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Feb. 26, 1993: The World Trade Center bombing occurred when a car bomb carrying a 1,500 pound urea nitrate-hydrogen device was detonated below the North Tower. Six people were killed and 1,042 were injured.

QUOTABLE

The festival was set up to recreate a typical Zulu village from Africa. There was a beautifully recreated entryway, made partially of straw, and extremely colorful.

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Interested in some extra cash? Take pictures and write for The Sandspur!



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Killer Whale Attacks & Kills SeaWorld Trainer



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GIANT PERFORMERS: At Orlando's SeaWorld, audiences watch killer whales perform various tricks commanded by specialized trainers. But on Feb. 24 they witnessed a horrific attack.

A HISTORY OF KILLER WHALE ATTACKS

2004	2006	2009
A killer whale at SeaWorld's San Antonio park tried to hit and bite a trainer. The trainer escaped unharmed.	At SeaWorld's San Diego park, a trainer was bitten and held underwater several times. He escaped with a broken foot.	A trainer on the island of Tenerife fell from a killer whale when it made an unusual move during a trick, resulting in death from a crushed rib cage.

Res. Life Now Hiring New RAs and HMs



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RES LIFE: The 2009-2010 Resident Assistants pose for a group shot. As RAs, they represent the five values of residential life: learning, leadership, responsibility, social justice, and collaboration.

ALEXIS NEU
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Do you like event planning? Are you crafty and enjoy creative advertising? Want to become a leader on campus? Looking to make some extra cash during the 2010-2011 school year?

If you answered yes to one or more of these questions, you might want to consider applying for a Residential Assistant (RA) or House Manager (HM) position for the upcoming school year. This year's Residential Life selection campaign is currently in full swing. Applications became

available to Arts and Sciences Students online on Feb. 9 and will be available through the end of March 5. The application process is supplemented by both a group and an individual interview process. Group interviews will take place on March 20 with individual interview times available on both March 19 and 20.

The individual interview will feature a required three to five minute presentation on one of the topics provided by the ResLife Office. All applicants must have a minimum of a 2.5 cumulative GPA and good judicial standing.

There are many benefits that accompany the position. RAs

of traditional halls, including freshman Living Learning Community Halls, and House Managers enjoy a single room at a triple room rate. Although in the past, Sutton RAs have enjoyed single bedroom apartments to themselves, next year they will reside in two-bedroom apartments, with two RAs per apartment.

This change is a result of Residential Life's interest in increasing the number of Sutton RAs from four to eight. House Managers and Residential Assistants alike also receive on-campus parking privileges for free. Lastly, RAs will receive a \$5,300 stipend and HMs receive a \$1,875 stipend.

INSIDE:

Team USA is on track to make history by winning the overall medals count for the first time since the Lake Placid Olympics in 1936.

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GABBY CHASSAGNE
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A tragic accident occurred Feb 24 in Orlando at Sea World's Shamu Stadium. Tilikum the Orca Whale dragged veteran trainer Dawn Brancheau down to the bottom of his makeshift enclosure.

This was not the first time Tilikum has been responsible for the death of a person. Reporter Mike Holfeld died from an attack in 1999 as did a 20 year old trainer who had fallen into his tank in 1999. The audience watched on in utter horror. Some witnesses say Tilikum came to the surface and attacked Brancheau, while other reports claim she slipped into the tank. "Nothing like this has ever occurred before in our facility," said President of Sea World Dan Brown.

Jim Solomons of the Orange County Sheriff's Office stated that there was no evidence of foul play. It was well-known amongst trainers, especially Brancheau, who was the trainer with the most experience with Tilikum, that trainers were forbidden to be in the tank with Tilikum because of his violent past. News of what is to be done with Tilikum has yet to be released.

Considering applying? Here are some helpful tips straight from Director of Residential Life Leon Hayner:

1. Spend some time preparing and practicing for your interview.
2. Learn all you can about the position you are applying for. This includes talking to current RAs or HMs in order to obtain an accurate student opinion about the position. Furthermore, take some time to research the ResLife office itself, including familiarizing yourself with the Five Values of Residential Life (the V5): learning, leadership, responsibility, social justice, and collaboration.
3. Be thorough and creative with your presentation.
4. Be yourself during both interviews. Do not hesitate to ask any questions you have about the position. The more you know the better you will be able to decide whether or not being an RA would be the right job for you.

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How will I get my written articles into The Sandspur?

Articles for The Sandspur are typically 400-700 words in length and must be submitted no later than noon on the Monday prior to the corresponding issue's publication. Submissions will be e-mailed to TClinger@rollins.edu and AObernauer@rollins.edu.

Where is the Sandspur?

The Sandspur office is located on the 2nd floor of the Mills building, two floors above the post office.

How can I get involved with The Sandspur?

Sandspur meetings are held on Wednesday of every week at 6pm in the Sandspur office on the 2nd floor of the Mills Building. Any questions can be e-mailed to editor@thesandspur.org, and respective editors can be reached at their Rollins e-mail addresses (first initial, last name@rollins.edu).

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NEWS

Three Week Maymester: Advantageous for Students Looking to Advance

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Starting May 10 and continuing until May 29, Maymester will begin. This is a rigorous summer semester program where students can take a maximum of two courses, which meet five days a week for two and a half hours in order to attain four credit hours in general education requirements.

While an extra three weeks in classes may not be ideal for many A&S students, Maymester does have some very enticing benefits. First implemented May 2009, this program provides students with the opportunity to complete general education requirements early. Other Cultures (C), Quantitative Reasoning (Q), Organic Sciences (O), Expressive Arts (A), Decision Making and Valuation (V), Physical Sciences (P), Contemporary American Society (S), and Literature (L), are all the possible general education requirements a student can get out of the way. There are 18 courses being offered overall, varying from "Zombies, Serial Killers, and Madmen" to "Introduction of Lasers and Light" to "Communication Ethics." The ability to get through the general education "alphabet soup" allows students



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to have more free time in their years to come; students have the option of graduating early and more opportunities of studying abroad.

This three week semester may come as an answer to

the prayers of those in the Accelerated Management Program who wish to study abroad; graduating with an MBA in five years leaves very little time to take advantage of the international programs.

If early graduation or more study abroad time are not big enough perks, then the fact that there will be less stress senior year should appeal to all. I have heard numerous times in passing conversation from upperclassmen about how they need this class or that class to graduate; underclassmen should take advantage of this opportunity now, so that they can make the most of their final year at Rollins College before they head off into true adulthood. Maymester also comes to the rescue to those who are not meeting scholarship requirements for grade point averages.

Maymester is also serving as a trial run for live online registration. "This process eliminates students having to go through pre-registration and other paperwork. Live online registration allows students to pick their courses and provides them with immediate feedback as to whether they attained a seat in that class. This facilitates registration for students," says Assistant Faculty Dean Toni Holbrook.

