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## TARNival Sunday

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Patrick McKelvey, the Public Relations Director of Student Government Association (SGA), along with the Holt and Crummer SGA and Rollins Outdoor Club (ROC) will be presenting TARNival next Sunday, the 23. This event will be the first campus-wide carnival, uniting all Rollins faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends. All Tars are invited to spend the day with free food, a wide array of games and a lot of prizes.

Rollins TARNival does not just benefit the Rollins community but it also gives back to the greater Orlando community. Donating \$2 or two cans will give you the opportunity to give your friends, professors, staff, and campus representatives in the face to benefit "Help for the Homeless."

Everyone that is and was a part of the Rollins community should stop by and enjoy free hamburgers, hot dogs, cotton candy, popcorn, drinks, as well as carnival games with prizes. There will also be sand art, caricature artists, a rock wall, bounce houses, and music DJed by Rollins' own radio station, WPRK.

"Why not enjoy some free food and just celebrate being part of Rollins?" says Patrick. Indeed, TARNival would be a great launch for the upcoming Thanksgiving weekend and a perfect opportunity for the entire Rollins community to get together.

# Nigger, bitch, faggot a slurred discussion

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On Tuesday, November 11, the Office of Multicultural Affairs held a well-attended Diversity Dialogue to discuss the use of slurs such as nigger, bitch and faggot. The aim was to open up a forum for students to address the words' relative power. A panel of faculty and students opened the evening by presenting their remarks, and audience members were able to give their input thereafter.

Many thought-provoking ideas came to light during the event. Dr. Chambliss, for example, spoke on the struggle African Americans face to define themselves within society and attain the American dream. Referring to the historic use of the word "nigger," he talked about how "the words that are used to define you matter." When used by members from "outside" one's own group, they carry the weight of "accumulated cultural baggage," the meaning that comes with years of history within the United States.

When used by members of the group themselves, however, the word becomes a method of defining oneself while simultaneously assigning it a new meaning. Use of the word by members of the group may even be a response to the hurt that is inflicted on them through its use; when a word is used against a person, the only recourse may be to try to make the entire thing a joke.

Other panel members talked about the use of the word "bitch" and how it has been mostly reclaimed as a positive word, its constant use leading to a desensitization of its offensiveness. One example of this is Christina Aguilera's use of the word in her new song as evidence of assertiveness.

At the same time, however, Dr. Dennis brought up the way these words are used, not only by men to check women from the outside, but also by women



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**DIVERSITY:** Students listen as panel members discuss the use of slurs such as "nigger," "bitch" and "faggot." The event featured discussion of stereotypes as well as the effect of slurs when used by an "inside" or "outside" group member.

to check themselves. This type of "internalized oppression" can also be seen as operating for males through the word "faggot." As Dr. McLaren mentioned, it is used to keep men in line and to enforce their traditional role in society.

There was no general consensus on the question of equality between slurs. One student took the stance that all are equally wrong because they all stem from an intention to hurt the other party. As Dr.

Dennis said, "I think we get into trouble when we try to rank oppressions."

Yet the majority view seemed to be that some slurs actually are more harmful than others, and that these are differentiated for the most part by how much the word's use has been reclaimed. Also of importance is the situation itself, whether use of the word occurs between people on the "inside" or the "outside" of a specific group.

Overall, many in the audience, like Marcos Gonzalez, seemed to appreciate the effort but thought that much more work would be needed in the future. In Shakirra Meghjee's words, "...it was too informal and too much based on anecdote and personal philosophizing. A lot of the issues with stereotyping were not discussed. I think it was like a fluff therapy session, not a strong debate about injustice or prejudice. But at least it was something. It was interesting."



## Retention rates alarming

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In the past, Rollins has seen a positive retention rate within the freshman class. Typically, the school retains about 80%-85% of students each year. It seems that this year, however, students are looking into transferring at an alarming rate. Is there a reason for this sudden feeling of discontent with the college?

More than five hundred students chose Rollins College this year over the hundreds of other colleges in the US. For some, however, the experience has been a bit of a letdown. Freshman Ansley Walker says, "It's too small and too far away from home. I knew the school was small but I didn't think it was going to actually feel this small. The academics are what I'm used to from high school so it's mostly about the social scene and location. Some of the people here I don't really like and I think I would be better off somewhere else in a different location."

Another reason students seem to be transferring is tuition. Somehow, thousands of dollars in loans just does not seem appealing to some Rollins families, and several students have no choice but to transfer to a less expensive college or university after this first semester. With the economy in such a rocky state, it is rather difficult for families to shell out forty thousand dollars each year on school. Even for students with financial aid and scholarships, it is sometimes not enough.

Many students also cite a lack of diversity as a deciding factor in their transfer. Yes, Rollins has a very strong international program, but statistics show that 73% of the student body is white. Typically, students look for diversity and change at colleges and Rollins students are not finding that at here. Large, public universities are more of a melting pot, an atmosphere that quite a few students here seem to find more appealing.

Finally, while Rollins does offer a wide array of majors and minors, there are still certain subjects omitted from the list (for example: communications, certain languages, etc.). While it is the student's responsibility to understand the majors and minors a school offers before they attend, students frequently find that their interests change, oftentimes to a major or minor that is offered at a different institution.

The whole college experience is very subjective. A single school can be a heaven for some and a hell for others. With such a high percentage of transfers, however, it may be interesting to see how the school will react to the new low retention rate, and how this will affect students who remain at Rollins.

# Gunmen shatter the peace of Winter Park, a warning

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In the upscale and normally quiet Winter Park, crime is considerably low. On the affluent Park Avenue, it is virtually unheard of. The safe nature of the community, though, didn't stop two gunmen from shattering the peaceful silence during a botched robbery attempt.

On November 12, two armed robbers entered the Park Avenue Deli at the north end of Park Avenue, near its intersection with highway 17/92. According to Winter Park police, the gunmen demanded money from the clerk, but his

resistance led to a scuffle. Two fired shots wounded the clerk, sending him to the hospital and drawing attention to the posh neighborhood.

Although the robbery took place on the opposite end of Park Avenue from the Rollins campus, students are reminded to always take basic precautions to ensure personal safety. The following safety tips are courtesy of the campus security website ([www.rollins.edu/campus\\_security](http://www.rollins.edu/campus_security)) and are universally applicable:

-Listen to your instincts. If you feel there is a problem, get away.

-Stay tuned into your surroundings. Be alert for danger.

-Stick to well-lighted

walkways. Avoid isolated, wooded or dark areas. Do not take short cuts.

-When you run or jog, never do so alone. Avoid running at night. If you must run at night, use the lighted areas of campus and run with others.

-Avoid isolated areas and never wear headphones when running.

In addition, Campus Security offers the following tips for securing personal property:

-Never leave your belongings unattended anywhere.

-Always use a U-style lock for your bicycle. Attach the lock through a wheel, the frame and a stationary object such as a bicycle rack.

-Mark or engrave your

valuables.

-When in the residence hall, never leave your room unlocked while taking a shower or making a short trip down the hall.

-Do not prop open exterior or hall doors.

As the current economic downturn continues to affect Floridians, many believe crime will only accelerate. Any suspicious persons or activities on campus should be immediately reported to Campus Security at extension 2999. With some basic security considerations, attention to Campus Security information and constant awareness of your surroundings, Rollins students can keep safe on or off campus.



## ACE off-campus: flaming desserts at Strollo's

ZAC CHENAILLE / the sandspur

**GONE BANANAS:** All Campus Events sponsored their first ever off-campus with a dessert tasting at Strollo's Cucina Due. Students sampled a variety of pastries and watched as the chef demonstrated the preparation of bananas foster. Strollo's Cucina Due is located on Fairbanks between Pita Pit and Urban Flats.



## Detroit automakers fire up their engines

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Just days after his historic election to President of the United States, Barack Obama and his aides were faced with yet another grim economic headline: Detroit's automakers need financial assistance - fast.

President-elect Obama now finds himself in a precarious situation.

In his first press conference since the election, Mr. Obama asserted that the United States has only one President at a time, and until January 20 that remains President Bush. However, the Bush Administration has been reluctant to act on Detroit's behalf, saying it does not have specific authority from Congress to extend the \$700 billion bailout money to aid automakers. Yet, the crisis is quickly becoming Mr. Obama's first test: Organized

labor unions, including the powerful United Auto Workers, invested heavily in Mr. Obama's Presidential Campaign.

Meeting with President Bush at the White House on Monday, Mr. Obama again pressed for action in response to Detroit's woes. The President-elect wants to immediately free up funding through the Treasury, the Energy Department and the Federal Reserve. He and his advisors also studying other options, including installing new board members at car companies that receive assistance to ensure compliance with the strings attached to a bailout, including the adoption of a more advanced, fuel-efficient product line.

The potential problem for Mr. Obama is that his campaign relied heavily on a theme of 'change,' and many of his supporters expect immediate results. Essentially, this could give the President-elect responsibility for an emergency

before he has any real authority to deal with it.

All three Detroit automakers have lobbied for federal assistance, but General Motors is feeling the economic hardship the sharpest. The day after Mr. Obama met Mr. Bush at the White House, GM's total stock value plummeted 13%, and the company warned it could face a debilitating cash shortage by year's end.

