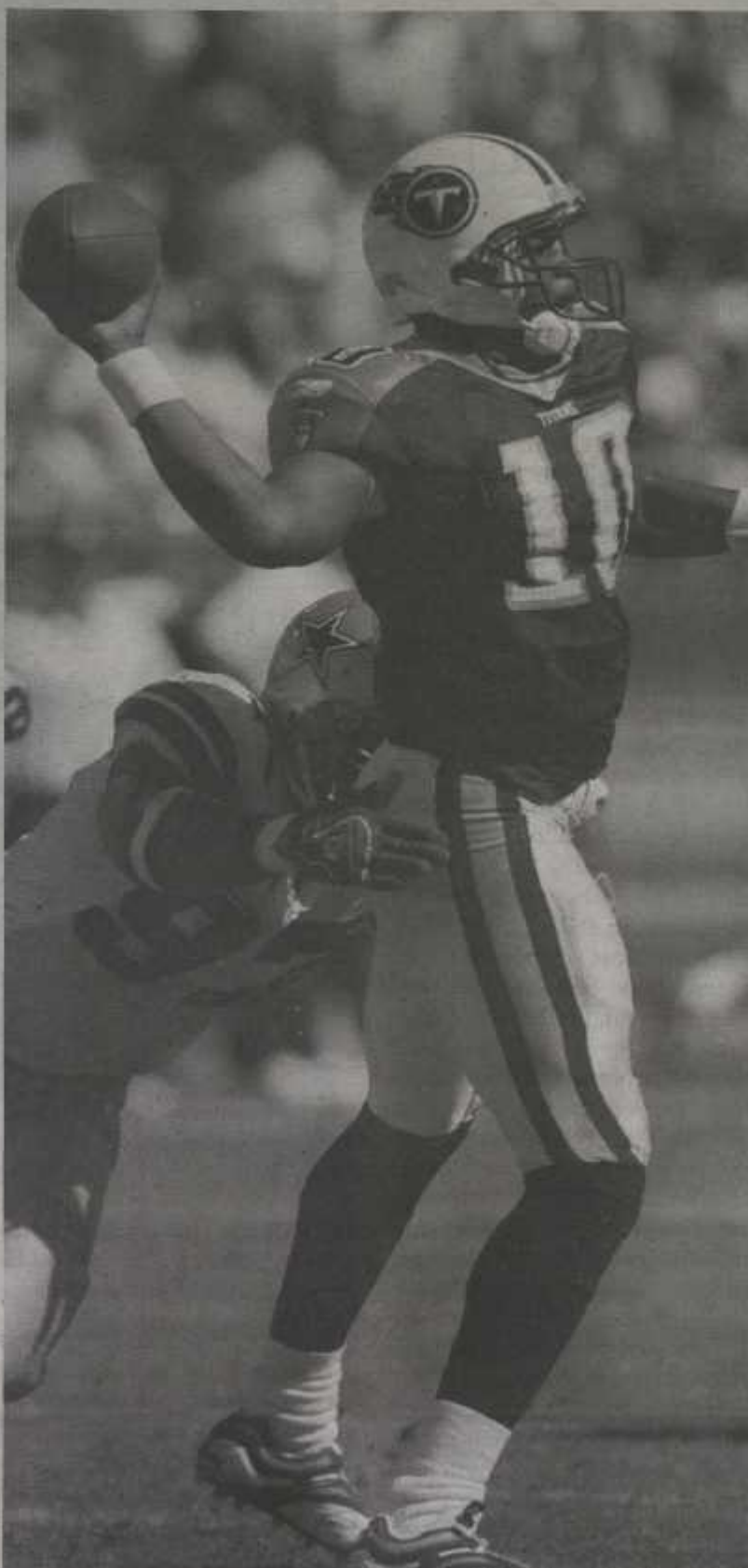


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**VINCEMANIA:** If Vince Young can find someone to throw the ball to, the Titans will be able to do what they couldn't in the 1999 season, win the Super Bowl.

## Rollins Tars Athletic Calendar

10/16- Women's Golf  
@ NSU Shark Invitational (Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.)  
Men's Soccer  
Warner Southern 7 p.m.

10/17- Women's Soccer  
@ Flagler 7 p.m.  
Volleyball  
@ Eckerd 7 p.m.