In regards to last year's semester, Toni Holbrook adds how "the overall success of was impressive." All in all, the advantages outweigh the disadvantages of this summer semester.

Lambda Pi Eta Communications Honor Society

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Communications students in both the A&S and Holt School programs have undoubtedly heard the recruitment pitch at least once; those with a certain grade point average qualify for membership into the Rollins chapter of Lambda Pi Eta, the national communications honor society. Along with an impressive entry on a personal résumé, membership also carries with it the option to wear gold chords at graduation.

As those who have taken the time to apply quickly found out, these two benefits only mark the tip of the club's proverbial iceberg.

According to the organization's official Website, Lambda Pi Eta operates as a college-level

function of the National Communications Association. The organization operates more than 400 chapters across the country, a figure that includes the Rollins chapter. New members have the option to attend an initiation ceremony, a prestigious event that welcomes parents, friends and spouses. In addition, the national organization encourages chapters to maintain a healthy mix of social, academic and community service events.

Many Rollins students, and especially Holt students who already balance school with work and family, worry about the demands of such an active organization. Local chapter officers assure applicants, though, that all events are optional and members need not attend any events at all in order to maintain their membership. In addition, the initial \$35 initiation fee is a one-time charge and is not subject to annual renewal. Finally, members must have a GPA of at least 3.0 overall (and 3.25 within the Communications discipline) though at the time of induction, the club does not require members to maintain this average after initiation. Students must have completed a minimum of 60 credit hours, including at least 12 hours in the

Communications discipline, to be eligible for admission.

Membership in Lambda Pi Eta also carries a number of significant after-college career benefits. "It's an honor to be a part of a campus society that will not only recognize your academic achievements, but also help you strive for excellence beyond your college career," said local Chapter President Jihan Ruano. "Lambda Pi Eta is a springboard to the many resources available to communication scholars to expose them to the endless possibilities that this field has to offer."

Certainly, students can employ a Lambda Pi Eta membership when looking for employment after graduation. According to Roxanne Kimraj, Vice President of New Members for the Rollins chapter, those who join the organization enjoy lifetime membership in Lambda Pi Eta and, by extension, the National Communications Association.

This professional affiliation can set up access to an experienced professional network and demonstrate excellence in the field, both very valuable assets when seeking employment or applying for graduate school. The organization welcomes new members, as Ruano expressed, "It excites me that many students have already taken advantage of this opportunity. I

have high hopes through this semester's membership drive that many more will too."

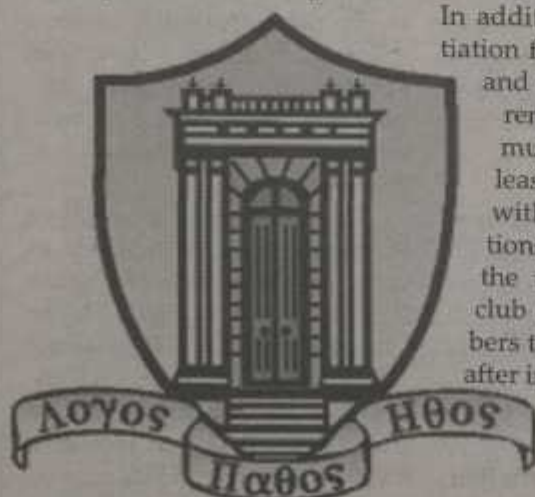
Students interested in joining Lambda Pi Eta, and who meet the academic qualifications, can take advantage of the current membership drive, an event that ends March 5. Students can contact Jihan Ruano, Roxanne Kimraj, Vice President of Public Relations Balinda De Santis or faculty advisor Gregory Cavanaugh.

Lambda Pi Eta Fast Facts

- Lambda Pi Eta represents Aristotle's three means of persuasion: logos (Lambda), or logic, pathos (Pi), referring to emotion, and ethos (Eta), meaning character.

- The goals of Lambda Pi Eta are:

1. To recognize, foster, and reward outstanding scholastic achievement
2. To promote and encourage academic and professional development among Communication majors and minors
3. To provide opportunities to discuss and exchange ideas about the field
4. To establish and maintain close relationships and understanding between faculty and students
5. To explore options for graduate and professional studies



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Yoni's take on the political environment of the nation and the world.



YONI BINSTOCK
columnist

Economic Terrorism

In today's news we constantly hear about people losing their jobs, individuals without health care, and people struggling just to get by in today's economy. Unfortunately, the media does not even come close to portraying the reality of America. If people realized the truth of the destitute situation America is really in people would march in the streets demanding change.

America is the richest nation in history, yet we now have the highest poverty rate in the industrialized world and according to the National Law Center of Homelessness and Poverty, there are over 20% of Americans currently living in poverty. According to the Huffington Post, there are over 35 million people who—in order to eat—need to use food stamps.

"No longer can government policies look out for the financial elite, while the majority of Americans are forgotten."

roughly 20,000 people are added to this list every single day. In addition, in 2009, one out of five U.S. households did not have enough money to buy sufficient levels of food.

According to the AFLCIO, we currently have over 47 million U.S. citizens without health care. In addition, 1.4 million Americans filed for bankruptcy in 2009, a 32% increase from 2008. As bankruptcies continue to skyrocket, medical bankruptcies are responsible for over 60% of them, and over 75% of the medical bankruptcies filed are from people who have health insurance.

Over 5 million U.S. families have already lost their homes, with a total of 13 million families expected to lose their homes by 2014. Every day 10,000 U.S. homes enter foreclosure. Statistics show that an increasing number of these people are not

finding shelter elsewhere; there are now over 3 million homeless Americans. The fastest-growing segment of the homeless population is single parents with children.

The average US citizen is forced to give up approximately 30% of our income just to taxes. Only 10 years ago, American families paid 7% of their income on food and fuel; now they pay 20%. An element of the reason why foreclosure rates are so high is because the percentage of the income Americans pay on their housing has risen to 34%. So for these basic costs, taxes, food, fuel and shelter—the average American family has already lost 84% of their limited income.

To have any chance of succeeding in our economy, it is commonly believed that one must attend the best college possible. With the mounting costs involved, today's students are graduating with record levels of debt from student loans. This system has crippled an entire generation right from the start and has put them in a vicious cycle of spiraling debt that they will struggle with for the rest of their lives. The most recent college graduates are now known as the "lost generation."

The government statistics of unemployed show that 9.7% of Americans are unemployed, but when you factor in all the uncounted workers—"involuntary part-time" and "discouraged workers"—the unemployment rate rises from 9.7% to over 20%.

We now have over 30 million U.S. citizens who are unemployed or underemployed. There are also a mounting number of employed people who, despite having a job, are still living in poverty. There are at least 15 million employed persons who now fall into this rapidly growing category. As well, over 60% of Americans now live paycheck to paycheck, and thus have no opportunity to save or have a safety net of any kind.