Mr. Obama, however, will continue to push the industry to make more fuel-efficient vehicles in efforts to reinvigorate the innovation. Senator Barbara Mikulski (D-Maryland) is already pushing a proposal not only to help the automakers directly but also to boost consumer demand for new autos, by making interest on car loans tax deductible. Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-California) and Financial Services Chairman Barney Frank (D-Massachusetts) are also working with House

and Senate leaders, as well as Mr. Obama's team, to draft a bill to help the automakers.

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Kentucky) has been generally supportive of the industry, as his state is home to large factories run by GM, Toyota and Ford. Many Americans have called on Democrats to reach out to Republicans and Independents for a united approach to the troubling economic times, and leaders like Mr. McConnell will be essential allies in the proposals.

It does not help matters that General Motors CEO Rick Wagoner warned last week that his company's condition could not wait until Inauguration Day. Still, Mr. Obama must lead Democrats to lead the country in a way that supports our most important industries and does not leave the responsibility solely in the hands of taxpayers.



# Cyber-dating ruins human interactions

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the sandspur

The human race is lazy. If everything is not right there at our fingertips in this technologically-run world then we do nothing to do with it and let it slide. Does this pathetic lifestyle work when it comes to dating? Some of you may be thinking, "How can dating have anything to do with technology other than finding a date on a website?" Well, go figure, some creepy organization created the Red Light Center, which is online dating, but taken to the digital level.

The Red Light Center describes itself by saying, "The

downturn of the economy is affecting Americans all over the country. Skyrocketing gas and food prices has lead many Americans to stay in and 'party' in virtual worlds, such as Red Light Center, that let you date, socialize and partake in risqué activities without even leaving your house. Red Light Center has seen a 400% traffic increase since last year, with users totaling more than 2 million."

The idea is that you, as a member of the Red Light Center, make an avatar that represents who you are, find another avatar that seems compatible, and then go on a cyber date. Has society really reached this low of a social level where we do not even go

out with real people in the real world? Is it really more preferable to sit behind the security blanket of a computer screen and hope that the other pathetic

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Technology has obviously ruined all intimacy within so-

ciety. At this rate we might as well date, get married, and live our lives over the computer so that we may all turn into mind-numbed, fat, technology-run robots.

Where is the human connection in this? Where is the spark between two people? It is impossible to make a real connection with a computer cartoon over computer dinner and computer sex. This is no way to live. The excuse that dating is too expensive and that it saves time and money to go on dates online is a cop out. Meeting another

human being for coffee will cost no more than seven dollars and meeting someone in general for conversation is absolutely free.

If this is what the human

race is moving towards then I am ashamed. I feel as if the only thing technology could not take away from us is the ability to interact, to look someone in the eye and really hear what he or she is saying. But, if every ounce of human interaction can be done over a computer screen then the line between reality and fantasy will become more and more blurred. Yes, I will admit I do spend a lot of time on Facebook, e-mail, and other various online activities, but I would trade all of that for a day out, face-to-face with my friends. We cannot be dependent on technology to guide us through life, because when a human being and an avatar begin to represent the same thing, social customs as we know them could disappear forever.

# Laws should be made to minimize drunk driving

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Everyone knows that there are some things you simply do not do. For example, you do not drink and drive and you do not drink until you die of alcohol poisoning. That being said, the problems related to alcohol do not stem from the drink itself, but from the people drinking. In small doses alcohol is not quite the killer people say it is.

In Europe, many specialists are suggesting that the price of alcohol should be raised to minimize the amount of people who consume it. A study conducted in Europe shows that when the price of alcohol was more expensive, there were fewer alcohol related deaths. When the prices were lowered again, the

death rates went up.

This study, however, has too many variables that could affect the outcome. Perhaps they lowered the price at a time of heavy drinking, like Oktoberfest. Perhaps the roads were icy, making cars more prone to collide. Or maybe there was a heavy fog and it was hard for drivers to see. There are thousands of different factors that could have caused these increased death rates, not just the lowering of alcohol prices. Yes, it would be less expensive to buy alcohol if the prices were lowered, but the people that are considerate enough of others would still consume the same amount.

The real problem with drinking is the fact that people do not care about other people. If you drink, you should never drive under any circumstance.

The second you get behind the wheel drunk, you could crash your car and kill yourself and/or others. Personally, I could care less if you died driving drunk, but if you do, you also endanger other people, and that is just unacceptable. In the small town that I lived in before moving to Florida, a little 8-year-old girl was hit and killed by a drunk driver. If you get behind the wheel drunk,

you are no better than that man that killed the little girl. If you want to kill yourself in really stupid ways, do something that does not endanger other people, like auto-asphyxiation.

But raising alcohol prices will not change that. Even if beer is more expensive, the people who drive drunk will still continue to do so and the people who do not will still not drive drunk. The price only affects the amount of people that can get the alcohol, not the way people will act with it (coincidentally, I think that the drinking age should be lowered for the same reason. Eighteen-year-olds drink whether it is illegal or not). So instead of raising the prices and punishing the people who choose not to drive drunk, why not raise the penalty? Instead of making drunk drivers pay a small fine for their infraction, throw them in jail for a week, or even a month! Make the punishment something that will affect them. If you give drunk drivers a slap on the wrist, they will never learn. Make the punishment fit the crime, but do not punish everyone.

Prices have been raised on cigarettes to stop smoking, but people still do. What makes European legislators believe that raising the prices of alcohol will limit that? Instead of taking measures to eradicate drinking, why not take measures to stop people from driving drunk? Making alcohol readily available in the home makes it more unlikely that consumers will drive. If people have to travel three miles to get a cheap beer, they are not going to walk, which will force them to drive. So I would tell those European legislators to make laws that will help the bad side of drinking and stop making ones that eliminate the good side of it!

# The Drinking Age

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There are rumors floating about that the US drinking age will be lowered from 21 to 18. For many people, including adult teens and college students, this would seem to be something to look forward to. However, there are those that have reasons for keeping the minimal drinking age where it is.

For nearly two decades, the minimal drinking age has been 21. The idea has been thought of since well into the 1970's, but fruition came greatly due to the influence of Mothers Against Drunk Driving during the 1980's. Congress made the law definite in 1984. Consequentially, the United States has had the highest minimum drinking age in the world. (Some countries' minimal drinking ages range from about 17 to none at all.) Those who have advocated it have done so with the hopes of preventing irresponsible drinking and incidents such as drunk driving among the young.

Defenders of the minimal drinking age proclaim that the age is justified because the human brain continues to develop and grow until around 21. However, those that refute those claims argue that those results were extrapolated from non-human laboratory specimens, and those involved in the experiment were already to some degree alcohol-dependent.

Scientists in the rest of the world seem not to ascribe to these alleged findings. Supporters of the law also argue that casualties and fatalities on the road have since decreased.

Decriers of the federal minimum protest that the

laws are not working and that they are only breeding more extreme measures for the young to get their hands on alcohol. Underage drinking simply shifted to the underground and anywhere that the law cannot find them. Alcohol-related health problems also increased due to the fact that adolescents cannot call for medical care for an alcohol problem illegal for them to have.

Others voicing opposition to the current law provide a general libertarian argument of non-regulation and doing away with federal government interference. Personal responsibility should go to the responsible and the government should not lend a hand in deciding whether or not drinking should be allowed for certain ages. There are even those who advocate the lowering of the drinking age due to health reasons: the delaying of first exposure to alcohol would cause increased risks for 21-year-olds.

Some bring up the subject of soldiers in Iraq. They believe that if they can take a shot in the battlefield, they should be very much allowed to take a shot or two of some drink back home.

The option of states independently reducing their ages may have been thought of once or twice; however, the federal law on the drinking age also supports the funding of the states' roads and if they were to dissent from the law, their federal funding would be cut. The minimum drinking age has been so effectively sustained due to those threats by Congress.

So, will the decision be made to lower or sustain the drinking age anytime soon? There are no definite federal proposals currently, though with enough voices opposing it, it may not be that far off.



COURTESY OF MCT CAMPUS  
CONSEQUENCES: Phil Anderson of Wisconsin, shown here in a wheelchair, was paralyzed in a drunken-driving accident in 2001.



# Ward arsonist deserves to be expelled

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The evening of Friday, November 7 was an evening like any other in Ward Hall. It was midnight; many people were going to bed or hanging out with friends. That was, until the fire alarm went off and we all scuttled out onto the lawn in front of Ward. It was a relatively cool night, but many people, myself included, thought that it was an ordinary fire drill. As a result, only a few grabbed sweatshirts and the rest went out in only pajamas.

After sitting in the cold for a half hour, tempers began to flare. Many students began demanding to know why we were kept outside for so long. Only then did the R.A.'s decide to tell us that there actually had been

a fire, and that the fire department was on its way. That settled people down for a little while, speculating on what could have happened.

After the fire department had investigated, we were once more called together to be informed of the basic facts. Someone had lit a piece of paper on fire and thrown it into the elevator, apparently on the second floor. An arson investigation was being conducted inside, and we were not allowed back into the building. We were also not allowed to leave the lawn for any reason.