10/20-@ Men's and Women's Rowing @ Head of the Tennessee (Knoxville, Tenn.) and Head of the Charles (Boston, Mass.)

10/23- Men's Golf  
@ St. Mary's Intercollegiate (San Antonio, Texas)  
Women's Soccer  
Palm Beach Atlantic 7 p.m.

10/24- Volleyball  
@ Tampa 7 p.m.

10/26- Waterski  
@ NCWSA National Championships (Zackary, La.)  
Women's Soccer  
Lynn 7 p.m.  
Volleyball  
@ Saint Leo 7 p.m.

10/27- Waterski  
@ NCWSA National Championships (Zackary, La.)  
Sailing  
@ Fall Championships (Eckerd)  
Men's and Women's Swimming  
Team Orlando (exhibition) 1 p.m.  
Volleyball  
Palm Beach Atlantic 7 p.m.  
Men's Soccer  
Lynn 7 p.m.

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# The State of College Football

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With the BCS rankings scheduled to come out soon, it will give college football fanatics an official source on what kind of chances their team has of reaching a BCS bowl game this year. If your team has lost one game, not to worry, chances are that they are still around this season is going. From Appalachian State's monumental opening weekend upset of Michigan in the Big House to USC's seemingly improbable collapse against unranked Stanford in the Coliseum, college football has had its list of stories this season. Then there are teams like Boston College and South Florida, who find themselves ranked #4 and #5 in the country respectively with undefeated records and a legitimate shot of making it to the BCS National Championship Game in New Orleans in January. There are also teams like Cincinnati, Kansas, Missouri and Hawaii that have undefeated records and have a solid chance at getting to one of the five BCS Bowl Games. Which teams are going to be around at the end of the season, and which teams are just enjoying their 15 seconds of fame? Here's a look at the contenders.

1. South Florida- In case you didn't notice in nationally televised games over Auburn or West Virginia, the Bulls are for real. With the spectacular play of the defense combined with a solid offense that features QB Matt Grothe and RB Benjamin Williams the Bulls have a very good shot of running the table. However, in order to do that Coach Jim Leavitt must find a way for his offense to quit turning the ball over as it has kept the Bulls from putting the nail in the coffin in games that were much closer than they should have been. They also have a tough schedule that features going to Rutgers, and hosting #15 Cincinnati, and Louisville, who was ranked as high as #9 in the beginning of the season. Projection: They should definitely win the Big East and go to a BCS game, but they won't go undefeated.

2. Virginia Tech- I know, they lost to LSU by 41 points. But that was a month and a quarter ago. The Hokie offense is still anemic at times, but red shirt freshman Tyrod Taylor (who reminds people of Michael Vick before he started fighting dogs) has given the team and the school something to cheer about. Defensively they are the one of the Top 15 teams in the nation, as they have held every opponent except for LSU and Clemson to under 10 points. Add the outstanding special teams play which has scored four touchdowns this year and

this is a team that is primed to win the Coastal Division of the ACC. The schedule is favorable, as a road trip to #4 Boston College and a pivotal home game against #21 Florida State should decide their BCS fate.

Projection: Yes, LSU was that good. They will probably lose at BC, but will still win the ACC Coastal Division and play FSU in the ACC title game.

3. LSU- After beating Florida, there is no way they won't play for the BCS national title game as they are by far the best team in the country. They have the most weapons on both sides of the ball and can beat any team at their own game—just ask Steve Spurrier how South Carolina got beat. They have played the toughest part of their schedule already with home games against Florida and South Carolina. Stiff tests at Kentucky and Alabama remain, but they face Auburn and Arkansas at home in Death Valley.

Projection: If Kentucky and Alabama weren't struggling like they have been in the past two weeks, I might give them a shot at the upset. LSU will win out, win the SEC and play for the national title just down the road in New Orleans.

4. Michigan- You may think I'm crazy saying that a team that lost to a 1-AA team is for real, but after their performance in recent weeks, I'm on the bandwagon that says Michigan has a chance of winning the Big Ten title. Their schedule is tough, but after a disastrous first two games, the defense has improved by leaps and bounds. Offensively, as long as they continue to let Mike Hart run the ball, it means Chad Henne, who has struggled this season, won't have to throw the ball. This bold statement won't come easy as games against Purdue and traveling to Wisconsin and Illinois lay on the horizon before the Buckeyes roll into town.