In 1970, CEOs made \$25 for every \$1 the average worker made. By 2000 this pay ratio dramatically rose to \$90 for CEOs to \$1 for the average worker, but including stocks and other bonuses the pay ratio is closer to \$500 to \$1. The top 1% of the American population now owns over 70% of all financial assets.

Since the Reagan administration, the combination of deregulation, the breaking up of the unions, the economy turning from manufacturing to finance, and the tax breaks for the rich means that the average American is in a much worse place than several decades ago.

People must demand a complete shift in the way we run our society and market so that the masses benefit instead of those of wealth reaping the glory.

No longer can government policies look out for the financial elite, while the majority of American citizens are totally forgotten about by their own government. It is time for change.

OPINIONS

Low Marks Given for Tigertron's TV-Apology

PETER TRAVIS
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Since the birth of the paparazzi and recent generations' obsession with celebrities, a new art form has been created. It is the art of dealing with celebrity scandal. Sports figures have established themselves as major players in this art, some painting genuine, sympathetic masterpieces that the public eats up. However, other athletes are inept in this craft, taking endless missteps until their careers are marred by one transgression.

Some athletes just do not have what it takes to clean up their media spills, such as Barry Bonds and Pete Rose. The most talented athletes in terms of cleaning up messes include Kobe Bryant and Michael Vick, who have both regained success in their careers and the eyes of the public after major scandals.

After being accused of rape in the summer of 2003, Bryant took all the right steps to gain the public's admiration again. He vehemently denied the charges of sexual assault, but admitted to committing adultery. He issued a heartfelt apology to the public with his wife at his side (for whom he had just bought a new \$4 million ring). A year later, the charges were dropped for good. Now, people do not even remember much about that little blip on Bryant's record.

Tiger Woods needs to take a lesson from Kobe. Over the past three months Tiger has done almost everything wrong in terms of coming clean and regaining the public's respect. The latest



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TIGER EXPLOSION: Tiger Woods' "emotional-less" speech on Feb. 19 gave his public apology for his behavior in the past.

Tiger mishap came on Friday when he came out of hiding to issue a public apology. Tiger had not made a public appearance since his November accident, other than a few strategically leaked photographs of him exercising and practicing.

Nothing about his speech was genuine. He spoke with virtually no emotion, with abundant awkward pauses, and with what seemed to be forced choke-up moments. His robotic address was full of clichés, and did not have much meat in the content. Nonetheless, he did apologize, and in many different ways he stated, "For all that I have done, I am so sorry." However, no questions were allowed, so Tiger's 14-minute speech stood alone and awkwardly captivated the audiences of every sports station on Friday morning.

For Tiger to truly recover in the eyes of the public, some-

thing has to give. Tiger has to stop trying so hard to control this situation, which he has gotten so bad at controlling, and just let things happen. Let the media grill you for half an hour and see what comes out. No matter how harsh, abrasive, or inept Tiger may be while answering questions about his personal life, a tiny bit of honesty would be a relief to all those Tiger fans who have been trying to play his disingenuous game of hide-and-seek for the past three months.

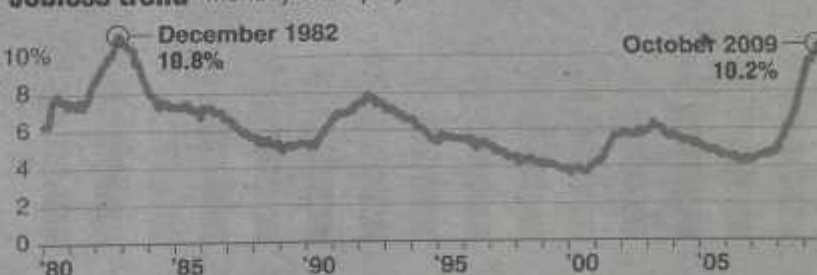
Everything about Tiger's speech seemed eerily staged. As difficult as it may be, potentially the greatest golfer who ever lived needs to do what other great athletes involved in scandals have perfected: he must swallow his pride.

Tiger left his future on the course, saying, "I do plan to return to golf one day, I just don't know when that day will be."

Out of work

The U.S. unemployment rate jumped to 10.2 percent in October, the highest rate since 1983.

Jobless trend Monthly unemployment rate



Hardest-hit states

Congress extended jobless benefits for up to 14 weeks, up to 20 weeks for those in states with jobless rates above 8.5 percent; rates for September, by state

Below 7%
7%-8.5%
Above 8.5%



Hardest-hit workers, jobs

Young people and minorities have the highest jobless rates; unemployment rates, October 2009

Teenagers	27.6%
African-Americans	15.7%
Hispanics*	13.1%
Adult men	10.7%
Adult women	8.1%

*Any race
Sectors with the biggest losses, October 2009

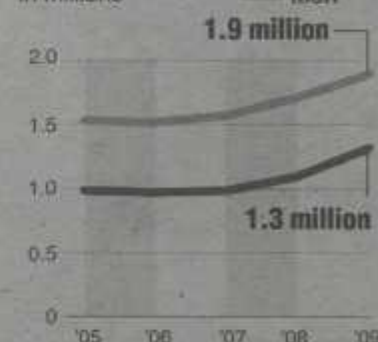
Construction	-62,000
Manufacturing	-61,000
Retail trade	-40,000

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Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics
Graphic: Pat Carr

More apply for Social Security

Retiring Baby Boomers and older workers frustrated by a tough jobs market are fueling the rise in Social Security recipients.

New recipients, in millions



Monthly check

Average amount, in 2009

Total	\$1,181.59
Men	\$1,365.58
Women	\$974.08

NOTE: Total number of new male and female beneficiaries exceeds official SSA figures because, in addition to retired workers, the data includes older widows and spouses of retired workers.

Source: Urban Institute, Social Security Administration
Graphic: Judy Treble

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SHOCKING US STATS: The United States must re-evaluate its policies so that they are ultimately looking out for the benefit of the Americans.