Thus a wildfire of gossip and suspicion was sparked as everyone attempted to fill in the holes of the crime. Students sat on the lawn for about an hour and watched as fire fighters trekked in and out of the building. Everyone had something to

say about who they thought had done it and why.

I speculated that it had most likely been a student from a different residence hall, because he or she would not have wanted to be inconvenienced by

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all of the commotion the crime caused. Also, I believe that the perpetrator definitely left before the fire alarm went off, because one does not just sit around after setting fire to a building. That the elevator was on the second floor does not mean anything because the arsonist could have easily pressed the second floor button before he or she threw the paper in. When I asked an R.A. what had been decided, I was informed that R.A.'s were

not allowed to talk about the incident, but it had been "taken care of."

After two hours of sitting on the lawn, we were informed at 2 in the morning by the fire department that we were finally allowed back in the building. However, there were clauses to our reentry. The fire fighters were unable to reset

the fire alarm because if they did, the elevator, a key clue in the crime, would resume working and evidence could be potentially destroyed. Because the alarm in the building was still on, the air conditioning would not work. Also, we were not allowed in the common rooms, because they had been deemed a "crime scene." Therefore, the R.A.'s had to stay up all night, guarding the common rooms to make sure that no one entered,

which I am sure was what every one of them was to do on a Friday night.

Honestly, we are in a row. These pranks are ex low high school student is a kindergarten thing. Who would really think lighting an elevator on fire a good idea? We are anymore, and if you got doing something like that will not be fined, you will go to prison. I do not mean is fondly referred to as but federal prison. Stupid things like this are beneath. So for the sake of this particular crime's perpetrator, I hope that if caught, he will be expelled. Because one sitting on the lawn in those cold, dark hours waiting for blood, surely the arsonist would be murdered. Students could get their hands on him or her. As for me going to grab my pitchfork

## Pregnancy clinics

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Ever since 1973, when the Roe v. Wade decision was made, women have had the right to choose abortion if they felt it necessary. However, the issue of abortion has been a major social problem and even though women have the choice, that choice is not always respected.

Personally, I am pro-choice, so a recent study by the Feminist Majority Foundation (FMF) left me deeply troubled. In this study, it was brought to light that many college clinics are referring girls looking for unplanned pregnancy advice to "pregnancy crisis centers" or "pregnancy resource centers" in order to gain information on how to get "free pregnancy tests" and abortion information. However, the truth of the matter is, according to the FMF, "These fake clinics masquerade as comprehensive medical centers, when in reality they often provide false medical information and use unlicensed staff people." Also, "many of these centers attempt to coerce and intimidate women out of considering abortion as an option, and prevent women from receiving neutral and comprehensive medical advice. They are typically run by anti-abortion volunteers who are not licensed medical professionals. Crisis pregnancy centers also often spread false information, such as the disproved and discredited claims that abortions increase the risk of breast cancer and frequently cause mental trauma."

The choice of an abortion, or any form of contraception for that matter, is my choice as a woman. For those who do not agree with my ideals on the matter of abortion to take the situation into their own hands is illegal, immoral, and corrupt. We students should be able to trust our clinic, and places that

it refers us to in order to find the best care available. When it comes to medical attention, the last thing I (or anyone else) wants to be is deceived and taken advantage of.

The FMF article goes on to say that "Of the 398 campus health centers at four-year colleges that responded to FMF's national survey - accounting for 34 percent of the total student population in the country attending four-year schools - 48 percent routinely refer women who might be pregnant to crisis pregnancy centers. 'So-called crisis pregnancy centers are targeting young women by advertising in student newspapers and on billboards located on and near campuses. And most recently, these centers have started advertising on social networking sites popular with college students,' says FMF's Nikki Border. 'They urge campus health centers to include crisis pregnancy centers in student referral lists.'"

The only way to fight this is to be well-informed. The right to choose cannot be taken away by anyone, especially these manipulative, pro-life advocates who work to mislead young women and confound the truth to stop college students from making the decision they do not want. Everyone has the ability to have their own opinions on the matter of abortion and to make their own choices on it if the situation arises. However, the choice should be made by the person in the situation, rather than others who might disagree with one woman's choice. I would hope that all women would be able to respect the choices of other women, especially since as women have worked through history to have the right to a choice. Unfortunately, not all people are as respectful of a person's choice as others and therefore it is up to you to know if you are being taken advantage of or tricked.

## Introversion a virtue

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If there's one thing that I've noticed in society from a more psychological perspective, it's that the extroverted have more of a high status than the introverted. There's not much wonder at this, for the extroverted tend to be the liked and the approachable. The introverted, however, are treated as dangerous, perpetually in misery, and antisocial to some degree. Because of this the extroverted, the outgoing, are the ones set as the model standard of the human being in society. Furthermore, the introverted are treated as socially unhealthy and as a sort of evil best avoided. Many view the introverted as sick or dysfunctional, and that the cure for this alleged problem is to socialize them and turn them into extroverts.

For one thing, I object to this stigma towards the introverted. It isn't the most outspoken or talked about issue but it exists on a social level and can be taken for granted. I believe I can speak for some introverts out there that feel the same way, being a perfect example of the introvert myself. I don't think that the association with our kind and the socially demeaned is quite fair.

Take a look at figures during the past century that have been documented in the history books as evildoers and mass murderers. There was Timothy McVeigh and his bombing of the Alfred P. Mur-

rah Federal Building in Oklahoma City; Seung-Hui Cho and the Virginia Tech massacre; Adolf Hitler, even - we all know what he did. All of those figures were introverts, and their deeds have been categorized with the kind of persons they were. But what did they being introverts have anything to do with those atrocities? Well, they have led rather troubled lives and have been quite bullied during their younger days. The overpowering of the immediate social standards and constraints, I believe, were the cause. The

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model of the extrovert and the conformity expected in order to "fit in" or be accepted has always been the struggle of the introverted.

I don't mean to sound rude, but as the extroverted tend to be the majority in society, ideal standards of the extroverted become more expected while the personal lifestyles and unique perspectives of the introverted become outweighed and shoved aside like garbage. Extroverts have always been the ones to pick on those who want to mind their own business. They've bullied them using full scale assault with uneven numbers, and turned them into even worse

bullies! It's no wonder the backlash towards the introverted would turn out to be the killing of people by the dozens; dictatorships with blind adherents; anything but a happy community.

We the introverted monsters...so long as you turn us into them. Inside you, the extroverts who to do all the talking, and sharing, we're the ones focused on thinking before we speak, contemplating situations carefully, and are more sensitive. The about us is that sociability

not be out of of us the forcing go to p and exp to be h We have dulged different yours m have an all persp of the We our pr greatly we came

expected to simply spit beans about our private life. I really wish that more people would recognize this about introverts and respect our right to remain silent in matters which we don't wish to participate. We can be hurt if forced. We are not like extroverts who don't need to be

Once we introverts earned that respect, then fully we will no longer be viewed as creeps or socially dark folk. We have plenty of ideas and feelings and be more than happy to share just with particular people or a group or society as a whole. We value personal freedom because we value the unique



# Life in Greece: crazy drivers, no tips, lots of appetizers

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Junior Megan Lanier is an English major and communications minor from Jacksonville, Fla., who is currently studying abroad this semester. Megan is partaking in an independent program through the University of South Florida at the American College of Thessaloniki in Thessaloniki, Greece. Thessaloniki is Greece's second largest city and is home to some of the most beautiful shoreline in the northern part of the country. Megan has shared the highlights of her experience in Greece with us.

**The Sandspur:** Is this the first time you have been to a different country?

**Megan Lanier:** This is my first time leaving the United States, but it has been an experience well worth it!

**TS:** What is your current living situation while studying in Thessaloniki?

**ML:** I am living in an off-campus studio apartment with other study abroad students. The building is a 10 minute cab ride from school and within walking distance of the downtown center, restaurants, fresh markets and ancient ruins. It is an absolutely amazing place to live.

**TS:** What classes are you currently taking? Have you

gone on any interesting field trips with the class or had special hands-on activities?

**ML:** I am taking an English class for my major, a communication class for my minor, science with a lab as a gen ed, and a Greek language course. I just started the program a week ago, so we have only been on one fieldtrip to Vergina, which is home to the tomb of King Philip II, father of Alexander the Great.

**TS:** Are your classes taught in English or Greek?

**ML:** They are taught in English with mostly American professors.

**TS:** What has been the biggest culture shock for you?

**ML:** The Greek language and customs in general have been the biggest culture shocks for me. It is very different walking around in a strange city and not being able to understand a single word other people are saying. I have definitely learned the importance of patience and hand gestures. Another difference in the culture is that Greeks do not tip after meals or for any other type of service. I am so accustomed to leaving money for the waiter, but it is virtually unheard of here. I still feel really bad only leaving the amount on the bill.

**TS:** Are there any unusual habits or traditions that

you have noticed among the people in Thessaloniki?

**ML:** The Greeks are some of the most frightening drivers I have ever encountered, but, surprisingly, during my time here I have not heard of or seen an accident. Cars drive and park down the sidewalk as if it is completely normal, mopeds and motorcycles create their own lanes between the cars, and traffic lights seem to be optional. Pedestrians have to be very careful, because vehicles have the right-of-way here.