Projection: Ohio State exposed Purdue, and Illinois and Wisconsin are both highly overrated. My point is that this is a very down year for the Big Ten and the Big Ten Championship game will be decided in Ann Arbor on November 17th when Ohio State rolls into town.

5. Colorado- Dan Hawkins' bunch may be the best team that you have never heard of. They played their toughest part of their schedule early as they lost to Florida State and Arizona State before the monumental upset of Oklahoma. It also helps that they play in the Big 12 North, which will likely be decided in boulder on November 3rd when Missouri comes to town. If



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**GO BULLS!** University of South Florida's Mike Jenkins (4) breaks up a touchdown pass in the end zone to University of Central Florida's Mike Wallace (11). The Bulls hope to be in the National Title picture, but they still have some stiff competition.

QB Cody Hawkins keeps his consistency up and RB Scotty McKnight keeps running for 13 yards per carry Colorado will likely see the Sooners again December 1st in the Big 12 Title Game in San Antonio.

Projection: The schedule clearly favors Colorado over anyone in the Big 12 North even though they still have to face Kansas and Nebraska and travel to Kansas State and Texas Tech with Missouri mixed in there. If they beat Missouri they should win the North, but will probably get smashed by Oklahoma in the revenge game on December 1st.

Pretenders- These teams had their 15 seconds of Fame. Goodbye.

1. Hawaii- They are 6-0 for a reason. They have the worst strength of schedule out of anyone in Division 1-A. Colt Brennan is looking less and less like a Heisman and more and more of just another product of Coach June Jones' run and gun system. Top that off with their defense giving up over 30 points to hapless WAC opponents Louisiana Tech and Utah State and you have a recipe for a second half disaster.

Projection: Colt Brennan's ankle could be a problem and it will likely get worse. They will get exposed later on in the season when they face Boise State, Washington and Fresno State, not to mention a trap game at Nevada sandwiched all in between that. 9-3 and a Hawaii bowl berth will be a consolation prize for this year's Warriors.

2. Illinois- Don't get me wrong, Ron Zook has tuned the program around at Illinois. But the program will have to settle

with a 180 degree turn instead of a complete 360. Zook's team is young and even the veterans on that team (who have won four games in two years) don't know how to handle success. It doesn't help that Ohio State and Michigan are on the schedule either.

Projection: Zook's team will finish 8-4 and third or fourth in the Big Ten. It's a monumental turnaround for a program that hasn't had a winning season since 2000, but that won't get you in a BCS game.

3. Arizona State- Arizona State is 6-0 because of two things: good coaching and a weak schedule. Dennis Erickson is back in the headlines again propelling the Sun Devils to a 6-0 start, but the only worthy opponent that they beat was Colorado. Erickson and his team will get a crash course in the Pac 10 the second half of this season as they still have to play Washington, Cal, USC and travel to Oregon and UCLA. It doesn't help that they haven't played very well against Pac 10 opponents.

## BCS Bowl Projections

National Title- California (BCS) vs. LSU (BCS)

Sugar- South Carolina (SEC) vs. West Virginia (Big East/At Large)

Fiesta- Oklahoma (Big 12) vs. USC (Pac 10)

Orange- Boston College (ACC) vs. South Florida (Big East)

Rose- Oregon (Pac 10) vs. Ohio State (Big 10)

Projection: They will win at least three of those Pac 10 games and finish 8-4. See what happens when you play a weak schedule. You will get exposed when the conference hits.

4. Kentucky- Rich Fisher is looking like the next Steve Spurrier and Andre Woodson is looking like a Heisman candidate, but that all changes when the Wildcats lost to South Carolina. The Wildcats are not a very quality ball club in the schedule that they face is absolutely brutal. They lost to LSU, Florida and Tennessee and have to travel to Georgia. They are 1-1 against Top 25 teams and the defense, which gave up 46 to Louisville and 38 to South Carolina will continue to be exposed.

Projection: Defense wins championships and I don't see them beating LSU or Florida even if the games are at home. They just don't have the versatility that either of the two teams has. 8-4 and a December bowl game is the best case scenario.