Foamy Fun Enjoyed by Everyone

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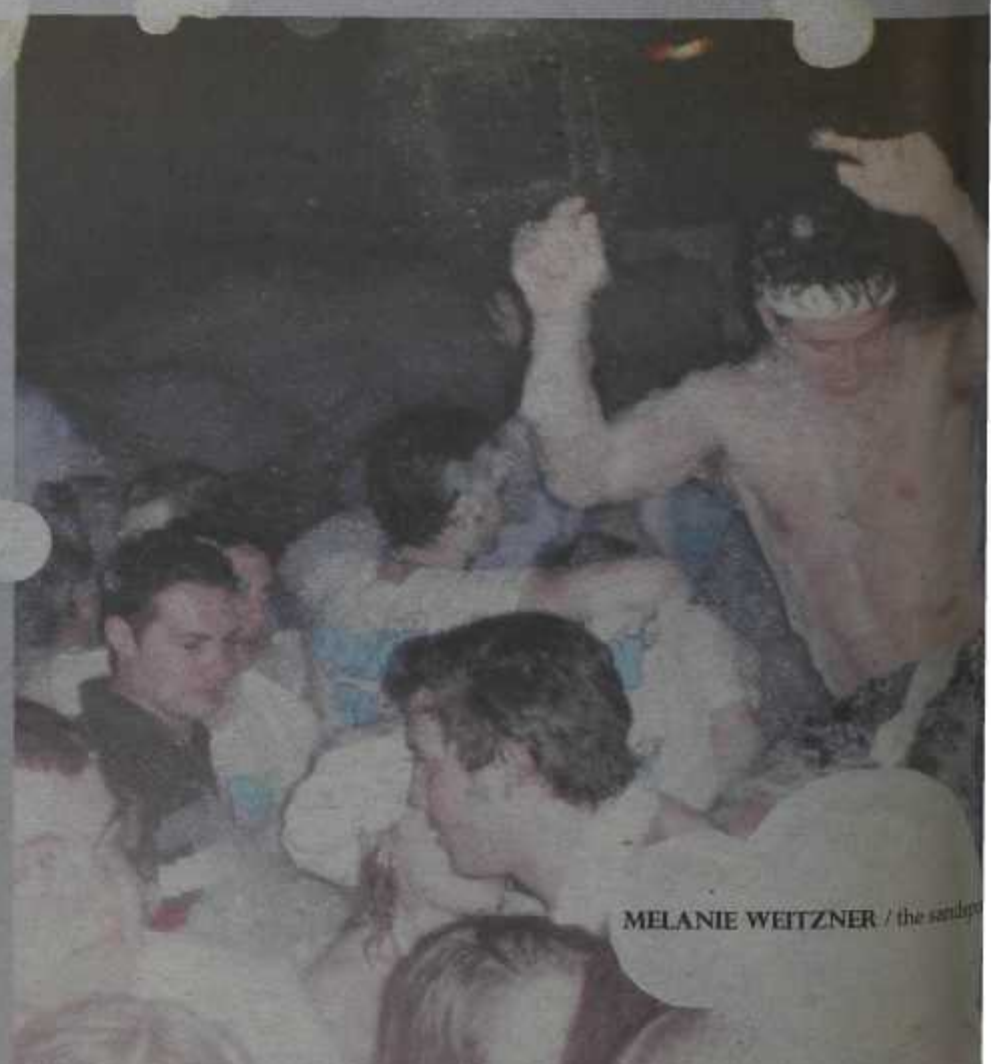
Saturday, Feb. 20 was, for many students, a sudsy night to remember. Chi Psi fraternity's Foam Party was a huge success, and ranked as one of the most highly attended events of the semester thus far.

The party was located at the UCF bar Scoop and lasted from 10:30 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. Sunday morning. Entrance was contingent upon the pre-event purchase of a specially issued t-shirt, which featured the fraternity's name and the letters "DTF?," or "Down To Foam?"

Pre-ordered shirts started at a price of \$12 per shirt, and the price slowly increased as the event grew nearer, eventually reaching \$20 per shirt. Purchase of a shirt secured a spot on both the event's guest list and one of the many buses that were hired for transportation to and from the event.

In an attempt to provide their fellow students with the best possible foam-party experience, Chi Psi hired the help of the nationally renowned foam party producer "The Foam Guy." For the students' benefit, the foam used at the event was hypo-allergenic, non-staining, non-detergent, and water-based.

Party-goers claimed that foam stacks overtook the dance floor, with some over six feet in height. Now that sounds like foamy fun!



MELANIE WEITZNER / *the sandspur*

INTO THE FOAM: Partygoers in attendance at the Chi Psi Foam Party. Top right: Foam spills outside of the club. Top left and middle right: The foam machine as it produces foam onto the crowd. Bottom left: Joe Skydel (Class of 2013) and Melanie Weitzner (Class of 2013) after the party. Bottom right: Partygoers on the foamy dancefloor.

Leon Fleisher Shares His Tales

JUSTIN BRAUN
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It is not often that one can have a candid and intimate conversation with one of the world's greatest living musicians. However, on Feb. 15 the Rollins College community was treated with the musical genius that is Leon Fleisher. Presented by Music at Rollins College and the Winter Park Institute, a showing of the Academy Award-nominated documentary by Nathaniel Kahn, entitled "Two Hands," was followed by an extended Q&A in which the renowned pianist, conductor and teacher shared life stories and personal musings with the audience.

The short documentary chronicled Fleisher's near career-ending battle with focal dystonia, a mental disorder that caused him to lose the use of his right hand. Fleisher confessed that at first he felt he no longer had a purpose in life, as his loss of dexterity occurred at the peak of his career. It happened just before a major tour and doctors continued to remain confounded by his condition. Yet, the film illustrated how Fleisher worked through his despair and took to conducting and teaching, which

he found greatly fulfilling. Despite the fact that surgery has enabled Fleisher to use both hands again for performance, he will never have a full recovery, as his disorder remains incurable.

Still, Fleisher remains the "pianistic find of the century." In 2007, Fleisher was bestowed the Kennedy Center Honors, at which Caroline Kennedy aptly described him as a piano prodigy who, "rose to the heights, embraced adversity and became a musician for all seasons."

Susan Lackman, professor of composition and theory at Rollins, reiterated how significant Fleisher's visit was to the Rollins community. "Leon Fleisher is a national treasure and what we can get from him in this short period of time will be diamonds," said Lackman. "Everything he says will be so precious. I don't think that any of the students that work with him will ever forget the experience."

Fleisher maintains he came for the students: "I hope to be able to offer some solutions to their questions, some answers to those many challenges that face all musicians as they embark on the various pieces in their repertoire," explained Fleisher following Monday's event. "I'm hoping to be a kind of resource. Most artists have endless ques-

tions and at this time in my life I'm hoping to offer possible solutions."

Fleisher has much to offer aspiring musicians. A student of the legendary pianist Artur Schnabel, who was trained by none other than Ludwig van Beethoven, Fleisher's knowledge of music in its true form is without comparison. During his brief tenure at Rollins, Fleisher allowed students multiple opportunities to learn from his greatness.

Events included an open dress rehearsal with the Rollins Student Orchestra, which Fleisher conducted, an informal duo piano recital featuring Fleisher accompanied by his wife, acclaimed concert pianist Katherine Jacobson Fleisher, and a master class allowing students to play along with him in a piano ensemble.

"It's always exciting to meet with young artists who are filled with curiosity, energy, and enthusiasm," said Fleisher. "I find it invigorating and life-renewing."