**TS:** What is your favorite food that you have tried while in Greece?

**ML:** I had an amazing meal at a local taverna with a group of other students. It is tradition here to order many appetizers for the table and sit for hours and talk, so we decided to follow the custom. We tried grape leaves, cheese croquettes, fried zucchini with a cucumber yogurt inside, spicy cheese spread and a creamy mushroom dip. They were all things I would never usually order, but it was all absolutely amazing!

**TS:** Have you traveled to any other countries while studying abroad?

**ML:** I haven't yet, but I plan to travel to Istanbul and Italy.

**TS:** Are other Rollins students studying abroad

at your same university? If not, what other universities are the students from?

**ML:** I am the only student here from Rollins and one of only two students from Florida. Other students are studying at the university from Albion, Iowa State, Virginia Tech, and Northeastern.

**TS:** What do you miss most about the U.S.?

**ML:** I miss hamburgers and breakfast food. Greeks usually do not eat breakfast, and unfortunately I love pancakes, waffles, and french toast. But none of these foods exist here. Thankfully, the local grocery store does have a few varieties of cereal.

**TS:** What do you miss most about Rollins?

**ML:** I miss the organizations

I was a part of and I am very sad to be missing out on Dance Marathon in the fall. That is the event I was most looking forward to.

For more information on USF's study abroad programs visit <http://web.usf.edu/iac/studyabroad/semester.html> for a list of the countries they are affiliated with along with a brief description of each program. The Rollins Office of International Programs also offers a study abroad program in Greece with the College Year in Athens (CYA) affiliate program. Stop by their office on the second floor of Carnegie Hall if you have any questions or would like more information about any of the Rollins study abroad programs. You can also contact them by email at [intprog@rollins.edu](mailto:intprog@rollins.edu).



MEGAN LANIER / the sandspur

**LOVELY LAVA:** This photograph was taken from a volcano on the center of the island Santorini.

## Sing, paint, play, eat

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Save the cab fare and stay at Rollins on Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, as All Campus Events presents the third installment in their Rollins After Dark series. From 10:00 pm to 1:00 am students can head down to Dave's and show off their karaoke skills. After an exhausting repertoire of songs, students can treat themselves to a massive free breakfast pancake buffet and unwind while painting pottery from Winter Park's popular All Fired Up. This month's R.A.D. buffet serves as one of many new additions to this month's Rollins After Dark.

According to Katie Jones, R.A.D. organizer, "Instead of the normal eggs, bacon, and hashbrowns, we will be having a pancake bar accompanied by bacon, sausage, and fresh fruit. There will be a couple different kinds of pancakes to choose from as well as an assortment of toppings so the students can customize their pancakes. So come hungry!"

Afterwards, Guitar Hero and Wii games await to round off a night of unparalleled campus fun.

ACE states that, "Rollins After Dark is a new initiative on campus hosted by All Campus Events that focuses on alternative late-night programming, to increase student involvement and enhance student life on campus. There are three R.A.D. events hosted each semester which are typically held on

the last Friday of each month from 10:00 PM to 1:00 AM and are free to all Rollins students, faculty, and staff. The program is designed to supply exciting entertainment for students who wish to stay on campus on Friday nights as well as to provide a safe environment for students to return to if they have decided to go out off campus...R.A.D. provides entertainment for the students, by the students."

Every last Friday of the month, Rollins has been treated with past R.A.D. events such as a Halloween carnival, which featured laser tag, a showing of the movie *Scream*, ultimate frisbee, and caramel apple decorating. The first Rollins After Dark brought hypnotist Dale K to Rollins, followed by a Bingo night with gift certificates to local Winter Park establishments as prizes. As always, R.A.D.'s staple was present as students were welcome to help themselves to a free breakfast buffet.

Why are students excited? Well, they have learned from experience. ACE events have always pleased in the past and students particularly respond well to the Rollins After Dark events.

Katie is especially passionate about the event, adding, "I think it's important to have these events on campus because students are always looking for something fun and different to do on the weekends. People don't want to go out every night; it gets old. And it helps that the



events are on campus and free."

Many we spoke with are particularly excited about the unique option of free pottery painting hosted by All Fired Up.

According to Katie, "All Fired Up is providing mugs, small sandwich plates, and figurines for the students to paint. These would make some great free Christmas gifts for the students to make for their friends or family. There is a limited supply of pottery that will be provided so show up early to get in line. After the students paint their pottery, it will be taken back to All Fired Up (which is located across from Rollins, on the corner of Fairbanks and New York) where it will be fired. The students can then pick up their pieces of pottery from All Fired Up starting 7 days following the event (so the following Saturday, the 29th)."

With all of the new options, this month's event will surely end the fall semester with a bang.

## Tune in to R-TV

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If you turn your TV to channel 98, you'll find television put on by your very own Rollins students. This R-TV is the culmination of years of work, bringing together people who all share a love for entertainment. A month ago this station was blank, but through the hard work of this group, we now have personal television based on our own campus.

The station has had its share of problems in the past. Started in 2001, R-TV has never attracted many dedicated people, and the dream was put on hold. Again and again, R-TV just kept shutting down, never lasting a year. One of this year's founders, Adrian Cohn, tells of the hardship that R-TV faced. "Our biggest problem right now is supplies. We're working with limited supplies; only a few cameras, computers that hardly run and only a couple of people to help. It's hard to put on a TV station with one camera and two people to shoot."

But maybe the eighth time's the charm, because now R-TV is on the air. The group of dedicated individuals have drawn together and persevered, and now they are trying to keep the station going to carry on to the next year. The few people whose dream it was to get R-TV going this year have pulled together, attempting to reach people and create a fervor of television. But, though they all may be dedicated, there are not enough of them to provide the

man power needed to produce a television station. "We have a lot of dedicated people" says Cohn. "What we really need now is more. More people who want to film. More people that want to write. More people that want to be in front of the camera. We can't do this by ourselves."

But try they have. They have compiled the few selections that they did have together; clips from film classes, interviews and anything else laying around. They've put this together, not for themselves, but for the students at Rollins College. "We need more people to help so that we can have more variation in what we show. No one wants to watch the same thing over and over." Right now they only have a few videos, but with help, they will expand their content until it encompasses everything on campus. News programs, campus life, anything you can think of, they will be able to create with help. But they can't do it alone.

And so R-TV has begun recruiting. You all received e-mails about the R-TV meetings, looking for more people who are interested. I'd say go. It's a great way to get your name out if you're planning on doing this kind of thing later in your life. It's a great way to get experience in shooting movies and television. And you get to meet some great people, become a part of Rollins history and help create the next big thing on campus. So the next time you get an e-mail about R-TV, go to the meeting and help strengthen a new Rollins media. Action.



# GREEK

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Last week, Rollins College laid witness to the 2008 Panhellenic and Interfraternity Council Greek Week. After an arduous week filled with tests of strength, creativity and teamwork, team Chi Omega-X Club-Sigma Gamma Rho was crowned the winner.

Monday night kicked off the week with a T-shirt design and Spirit Contest. Teams presented their shirts—designed specifically for Greek Week—along with a spirit skit. This first event aimed to amp up the energy for the rest of the week. Molly

Andrews of Kappa Kappa Gamma commented on the excitement Greek Week produces when she said, "We're excited and I think this week will definitely bring the new pledge class together even more than we are already."

Greek Week isn't just about bringing together houses and pledge classes. Through competition, Greek Week strives to unify the entire Greek community. Tau Gamma Phi's Kurt

the Com-Alpha Omega-broth-Jay McMott and Finkle, part last year's winning team with Non Compis Men-tis and Sigma Gamma Rho, said, "It shows the positive influence Greek life can have on campus. Winning isn't everything, but having fun is, even though we

won last year."

The fun continued on Tuesday with the Greek God and Goddess pageant. One member from each organization vied for the title of Greek God or Goddess. While many competed, only two were crowned these lofty titles. The first portion consisted of questions regarding the Olympics, this year's Greek Week theme.

After trivia, contestants modeled originally-created togas. Styles ranged from classic gold and white worn by Cat Hicks of NCM, to the spirited blue and gold colors sported by SGRho sister Sarah Tanyhill. Only a few contestants proceeded to the talent portion. Roaring with laughter, the crowd cheered on Natalia

Wagner (Alpha Omicron) she taught the eight sitting on a condom. She Jolly awed the crowd dropping nunchuck and was crowned the 2008 Greek God. Emily Killian (Kappa Kappa Gamma) serenaded the crowd with a capella rendition of "Softly," earning her the title of Greek Goddess.

The third event, Canstruction, showcased Greek philanthropy. Teams competed to construct a structure using non-perishable food items which were later donated to Harvest Food Bank. One day, the Greeks donated non-perishable items.

Thursday brought



**GREEK NOT GEEK:** Campus Greeks congregated all over campus during Greek Week. KD girls huddled together and won with their Big Ben sculpture. KD girls huddled together and won with their Big Ben sculpture. KD girls huddled together and won with their Big Ben sculpture.