Up next for the Winter Park Institute will be a series of lectures and symposiums by literary masters Jules Feiffer, Marsha Norman, and Billy Collins beginning March 25. For more information on upcoming Winter Park Institute events, please visit <http://tars.rollins.edu/wpi/>



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THE FLEISHER DUO PERFORMS: On Thursday, Feb. 18, Leon Fleisher played a lunchtime piano concert with his wife, Katherine.

First Ever Indaba Jazz Festival



DODIE O'KEEFE
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On Saturday, Feb. 20, the Indaba Art and Jazz Festival took place at the Albin Polasek Museum and Sculpture Gardens here in Winter Park. It lasted from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and included food, drinks, art and jazz on the lovely lakefront.

This African-American heritage festival developed through an idea from Richard Black, a fundraising consultant. The plan had been forming in his mind for years, since he saw a painting from a local artist depicting an "Indaba," a Zulu word for a gathering of African tribes under a majestic tree.

Black believed that Central Florida could have its own "Indaba" to illustrate African-American heritage through art. This past Saturday was the first event in this showcase. It was supported by the Bethune-Cookman University National Alumni Association, Rollins College's Black Student Union, and the Albin Polasek Museum and Sculpture Gardens.

"It's a gathering of community and a way to celebrate our African-American heritage; an experience that could have ap-

peal for many others. It comes from the desire for a sense of community, allowing people to share and express themselves and leave inspired and empowered," Black said.

Over 20 artists signed up to display their work, including paintings, sculptures, photography, and stained-glass creations. The jazz performers included recording artist Robert Harris, the group De'Vine Soul, saxophonist Erly Thornton, the Silkee Smoove band, and R&B singer Tyesha Williams. Many people gathered for this festive event, bringing lawn chairs and picnic blankets to relax and enjoy the atmosphere. There were food and drinks available from multiple local eateries, including barbecued chicken and kettle corn, as well as complementary wine tasting.

Indaba was located just down Fairbanks from Sutton Apartments, with a very reasonable entry fee of \$5. And it was \$5 well spent! Additionally, there were great art displays, including breathtaking recycled glass. It was incredible to see how someone could take what many see as useless and create something so beautiful.

The festival was set up to recreate a typical Zulu village from Africa. There was a beautifully recreated entryway, made

partially of straw, and extremely colorful. Overall, the festival was a hit, and it was a great way to spend a Saturday afternoon.

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LAKEFRONT CONCERT: A jazz group performed during the Feb. 20 festival. Several bands performed throughout the event.

SPRING BREAK

T.J. FISHER
the sandspur

One more week and it will be here: **SPRING BREAK 2010!** Everyone is counting down the days until it is time to take a week's vacation from school—a much-needed break from the stresses and hard work that are life as a college student.

For years, spring break has been the stuff of legend for college kids, who have built up stories and memories they will never forget. In all those movies and stories about college, spring break means the beach, sun, fun, and often, Cancun. Many Rollins students will be donning their bathing suits and making a run for the beach, while others are going home to visit friends and family, or heading to colder climates to visit friends at other colleges.

Many groups of students are heading up to the Florida panhandle, just far enough to get away from campus and to the beach, but also close enough so that it is a manageable trip. There are several options on the Panhandle, with two big destinations—Panama City and Pensacola. Panama City is sure to be crawling with college kids, as most colleges in Florida, including UF and USF, have spring break during the same week as Rollins. Panama City offers many cheap hotels and places to eat, while lying on the beach is the number one activity of students who flock to the beach town for spring break. Pensacola, however, is a bit farther of a drive, and probably will not have as many college kids and crazy parties as Panama City during spring break week.

Some students who are from Florida are going home to spend time with their families and friends from high school. Morgan Williams (Class of 2013) is killing two birds with one stone by going home to Jacksonville to visit family, but is also bringing some friends from Rollins, who plan to spend the majority of their spring break lying out and relaxing on the beach.

Some adventurous students are heading out of the country. A popular destination is the British Virgin Islands, where several groups are heading, either to stay in hotels or to go boating around the islands. Another idea entertained by some students is taking a weeklong cruise with friends. What could be better than having a great time on a boat with good friends for a week in the Caribbean? Some first year students will be heading to the Florida Keys, and another group of students will be staying at an exclusive resort in the Bahamas.

There are countless options, so ultimately, the choice is yours, Rollins. Make spring break what you want it to be.



MONKEY SEE, MONKEY DO: Students enjoy a scenic boat ride in Costa Rica with a most interesting choice of a ta GEORGI GEORGIEV / the



I'M ON A BOAT...SORT OF: Jet skiing on the clear blue waters in nearby Miami is another option for Rollins spring breakers. GEORGI GEORGIEV / the

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BEACH BUMS: Some avid beach goers play soccer on Tamarindo Beach in Costa Rica.



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FUN IN THE SUN: A spring breaker kite-boards on the beaches of Key West.

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March 8-12, Rollins students will enjoy spring break during the same week as close to 1,300,000 other students from universities all over the United States such as UF, TSU, and Penn State. Book a trip as soon as possible, as rates go up daily.

Here are some spring break ideas to consider:

All-Inclusive resorts in the Caribbean: There are great all-inclusive resorts in the Caribbean such as Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic and Cancun in Mexico. Weeklong trips cost around \$900. These are probably the best "bang for the buck" deals considering that the price includes flights, room, board and even alcoholic drinks.

Skiing: Looking for snowy fun? If so, try: Crested Butte (voted the best Colorado ski resort for college aged folks), Aspen, Colorado or Heavenly Valley in Nevada. Do not forget that our northern neighbor also offers some great spring break-friendly ski resorts such as Whistler Blackcomb in Canada.

Cruises: Cruises are always one of the cheapest options to consider. Caribbean itinerary prices start from \$300 to \$600 for a weeklong cruise. Book soon, for cruises sell fast during spring break.

Backpacking Trips: Europe is always worth traveling to despite the long flights. Some spring break hot spots such as Amsterdam, London and Paris are the cities most popular among American students, followed by Rome, Florence, Madrid and Berlin. Airfare currently goes for roughly \$600 round trip. Try hostels to save money on housing while meeting other student travelers.

Florida: Why not crash at a friend's house in Miami Beach or hit the top spring break spots such as Panama City or Key West? Trips in Florida can be easily done last minute and Florida cities are packed with tons of spring breakers who come from other states to enjoy the Florida sun.

Immersion trips in Costa Rica: How about a weeklong Spanish cultural immersion program with surfing lessons in Tamarindo, Costa Rica? For popular alternative spring break trips, check out coastalspanish.com or studyspanishcenter.com.

For a full list of universities with spring break (March 8-12) or other spring break ideas please check out Traveloyster.com

After the Superbowl, Let the Good Times Roll

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"Here, titty, titty, titty" was all I could hear while trying to sober up, standing in front of historic Preservation Hall. A group of Auburn coeds giggled incessantly as they made their way past the seated old man, jingling golden beads in one hand, clutching a megaphone in the other. As the organized chaos of Bourbon Street beckoned the girls just up the block, I could see Pops sink back into his fold-up chair, defeated, his prospects of catching that precious glimpse of a frosted nipple bested.

From the moment Tracy Porter intercepted Peyton Manning with 3:12 remaining in Super Bowl XLIV, the party to kick off a new decade for the city of New Orleans began. The final estimates are that somewhere around 1.5 million tourists flocked to the city this past Mardi Gras, bringing with them enough debauchery and glee to give new meaning to the Big Easy's age-old slogan "laissez les bons temps rouler," or translated, "let the good times roll."

My roommates and I packed up a younger sibling's SUV and headed west. This would be my first Mardi Gras experience and it certainly will not be my last. The drive sucked, but it was cheaper than flying. I can vaguely recall my shift, between the hours of midnight and 5 a.m. As the other passengers comfortably slept, there I was, several Red Bulls deep, guiding our vessel along the Gulf Coast amidst icy rain and infinite darkness. Sadly, the only music I had was the younger sister's pop collection and somewhere around NOW 16 I slowly began to slip into the vortex of my

own insanity.

In my jaded condition, the prospect of a warm bed upon our arrival in New Orleans was tantalizing. Little did I know, the madness was only beginning. We were greeted by our gracious hosts with the warmest Southern hospitality and stuffed to the brim with the

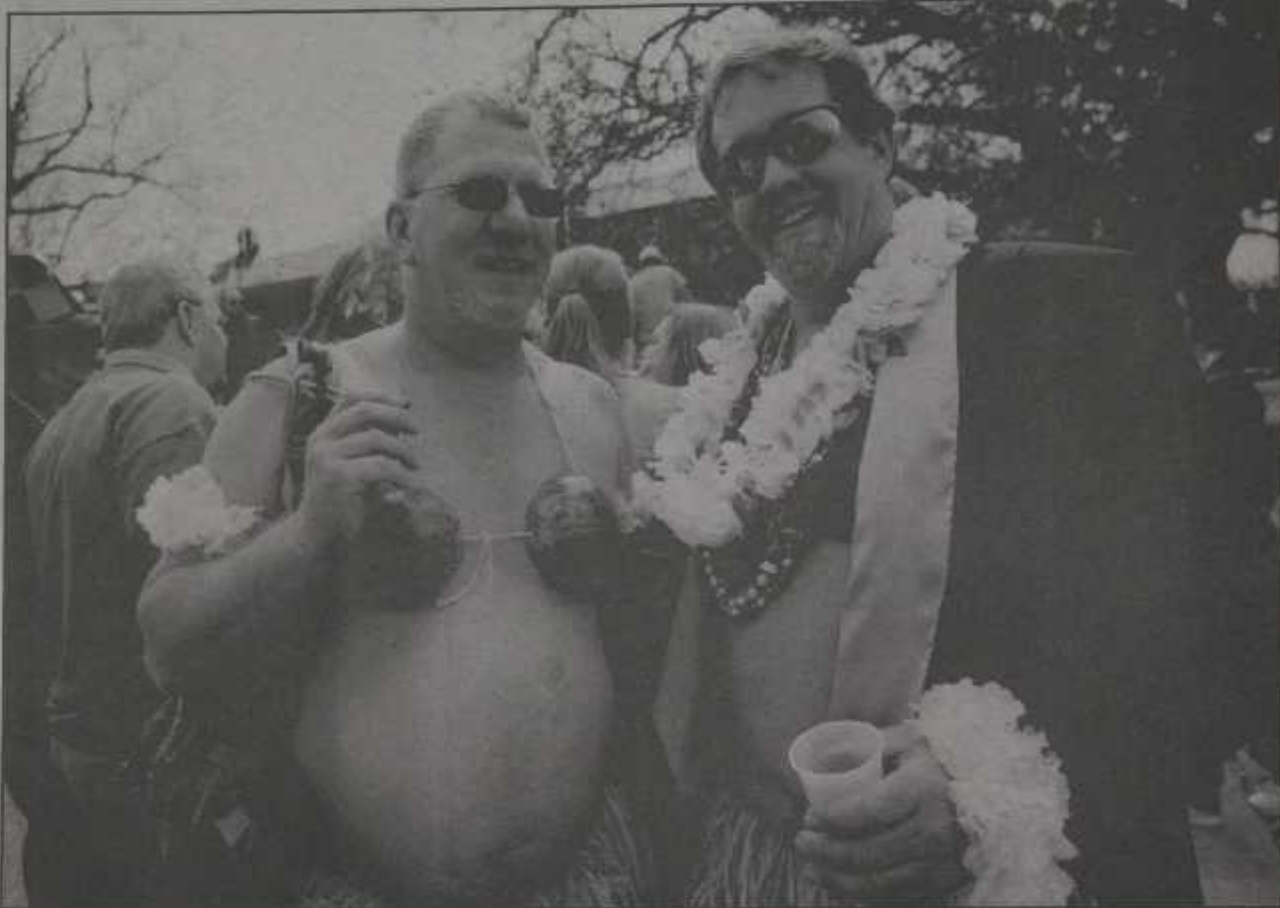
to the horizon was a living sea of people. The most elaborately choreographed parades endlessly circulated through the streets of the city, almost as if the streets themselves were turned into vibrant, pulsating arteries. Oh, and if you are wondering, "yeah, but where are the boobies?" Well, they

the ground you immediately dismiss them for the cheap novelty they are. People literally lose themselves for a chance of snagging some beads, only adding to the pagan aura.

Speaking of the pagan aura, you have got to love the guys standing around with signs that say, "Repent all ye sinners; the

little kids run around, getting their faces painted, perched up on dad's shoulders to catch some beads really puts a seal on one's face. It really lets one's spirits to see a city that underwent one of the tragedies of our time resuscitate itself as the culturally vibrant, friendly, and welcoming town we all adore.

As I sit here trying to wrap up this article a week later, I am still feeling pretty crusty. I am pretty sure New Orleans will join me in my hangover for some time, yet it is in honor of such a festival that I say to the city, well done and "laissez les bons temps rouler!"



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GOOD TIMES: There is no telling what costumes people will show up in when it comes to Mardi Gras. These two men are getting into the spirit of the event along one of the many parade routes.

most delicious home-cooked breakfast. Before I could utter the word "nap," coolers filled with dozens of Heinekens were strapped to our backs, and we were politely, yet sternly, sent on our merry way into the frenzy.

Averaging a foot taller than the people around me, I walked the streets of New Orleans, freezing, utterly bewildered at the fact that no matter which direction I turned, all the way

were definitely there, but – and I think there was consensus on this one – the ones you do see, you wish you had not.