# WEEK

ated Olympic Games. Kappa Epsilon-NCM with an astounding victory in the boat race, where they constructed boats that were raced on Lake Virginia. The teams then migrated to Mills for the Dizzy Bat competition. The game was a crowd favorite, the game featured comedic trips, falls, and Team ATQ-AOI con- their dizziness and placed the sun set, the Greeks in an old fashioned tug- controversy ensued when a favored side, for Chi and a coin flip to switch TKE, which ultimately in Chi Psi's victory. The women followed with stiff

competition, debunking the myth of sorority girls being prissy. After a true test of physical strength, victory was achieved by Rollins' local sorority, NCM.

The Olympic Games concluded with a weighed-down swim relay. Contestants swam across Alford Pool in layered clothing, which was then passed on to teammates. Lifeguards watched carefully as some swimmers struggled with the added weight. The spirit of Micheal Phelps was watching team Phi Delta Theta-KD as they placed first.

As if tug-of-war didn't generate enough controversy, Friday's Powder Puff Football tournament caused much commotion

among the Greeks, as the simple "no touch" flag-football rules weren't enough to keep the amped-up girls in check. Injuries, ranging from bloody noses to broken fingers, were suffered by nearly every team. Though the action was fierce, Kappa Kappa Gamma and Kappa Delta were able to unite in forfeiting the game against each other, as a reaction to the rough play. After all the pummeling, pounding and forfeiting, Chi Omega and SGRho won the Powder Puff tournament. The fabulous male cheerleaders, X Club, also took the gold for their half-time show.

Ashley Eden, a graduate assistant for the Office of Student Involvement and Leadership, commented that Greek Week was a success, as she said, "We had a huge turnout for all of the events! Traditionally, Greek Week is intended to bring together all organizations to build community. I think many of our events contributed to that community-building."

After a week of tough competition, the Greeks joined together to support the Children's Miracle Network Dance Marathon. Though the charitable event was not exclusively Greek, the winners of Greek Week were announced during the closing ceremonies. Team Chi Omega-X Club-SGRho took the first place trophy, followed by team TKE-NCM in second and team AOI-ATQ in third.



ASHLEY EDEN / the sandspur

Week festivities. CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Food Bank. The SGRho/Chi O/X-Club team. Several men from fraternities lined up to see who





# Super Tar: Brian Radock



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**VICTORY!** Brian, a music major here at Rollins, won in the category of "Best Individual Timpani, College Division," when competing in the PASIC 2008 Marching Percussion Festival at the Percussive Arts Society International Convention in Austin, Texas on November 6.

## JUMP on it

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Tired of the student apathy on campus? New to the Orlando community and want to learn more about those around you? Feeling lethargic and need a boost to help you make it until Winter Break? Consider joining JUMP. Throughout the entire month of November, JUMP (Join Us in Making Progress) has scheduled a number of events to help Rollins students venture outside of our campus bubble.

In a nutshell, JUMP is a community organization that offers a wide array of opportunities to help Rollins students help others. Nicole Hession, Junior and LEAD Team Student Coordinator, says she joined JUMP because although she performed community service in high school, she just didn't get the hands-on experience she so desired.

"JUMP is the best outlet for joining in on community service," says Nicole. "I just attended events in high school but now I plan the events. Through planning events I became much more passionate about each organization we serve."

So how does one jump on it? Easy. 1) Join the Facebook group, 2) attend the meeting once each month, and 3) come to the events you're passionate about. "We have a wide array of community service options" according to Nicole. Not so great with kids? That's okay — the monthly trips to Second Harvest Food Bank are a relaxing way to spend an afternoon and work with fellow students. Like playing bingo? Join JUMP as they relax with seniors at the Depugh Nursing Center.

"JUMP's different from others since we're noncommittal and you can pick what you're passionate about."

Transportation is provided and the events serve as a nice respite in busy schedules of exams and papers. "Everyone should get involved with community service," says Nicole. You'd be surprised at how much helping others for an hour or two provides such great energy to sustain you throughout the day! So log off Facebook, step out of the dorm and live by Gandhi by "being" the change you want to see in the world. Break out your planner and see what's going on during each of the following days when JUMP hosts an event:

On November 24 & December 3, Children's Home Society will be hosting an event 4 - 6 pm on Mills Lawn.

Spend some time being a kid again with an adorable group of children from the Orlando Children's Home. The smiles on the kids' faces are priceless.

Those who would like to volunteer at Second Harvest Food Bank on Thursday, November 20, can meet at Chase Hall at 3:15 pm for carpooling.

Help sort food at the Second Harvest Food Bank. "Second Harvest provides food assistance to more than 25 million low-income people facing hunger in the U.S.," according to JUMP.

Holiday Fun Fest will take place on Wednesday, December 10 from 4:30 - 7:30 pm at the Alford Sports Center.

So take a break from studying for finals on this reading day and spend some time with a wonderful group of foster children as they celebrate the holidays here at Rollins. You can sponsor a child, volunteer, host an arts and crafts activity or be a buddy for the day. Contact the Office of Community Engagement, extension 1021, and look out for more information about a great way to spread the holiday cheer and kick off your winter break!

# New Thanksgiving traditions spice up the holidays

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As of the press deadline, Thanksgiving is a just little over two weeks away. In not too many more crisp, autumn days, we'll all have a nice break from school. Many of us will be traveling to visit friends or relatives. Even if you're not going home for family chaos fun time, here are some new ideas for helping your host while creating meaningful traditions that you can enjoy wherever you spend Turkey Day.

**Add something to the menu.** If you're comfortable whipping up a sumptuous cranberry and walnut stuffing, then you're probably not prone to culinary panic. But even those of us with less than Martha Stewart-like abilities can relish the challenge of helping to ease the cooking burden on whoever is hosting the feast. There are lots of places to find easy recipes. Many cookbooks in local libraries and online websites offer a wide variety of recipes with a limited number of ingredients. If you're in a time crunch, search for recipes that can be made in under an hour. By asking if there's anything you can do to help your frenzied family or host, you may be

handed a bowl and a loaf of bread to break into stuffing crumbs. If all else fails, offer to go pick up soda and a bag of ice. The important thing to remember is that you're trying to help out.

**Do a task that needs to be done.** This is a toughie because on one hand you don't want to offend anyone, but on the other hand you really think the carpets need to be vacuumed. Stay observant. Instead of accidentally insulting someone, just wipe down the bathroom counter, dust the living room coffee table, or wash some dishes. Try to ease the overwhelming burden that is faced by gracious (or not so gracious) moms and grandmas everywhere. By opening their homes to family and friends, these people take on an often bigger challenge than they first realize. If you help put your host or hostess's mind at rest, you will feel good for offering them a service they might not have felt comfortable asking for.

**Suggest a yearly Thanksgiving tradition.** Last year, with my fiancé's family, I noticed several things that I enjoyed about their unique festivities. They set the table with a plain white tablecloth that is used only on Thanksgiving.



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Each person sitting at the table was given a Sharpie marker to write one thing that they were thankful for, after which they signed our names at the bottom of the year. That has become a part of the annual celebration. I look forward to doing this with my own family this year. If the table doesn't light your fire, try something that does. For example, have everyone write a letter to the family that will participate in the show. Choose a movie that everyone feels celebrates a Thanksgiving tradition. Gather everyone outside to play a game of kickball, spend time together, and remember to be thankful for those you spend your time with, even if they drive

# In pursuit of the holidays

CAROLINE SCHNEIDER  
*the sandspur*



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If you've set foot in a store lately, the tell-tale decorations say it all. Every year, it feels as if the fake snow, blinking lights and gyrating Santa dolls are dragged out by disgruntled employees even earlier than the year before. I was assaulted by boxed candy canes and gold leaf cards while searching for my Halloween costume in the middle of October. That's right, October! For the past few years, I've sat in amazement as one of my neighbors sets up his Christmas display in time for the trick-or-treaters. By the time Thanksgiving rolls around, he's bored with the twinkling, multi-color lights, so he puts them away. I keep waiting for him to start in on the Valentine's Day decorations in the early part of December. So far, he's held back, but I figure it's only a matter of time before he breaks down and sticks red and pink light-up hearts all over the yard.

Now, I don't know about you, but all this hurry up and wait stuff kind of bothers me. I don't like being rushed into my shopping and decorating. I like to take my time. I like being home the first night we flip the Christmas lights on, only to watch my dad discover that at least half of the outdoor light display he's created has ceased to function. I enjoy fighting the crowds and combing the ransacked aisles in pursuit of retail sales. I happily relax night after night watching sappy holiday romance movies from Thanksgiving through New Year's. I am the girl who drives around town looking at beautifully decorated neighborhoods. I sing loudly (and admittedly off-key) with all the Christmas songs on the radio. I just don't want it too early.

Because of my strict wait-until-at-least-Thanksgiving stance on all things connected with the holidays, I suggest the following local venues to brighten your exam-dreading spirits, so that you're able to focus on more than just school. That is, once you've enjoyed Thanksgiving. **The Winter Park Christmas Parade** will, well, parade down Park Avenue from 9-10:30 a.m. on Dec. 6. This is a fun, family-style tradition that's easily accessible to the Rollins community. **The Festival of Trees** at the Orlando Museum of Art showcases festive tree displays with a gingerbread village. It runs from Nov. 15-

Nov. 23. **Leu's Holiday** something special, too. House Museum at Leu is adorned with trees, diorama displays, ornaments, and twinkling lights. Admission to House Museum is included in garden admission. Receive free admission a.m.-3:30 p.m., Nov. 1 - Jan. 1, 2009 except Admission is \$7. morning 9-noon.

**Christmas in** celebrates its 30th anniversary this year with a performance of the Bach Festival Chorus on Dec. 4. This free event is in Central Park on Park Avenue. **The Winter Park Holiday** will be on Dec. 5 beginning at 5:15 p.m. This free lighting ceremony is a fun outing with friends, or family. **Season of Light** the holidays with music, and an appearance by Santa. There will also be a screening of "Miracle on 34th Street." The times are 7 p.m. (movie starts at 7:30 p.m.) Dec. 6, at Lake Lily.

For more information on these venues, please visit [www.orlandosentinel.com](http://www.orlandosentinel.com). I hope that you enjoy all these outings. And if you do see a girl gleefully dancing in jingle bell earrings, an off-key rendition of "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," smile and keep walking. You probably just bumped



# Sugar, spice, and not so good advice

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Question: I am new at school and having trouble making friends. What should I do?

Answer: Sell out. Forget your "individuality" and "personality," because I think everyone with friends knows that those are pretty overrated

(unless you're a hippie or you live in Pinehurst). Seriously, it is the best thing that you can do to make friends. See someone you think you would like to be friends with wearing an obscure band's t-shirt? Go home, google the band and learn some things. Then go find that person and say "Hello, I noticed you are wearing a Random Obscure Local Band t-shirt. I also enjoy Random Obscure Local Band." Make sure that you breathe really loudly and stare at them without blinking and maybe drool a little. Then they will know that they have your full attention and they will feel really special. If they smile and nod, talk some more. If they back away slowly, follow them. I am sure that if you follow them long enough for Campus Security to come take you away, they will really like you and want to be friends. Next step — find a clique. It is no secret that Rollins is pretty much like high school. You have your jocks,

Greeks, nerds, punks, hipsters, hippies, pretty people, ugly people and the Math Squad. You may wonder which group you should follow around. I would give them all a try if I was you, because if you still do not have friends (it is November; get your act together), it is probably for a good reason and you can't afford to be picky. For everyone who tries all of these things and still has no friends, meet in Dave's at 2:00 AM next Thursday night. There! I just created a community for you. No need to thank me, Friendless.

Question: My roommate sucks in every way imaginable. How should I handle this?

Answer: The answer, of course, is war. You cannot mess around with a roommate that sucks. It is November, so habits have already set in and you cannot let them keep happening or the crisis will never end. I know. I have been there (oh, the horrors of freshman year). If you asked someone

"responsible" what to do, they might suggest that you sit down and talk with your roommate in a calm and peaceable manner. This is absolutely the wrong thing to do. If you do that, your roommate will think you are a wimp and continue to do everything—except they will try to hide it from you, realize that they are not able to because you live in a cubicle together and just continue to do it except at even fuller force because now they think you are a loser, because you do not like it when they eat your food on your bed and leave half-eaten moldy sandwiches in your sheets. Jeez, loser, give your roommate a break. But to get your roommate to stop being an asshole in a *productive* way, a way that gets results, you need to do everything they do, except times ten. Does your roommate have really loud, obnoxious sex when you are sleeping three feet away from them? Have a week-long orgy of unspeakable sexual acts with totally random dirty

people you find on the street. They will be so grossed out that they'll never want to have sex again. Problem solved. Does your roommate play computer games all night without using headphones, leaving you to listen to the "BLAMBLAMBLAM" of annoying fake guns while you try to study or sleep? Get some hardcore porn and play it at top volume and never turn it off. I assure you that they will stop because since they spend all of their time playing video games, they have never had sex, so porn makes them sad. Problem solved.

Tip of the week: Now is the time to buy gas in bulk, folks. Here's the plan — we drain the pool and fill it with gas at \$1.97 per gallon. Then, when it goes back up, we can just go and dip our thermoses into the pool and fill our cars, for almost free; you will have to pay me a \$1 fee for coming up with this idea. What about the swim team you say? It will make them that much tougher.

## International Programs offers a tour of the world

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To kick off International Education Week, the Office of International Programs brought a taste of various cultures to the Darden Lounge of the Cornell Campus Center. Members of the Rollins community were encouraged to submit photographs of the travels and experiences abroad to the contest.

Rollins started the photo contest three years ago in order to promote and instill the concept of global citizenship, the mantra that is often stressed at our school, and to be used as a tool to inform students of the opportunities available to them through the prospect of studying abroad.

The selected entries came from students, faculty and staff who submitted photos these past three weeks. In total, eighty pictures were put forward for the contest.

The photographs were reviewed by a diverse panel of judges from several areas of related background including the art department, human resources and various members of the Rollins student body. The judges narrowed the shots down to ten selections for three categories: faculty/staff, international students and students who have studied abroad. The winners will be announced today at the DYKO concert.

The showcasing of these

photos allows students to observe where fellow students, faculty and staff have traveled to, and presents a chance for the international students to display their countries and the way they perceive America.

Freshman Kory Eylmann, who coordinated this event, commented, "This makes the Rollins community aware of what they can do while they are here and hopefully encourages students to travel abroad."

The pictures on the walls of the Darden Lounge allowed for the rest of the world to be present on the Rollins College campus for a night. Pictures taken by faculty and staff ranged from marketplaces of diverse South America to crowded street scenes. Part of the fun was trying to determine where the pictures were taken. For the study abroad group, the photos ranged from the scenic, volcanic landscape of Costa Rica to the representation of the Olympic presence in Beijing. The international students had an assortment of pictures from the Obama/Clinton rally to beaches from their home countries.

The food served and music played had a distinct Hispanic flair since the first event of International Education Week was focused on Mexico. Throughout the evening, people trickled in with an interest of foreign countries lingering in their eyes and conversations about traveling abroad arose. As they say, a picture is worth a thousand words and in this case it seems these photographs sparked a thousand more.

## Mistress of melancholy, Jolie delivers captivating performance in Changeling

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When I think of Clint Eastwood, I think of old westerns and automatically lose interest. However, on October 31, Clint Eastwood's new movie *Changeling* (which he directed) came out and is the farthest thing from a classic western. The movie stars Angelina Jolie who plays Christine Collins, a young single mother in the 1920s living a typical and average life with her nine-year-old son, Walter Collins.

One day, Christine is called into work unexpectedly and is forced to leave Walter home alone for a matter of hours. When she returns her son is nowhere to be found and when she calls the police they tell her the child must be missing for at least twenty-four hours for them to take any legal action. However, when the twenty-four hours pass, and Walter has not come home, the police launch an investigation to find the Collins child that lasts for a span of five months. Finally, a child who claims to be Walter Collins is found in another state and is brought back to Christine. From the moment Christine sees Walter, however, she is positive he is not her son even though he looks like Walter and claims to be him. So, the question becomes: is this child really Walter Collins, and if not, then where is Walter and why is this child pretending to be him?

This movie is by far one



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**DISTRAUGHT:** Angelina Jolie plays the role of a single mother who becomes distressed and estranged when her son goes missing.

of the best movies of the year, and it would not surprise me to see this movie nominated for several Academy Awards. However, while this movie is very well done, it is also very disturbing, and leaves the audience with an uneasy feeling about the lives of Christine and Walter. What makes this movie even more disturbing is that it is based on a true story: exposing a side of our police force and people that society hoped never to see. I found myself becoming angry and upset with the circumstances of the movie, and while I do recommend this movie, I warn viewers that it is a very intense film that calls for the proper mindset.

The acting in the movie was impeccable from major actors such as Angelina Jolie, Michael Kelly, John Malkovich and Jeffrey Donovan. The costumes,

setting and props were very appropriate for the period and stylized for the 1920's. I think everyone should see this movie. It opens eyes to ideas of corruption, redemption and the human character in general. It explores every type of human, from the normal and competent to the crazed and wild. It is probably the best movie in theatres now and one of the best we will see all year. Jolie gives the performance of a lifetime and is reminiscent at moments of her performance in *Girl, Interrupted*. If there is any movie to see right now, *Changeling* is it. I do not recommend this movie for younger audiences or for those who can not handle mature and disturbing events. However, for those who are looking for a thought-provoking and captivating film, *Changeling* fulfills every aspect.



# Thar she blows

SPENCER MILLS  
MIKE IMBURGIA  
*the sandspur*

As my roommates and I sat down to screen this much-anticipated adult film we were riveted from the beginning with expectation of non-stop, raunchy, uncensored sex. However, the opening scene sets the tone for a much different kind of movie.

A ship, made by less-than-convincing graphics, cuts through stormy seas chased by another equally unrealistic ship crewed by pirates. The following moments desperately try to set up a plot, which, in this film, seems almost as unnecessary as acting talent. We gain our first glimpse of a female and interest is rekindled despite her abundance of clothing. The first scene comes to a close with no sex, no nudity and a disheartened audience.