Which leads me to the ultimate treasure of Mardi Gras: the beads. Big, tiny, multicolor, glowing, blinking, fuzzy, and sparkling. I swear these necklaces that cannot cost more than a penny somehow gain the worth of priceless jewelry, yet the second they touch

Kingdom of God is upon us!" Now, you would normally feel guilty seeing that guy, except he was aptly punctuated by another man standing directly to his right with a sign that read, "Jesus loves pornstars & those who look @ porn."

Though natives of the city can attest, Mardi Gras is not just a drunken orgy. This is jubilation for the family as well as the fraternity. Seeing



COURTESY OF MCT CAMPUS AND ALL CAMPUS EVENTS

OLD WEST FUN: Rollins After Dark and All Campus Events' newest offering comes complete with cowboy hats, linedancing, and even a mechanical bull. The event is open to all students and begins Friday night at 10:00 p.m.

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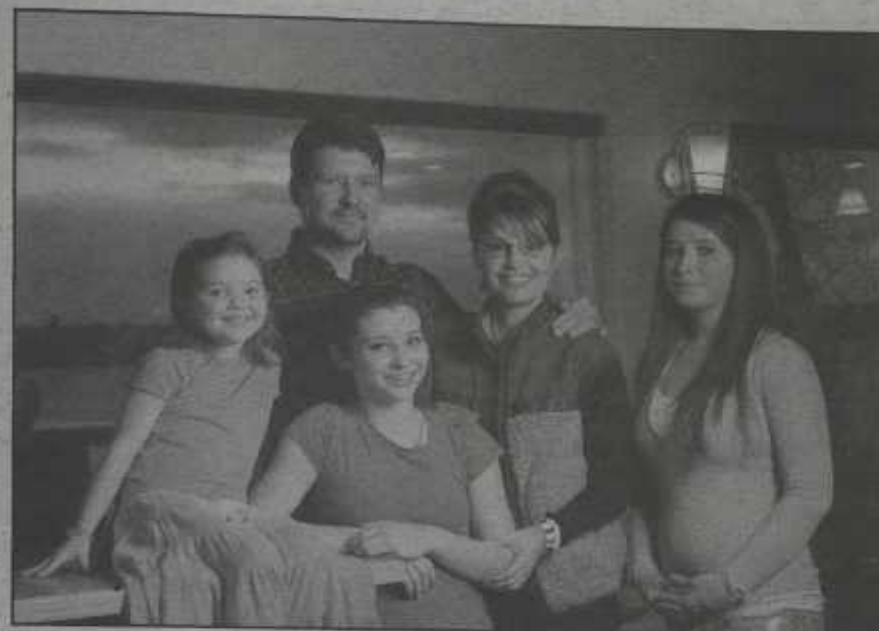
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This Friday, Feb. 26 saddle up your trusty steed and gallop up on over to Dave's Diner Under for the Rollins After Dark event that will make you feel like if you have galloped straight into the Wild West. All Campus Events' Rustic Rollins is ready to offer a rip-roarin' good time to all you cowboys and cowgirls at heart.

No costume? No worries. The event will include cowboy hats and bandana decorations for all. Make sure to bring your boots for some line dancing lessons that are sure to prepare you for any hoedown. Dust off those spurs for a chance to ride the mechanical bull and prepare yourself to all of your friends. And, of course, bring a hearty appetite: Rollins After Dark will be offering a free Texas Breakfast to all who attend. The event will take place from 10 p.m. until 1 a.m. Admission is free to all Rollins Students.

Palin is Not a Family Gal

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WHERE ARE THOSE GOOD OLD FASHION VALUES?: A joke referencing Down Syndrome and "the former governor of Alaska" from Fox's hit show "Family Guy" goes awry and has Sarah Palin offended, believing it was a cheap shot at her son, Trig, who has Down Syndrome.

hurt her son.

Bristol Palin, Palin's oldest daughter, addressed the situation on her mother's Facebook page, calling the "Family Guy" writers "heartless jerks," along with the following statement:

"If the writers of a particularly pathetic cartoon show thought they were being clever in mocking my brother and my family yesterday, they failed."

Palin chose to quote her daughter rather than go into details of her own opinion, because she felt that her daughter's response was a much more gracious and respectful answer to the joke than Palin herself could have managed.

Many people in the media

world have sided with Palin on the issue, including those who have been anti-Palin for the longest time. "The View" co-host Joy Behar, a vocally anti-Palin host, agreed that the joke was cruel and heartless and said that the show's writers had overstepped humor and entered into the realm of hurtfulness.

Even Mo Rocca of Comedy Central's "The Daily Show" was unusually straight as he praised Palin.

"I'm with her. I mean, look, if there's one thing to admire Sarah Palin for, it's that she's raising a special needs child, so, yeah, it's a virtuous, irreproachable thing," Rocca stated.

There are, however, many

people who think the line was not an attack at her son. Andrea Fay Friedman, the voice actress who played the role of Ellen, also has Down Syndrome and thinks that Palin was too sensitive about the subject.

"I guess former Governor Palin does not have a sense of humor. I thought the line 'I am the daughter of the former governor of Alaska' was very funny. I think the word is 'sarcasm,'" Friedman commented.

She went further to joke about Palin's sensitivity:

"In my family we think laughing is good. My parents raised me to have a sense of humor and to live a normal life. My mother did not carry

me around under her arm like a loaf of French bread the way former Governor Palin carries her son Trig around looking for sympathy and votes," Friedman said.

Many would agree that it was a cruel joke. But that is what "Family Guy" is all about. Some think this makes the joke excusable, and in all honesty, the joke was not making fun of Trig, it just pointed out that Trig has Down Syndrome. If anything, it was making fun of Palin. On the other hand, some feel that the dig was unnecessary, and the writers overstepped the line. Those responsible for "Family Guy" have yet to make a statement.

Hometown Heroes' Call to Arms

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non-profit organization.

Five bands played the Orlando show: Call the Cops, There for Tomorrow, A Rocket to the Moon, Mayday Parade and We the Kings. Sadly, due to traffic and scheduling conflicts, I was unable to watch the first two bands. However, what I did see was fantastic.

A Rocket to the Moon played first. The band played its upbeat pop-punk music, known by most of the sold-out House of Blues audience. People were packed in so tightly there was no room on the floor. A Rocket to the Moon pumped up the crowd, and the large mass of people jumped in unison. Most of the songs played during their 30-minute set were from the band's new album, "On Your Side."

Then it was time for the first of two headlining acts, the first being Mayday Parade. I have seen Mayday Parade before, and was pleased with their performance; this time, I was not quite as impressed. Visually, they were perfect. They ran around the stage, flipped the microphone and obviously enjoyed being there. However, the vocalist's voice and the musicians' skills seemed off. It could have been the sound board, but I think it was the quality of the band itself. It was a great set, and I was happy, but I feel that

it could have been a bit better.