As the second scene starts we see two men, one the pirate hunter Captain Edward Reynolds (Evan Stone) and the other his butler Oxford (Frank Bukkwyd), and hopes are once again dashed most expertly. They talk about the crew and proceed to introduce the characters and back-story. We can see that Edward has an enormously big ego and a dreadful misconception of his own abilities as a pirate hunter. Jules Steel (Jesse Jane) and Olivia (Belladonna) are two members of his crew, which has just defeated the most vicious pirate on the seas. However, a friend who turned on this dreaded pirate Stagnetti

to help the Captain defeat him, Serena (Sasha Gray), is wanted for her past piracy.

As you can imagine, my roommates and I are beginning to get depressed...until their conversation turns to the ship's masseuse. Why a masseuse is on a pirate ship still escapes us, but our question is forgotten with the ensuing action. In a scene that is thrust into the movie harder even than the actor himself can manage to thrust into his costar, we get our first moment of true delight...and tits. We are reminded, after far too long, that we are indeed watching porn and not an actual, horrible, "Pirates of the Caribbean" parody. At this moment, and throughout the rest of the movie, we cease to care that the scene makes no sense for the purposes of the plot—who needs a plot nowadays anyway?

After this first, unexplained episode of copulation we almost immediately get another dose of plot-spurning sex. This scene does, however, introduce us to Governor "Devil Dick Willy" Lyttelton (Ben English). He informs the captain and Jules that the only way Serena will

get pardoned is to take back the blue pearl from the pirate captain Xifeng (Katsuni). Xifeng plans to use the blue pearl to bring Stagnetti back from Davy Jones locker. The movie progresses as every character gets their fill of both action and sex. Stagnetti is brought back to life and attempts to begin his reign of terror again. However, Captain Reynolds finally lives up to his big talk and is able to defeat the villain. Then there is more sex.

As the sex scenes get better and more frequent, the plot and acting follow an inverse path. What had originally started out as a bad pirate movie with interspersed sex scenes had transformed into a full-fledged porno with pirates. The writing, which had originally tried to progress the plot, forsook that tactic in lieu of excessive innuendos, including "Women must be clawing at your hull to get aboard your massive vessel," and the libido-dashing "You are an inadequate swordsman." The acting quality makes for a high-comical cinematic experience.

Horrible Asian accents and fighting sequences that would leave pro wrestlers shaking their heads are the cornerstones of the most expensive adult film



ever made. However, before you let this deter you from giving this skin flick a gander, ask yourself the following question: Does it really \*\*\*\*ing matter?

The carefully selected cast does not disappoint. Jesse Jane and her fellow vixens, though unconvincing pirates, are sexy and skilled in their trade of choice. These pirate babes know how to get the job done. Their enhanced features only add to their captivating performances, and we couldn't help but wonder whether fake boobs counted towards the movie's espoused 600+ special effects. Either way, these kinky girls will stop at nothing to please their masters, shipmates and even enemies. Lady viewers fear not; the male actors in this film showed the ability to deftly wield their mighty swords with the dexterity of some sort of penis-ninja.

Make no mistake; the sex in this film leaves nothing to be desired (and even less to the



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imagination). Each scene had us reaching for our BHT (Boner Hiding Technology). The multitude of scenes is complete with the full spectrum

of sexual styles and positions. From the memorable hardcore lesbian scene in which Jules shows her dominance over Olivia to any of the movie's massive orgies, sex is by no means lacking. Reynolds is pleased many times on his quest to find Xifeng and Stagnetti by his beautiful slave girl and shipmates and once victorious over his enemies he is rewarded by Olivia and Serena with a culminating sex scene that ends the movie on an explosive note.

Despite the atrocious acting and aborted attempt to create a reasonable plot, this film does exactly what it intends to do. The numerous adult scenes are guaranteed to sate the sexual appetite of the viewer. For every failing of the film in the writing department, there is compensation in the form of a beautiful woman getting raped.

## Rollins players don't dissappoint

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As of Friday, November 14, the Rollins theatre department opened up its second main-stage show titled "They're Playing Our Song." This show is a musical written by Neil Simon and is an upbeat story of a lyricist and a composer who fall in love while working together. The show is driven by the two main characters: Sonya and Vernon, with six choral members (three men and three women) who represent the other aspects of the two main characters personalities.

After seeing this show, I would have to recommend it to every student on the Rollins campus. Whether you enjoy theatre or not, "They're Playing our Song" is nothing but pure fun. The actors who play Vernon and Sonya (Ryan Dowd Urch and Lianne LaMacchia) have so much charisma and energy that audience members cannot help but love them and feel for them as the story progresses.

Also, the choral characters were not the typical chorus of a show. Usually chorus simply refers to actors in the background who are not featured as part of the act. However, in

"They're Playing Our Song," the male choral members (Dustin Schwab, Jonathan Keebler and Danny Tuegel) and the female choral members (Ana Eligio, Alex Vazquez and Stephanie Leone) were a vital part of the production. These characters were also known as the voices that the two main characters heard in their heads, helping them to make decisions throughout the show.

Crew member Charlie Jincha says, "I loved the show. It has such a great energy to it. As I know many people have been saying, they just want to dance in the aisles. The opening of act two specifically was fantastic." Another crew member, Kyra Wagner, says, "The show just has a great energy. Everyone works so well together and it's just a really enjoyable show."

The music in the show has a 1970's pop sound, which strays away from the usual musical theatre sound. The vocal talent in the show is impressive with each voice fitting the parts well. It seems as if each performer is very in control and well rehearsed in his/her own part.

Basically, if you have not gotten the opportunity to see "They're Playing Our Song," do it! The show runs all this week-

end with a matinee performance on Saturday afternoon. There is no stress, no intense thought and no worries, just plain and simple entertainment. Plus, it is your friends entertaining you. These students are your peers who have put in work and time to bring something enjoyable to the Rollins community. Go out and support our theatre department. You will not be disappointed.

I have yet to be let down by a Rollins show and "They're Playing Our Song" is just another example of the talent our student body holds. So, when the weekend rolls around, no matter what mood you are in, "They're Playing Our Song" will work for you, your friends, your family and basically anyone else who is looking to enjoy a good romantic comedy.



CHRISTIAN KEBBEL / the sandspur  
Lianne LaMacchia and Ryan Dowd Urch star opposite each other.

## SGRho steps up

OLAJUWAN AJAYI  
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The ladies of Sigma Gamma Rho, Inc. promised that the campus center would be the hottest spot on Wednesday night and they were right. Filled with those who came out to support them, those who couldn't believe there was going to be a step show at Rollins and those who wanted to know what a step show was, students and friends were ready for SGRho's top models to take the stage and work it.

Celebrating 86 years of Sigma Gamma Rho, Priscilla Chancy, Wideline Seraphin, Taronda Gibbons, Sarah Tanyhill, Toccara Mallard, Tabatha Curry and president Sierra Luckey did not disappoint, performing to cheers and applause as they brought the house down with their entertaining performance.

The Sigmas' show, which also raised money for hurricane victims in Haiti, kicked off with a bang. As latecomers settled into their seats and the theme music from "America's Next Top Model" started playing, the audience's attention was diverted to a television. As they watched each sorority member's "audition tape," the ladies proceeded to strut on stage pageant style, acting as if they were participating in the modeling competition.

The high-energy show was something you had to see to ap-

preciate. With intricate choreography that can only be mastered with time and practice, the ladies were in sync, giving a seemingly flawless, crowd-pleasing performance. It continued with the ladies dancing to old school hits and taking time to give shout outs to fraternities like Alpha Phi Alpha singing the familiar chant "It's cold in here, there must be some alphas in the atmosphere!" Each Sigma shined, smiling through the complicated-looking steps as if learning and performing the dances was a walk in the park. With a raffle thrown into the mix, the show ended with the same excitement that it started with.

So how did the audience like the SGRho's show? Sophomore John Kluwin had nothing but kind words to say, "It was awesome, amazing."

Senior Shereise DeSilvia, who has seen her share of step shows, really enjoyed it as well. "I used to go to the Kappa Lambda at FAMU and I have to say, it was an unexpected surprise. I didn't even know Sigma Gamma Rho was on this campus! I wish they had more events like this."

With the success of SGRho's Founder's Day event, hopefully Rollins will see more events like it. There is definitely an interest in step shows, and for some, an interest in the sorority.

Laughing, DeSilvia said, "I wish I had known about the sorority when I first started here. I would have joined!" As the Sigma ladies said, you can't spell sisterhood without the Rho.



# Rollins Ultimate Frisbee secures 15th place in cut throat final

CORY FRITCH  
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This weekend, the Rollins College Ultimate Frisbee club led a team to the 4th Annual Annual Kickoff Ultimate Tournament. The tournament was held by the UCF Dogs of War Ultimate Team. Running from 10 AM to 3 PM both Saturday and Sunday, the Frisbee tournament tested the endurance and stamina of competitors.

Sixteen teams competed from all over Florida and Georgia. Competed: UCF- A, UCF- B, Emory, Florida- B, Miami, Embury- Riddle, USF, Rollins, FGCU, Eckerd, Kennesaw State, FSU- B, Miami- B, Florida Tech, and Valdosta State.

The tournament began with the group round on Saturday. Embury-Riddle, Eckerd, and Rollins provided stiff competition for the Rollins in the early rounds. With many players out of town, Rollins was 2-13, 7-13, and 6-10 respectively in the group stage.

Sunday, however, brought new hope with new players. After losing the first two games to FSU (4-13) and UCF (13-13), Rollins was matched



**Left:** Team members Ryan Johns, David Gordon, Steve Head, Saheim Davis, Sarah Dobson, Jessica MacRae, Chris Garlock, Whit Wismar, Ryan Talks, Amy Appleman, Geoff Anderson, Alex Amicucci, Chris Kennedy, and Graham McGrath smile for a group shot.

**Right:** Alex Amicucci gets up over a FGCU handler in the endzone for the score!



CORY FRITCH / the sandspur

up against Florida Gulf Coast University in the prestigious "15th Place" bracket- the battle to avoid last place. After going into half time trailing 4 to 7 and eventually being down by a margin of 4, the Rollins Tars rallied in the second half to tie the

game at 11-11. After a turnover and a questionable dropped Frisbee call, Rollins Ultimate finished off FGCU 13-11, scoring 7 of the final 8 points in the game to win the coveted 15th place.

While 15th place is not that

impressive, given the injuries and lack of players plaguing Rollins it is certainly respectable. The Rollins Ultimate Frisbee Club will be attending the USF Frisbee tournament in February at full strength for a more impressive finish.

## Rollins Basketball promises excitement

ZACH LEE  
the sandspur

The rankings are out for the 2008-09 Division I NCAA Men's Basketball, and the season looks promising. Some big returning players across the country look to continue making an impact for their team, and many rising talents are debuting as well. The excitement will panicle as teams fight to make the Final Four in Detroit this March.

The North Carolina Tar Heels are the team to beat for the second straight season in all the major preseason polls. Last year, however, they were unable to win the NCAA Tournament- a big disappointment for fans. In complicated matters, standout player and reigning national

player of the year, Tyler Hansbrough looks out with a shin injury for at least the opener. The Tar Heels will still enter the season with a target on their backs, and there is no doubt that Coach Roy Williams will be looking to Hansbrough's swift return to action as he works for his first title since 2005.

Two Big East teams, the Connecticut Huskies and the Louisville Cardinals, are ranked highly among experts as well. UConn star Hasheem Thabeet is returning this year, and the 7'3" Tanzanian junior is an enormous reason the Huskies are ranked second. Meanwhile, Louisville's Rick Pitino leads his third-ranked squad into the season and returns four starters from last year's 27-9 team that lost to UNC in last year's Elite

Eight.

UCLA comes into the season at fourth while Pittsburgh holds the fifth position, giving the Big East three teams in the top five to enter the 2008-09 season.

Memphis, another Big East powerhouse, wants to get the sour taste from its mouth left over from last year's title game in which the Tigers brilliantly lost a 9-point lead with 2:12 left to give Kansas the championship. Memphis is ranked 13th, and Kansas is 24th in the pre-season polls.

Florida, the local favorite, enters the season ranked 19th in the nation. Six-foot six Nick Calathas is highly touted, and he may turn some heads and make some mid-season magazine covers for the Gators. Our

neighbors at UCF, who take on Florida at home on December 20th this year, have a markedly young team this year. The Knights have seven true freshmen and one redshirt freshman on the roster, but will try to harness that youth to put together a good season.

Also, look for mid-major Davidson (SoCon) to repeat last year's Elite Eight team's success, as they return explosive junior guard Stephen Curry. Nearly all of their non-conference matchups will appear on national television.

Hell, if for nothing else, this season may be worth watching just because the notorious and brilliant former Indiana and Texas Tech coach Bobby Knight will be joining ESPN as an NCAA analyst.

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## Sandspur-ian of the Week

**Stephanie Duesing**  
Our beloved adviser who  
we missed this week

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
16	17	18	19 ACE: Stroba's Dessert Tasting 8:00 p.m. Stroba's Cakes Due on Fairbanks	20 Guest Speaker Mark Plotkin Bush 170 7:00pm.	21 PCC Olympia Mills Lawn 2:00pm ACE: Rollins After Dark Karaoke and Video Games 8:00 p.m. Dave's Down Under	22 Dido and Tiedke Concert 7:30
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23 In God's Bedroom Fred Stone Theatre 4:00p.m. TAFSival Warren Parking Lot 2:00pm-6:00 p.m. Student Composition Recital Tiedke Concert Hall 7:30 p.m.	24	25	26	27	28	29
Thanksgiving Break						
30	1 JB's 21st Birthday! Rollins College 12:00 a.m.  The Holiday ALL- NIGHTER at T/S 4:00 p.m.-2:00 a.m.	2 ACE: Movie and Hot Cocoa 7:30pm Dave's Down Under	3	4	5 Classes End  Christmas Vespers Keene Hall - Tiedke 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.	6 Christmas Vespers Keene Hall - Tiedke 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
7 Christmas Vespers Keene Hall - Tiedke 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.	8	9	10 Holiday FunFest Alford Sport Center 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.	11	12	13
Final Exams						
14	15	16	Rollins College			
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# Rollins swimming sets new records, laps the competition

COLBY LOETZ  
the sandspur

This year, the Rollins men's and women's swim teams now returned to the Bluegrass Mountain Conference—much more challenging for the Tars with 17 schools to compete against, including Johns Hopkins, SCAD, Wingate and Washington & Lee.

One of the men's team captains, junior Jackson Nicholson, is excited about rejoining the Conference. "If we are successful in this larger conference, it will help the team gain prominence in the swimming and athletic communities. It's a great chance for our program to build."

The team's goal is to crack the top five at championships, which would definitely stir up some positive publicity for Rollins swimming.

In the pool since early September, a more rigorous workout schedule than ever has been imposed in an effort to be ready for the conference. Practices are held every day

from 4 to 6 pm. Morning practices are at least twice a week at 6:00am, and there is a meet every Saturday from November 1 until conferences on February 12.

Coach Rich Morris notes, "The whole team is swimming faster, and they are way ahead of where they were this time last year."

The hard work and added intensity is already showing, as four school records have already been broken, and many more will be taken down soon.

Sophomore Kamel Tejeda has two new school records in the men's 500 yard freestyle and 1,000 yard freestyle. Tejeda dropped 21 seconds off his best time in the 1000 from last year to grab the record with a time of 9:49.03, and he also achieved a NCAA B cut in the 500. Tejeda credits part of his success to this year's aggressive practice regimen: "Being part of the new conference forced the team to start pre-season training earlier. When we realized that every other team in the conference did, too, we wanted to work harder to get better than the

other teams."

Freshman Leandra Lima holds the school's new women's 100 yard and 200 yard backstroke records with a NCAA B cut time of 59.62 in the 100.

Morris comments about how exciting it is to have such fast swims during the first month of regular season competition, saying, "Having four new records set is very unusual this early in the season, but at the same time, very gratifying. It reflects the work that the team is putting in."

So far, the men's and women's swim teams are both 1-2 after losing very close meets to St. Leo. The season is just beginning, so the Tars have plenty of time to work at boosting their standings. The added number of swim meets should also make the season more interesting. This year, the teams will be traveling to Salisbury in North Carolina, Georgia and Charlotte, North Carolina in order to compete in the Bluegrass Conference. The swim team won't swim at home again until January, so in the meantime, let's see how many

# Tars D2 domination

HOPE KRAMEK  
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Sun scorching, crowd cheering, hearts pumping- the Rollins College women's soccer team took to the field Sunday, November 16, like fire to the scoreboard, figuratively and literally. The Tars benefited greatly from the week-long break in games and consequent hard-core strength and field training for what defender Maia Ryan described as necessary "physical and mental toughness." In the first twenty-three minutes, Rollins racked up a 3-0 lead over the opposing Florida Tech.

The Tars previously discussed ways to improve their offense and break-down FIT's defense. In the game, they combined quick touches with the width of the field and, consequently, six minutes after the kick-off, junior midfielder Rachel Jakubowski nailed the first goal into the back of the FIT net. Then, Ashley Waplinger and Chelsea Brady brought the ball again up to the offensive end and passed over to Lindsay Giblin for a quick score. For a goal of her own, Brady smashed a hard right-corner shot to seal the deal for the Tars three to nil.

Down physically and emotionally, Florida Tech tried to push the second half to their favor, but were immediately shut-down by the solid Rollins' defensive backbone of Dana Merrill, Meagan Thomas,

Maia Ryan, and Leah. The 4-4-2 (four defenders, two midfielders, and two forwards) field formation has paid off this game. The emphasis on defense helped the offense as the Tars lead the PCC 19-11 in shots, 13-6 in goals, and 5-0 in corner kicks. In the fifty-second minute of the game, midfielder Jessica made the gap even with a 25-yard rebound spark the scoreboard to 4-0. Keeper Michelle ham nabbed five saves and a sixth shut-out of the season game pushed Rollins' record to 15-0-4.

The second-ranked next game will be this November 21, against the ranked West Florida in the round of the NCAA II South Region Tournament. Defender Maia Ryan described the great level of intensity and outlook for Friday's game. "The upcoming game is highly anticipated by the team and coaching staff. We played UWF before at the field and tied them. We are a fast, physical team, but we also know that we are just as tough. Our team is determined, hardworking, and creative that if we play our level we're capable of our best performance. We will definitely win the game. The match will be in Pensacola and will be broadcasted on rollinssports.com."