Then came the main attraction. We the Kings opened with a cover of Johnny Cash's "Ring of Fire." After the screams of the fans died down, they jumped right into their set, playing a mix of songs from their eponymous self-titled album and their new album, "Smile Kid." We the Kings put on a show worth remembering. The band members ran around the stage playing songs that were studio-quality, but with obvious live elements, like the random guitar riffs in the middle of songs. The vocalist's voice was clear and was not even the tiniest bit shaky as he sang. During the set he supplied humorous anecdotes, one about a happy little Mickey Mouse bobblehead doll and another about an adventure he had being mugged. He also told everyone hold up a "w" and welcomed the audience to the "We The Kings" gang. He even played a piano version of "All Again for You," which he performed with his puppy on top of the piano.

The band topped off its set with an encore performance of "Check Yes, Juliet," perhaps the most well-known song off of their first album. After the song ended, the band high-fived fans while the curtain closed around them, bringing a fine close to a glorious night.



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REDHEADS HAVE MORE FUN: We The Kings' vocalist Travis Clark pumps the crowd up at the beginning of their Feb. 11 show.

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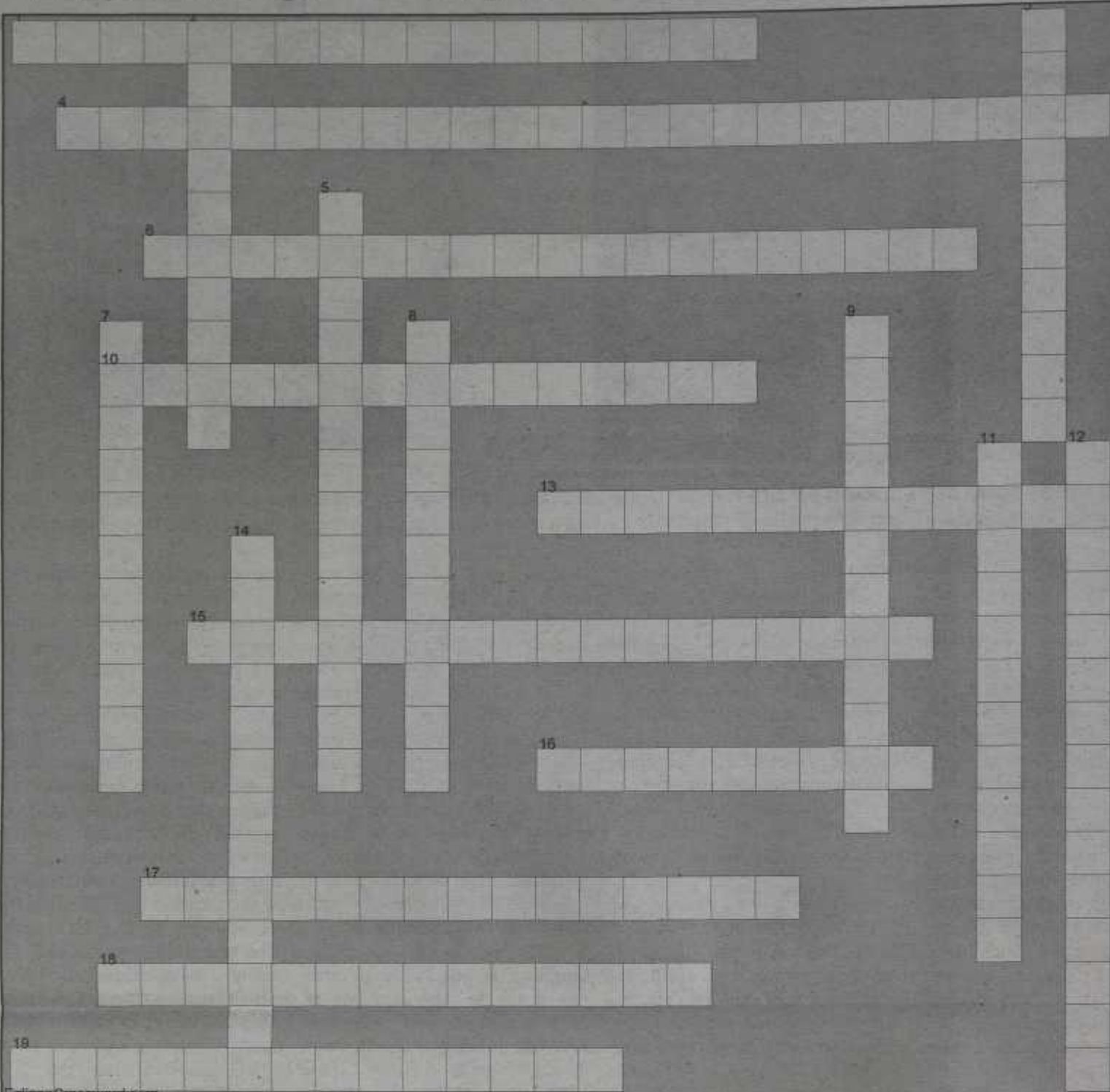
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"Avatar" Meets Literature

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Due to the immense success of the hit movie "Avatar," Canadian director James Cameron will be writing a novel based on this Oscar-nominated film. Rather than retreading the same events as the film, the novel will instead be a prequel.

"There are things you can do in book that you can't do in films. I told myself, if it made money, I'd write a book," said Cameron.

Clearly, "Avatar" did rake in the cash, outselling both "The Dark Knight" and "Titanic." Cameron indicated that he would include both monologues between the characters, as well as establishing a broader perspective on Pandora, the fictional planet created for the movie.

In "Avatar," Pandora's Na'vi race fights against human development on its planet. There is a natural resource, which only exists on Pandora that is highly envied by the humans. This film has been nominated for nine Oscars, including best direction and best movie. Jon Landau went into further discussion about the novel. He stated that



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CROSSOVER: James Cameron plans to take on a new project in the form of a novel based on the characters from his hit film, "Avatar."

it would provide "all the stories we didn't have time to deal with—like the schoolhouse and Sigourney [Weaver's character] teaching at the schoolhouse; Jake on Earth and his back story, [and] Colonel Quaritch, how he ended up there."

Currently, Landau estimates that the book will be out by the end of 2010. In response to this announcement on CBC News, there has been some uncertainty and displeasure at the idea of a novel.

"James Cameron should really stick with his fancy animation programs and leave the writing to people who are good at it," claimed an anonymous party.

Another anonymous amateur critic argued, "Funny that a man who would laugh at the notion of a great novelist being able to direct a movie with no training or experience would think that he is capable of writing a novel with no background in the medium. My prediction—this book will be both ghost-written and awful."

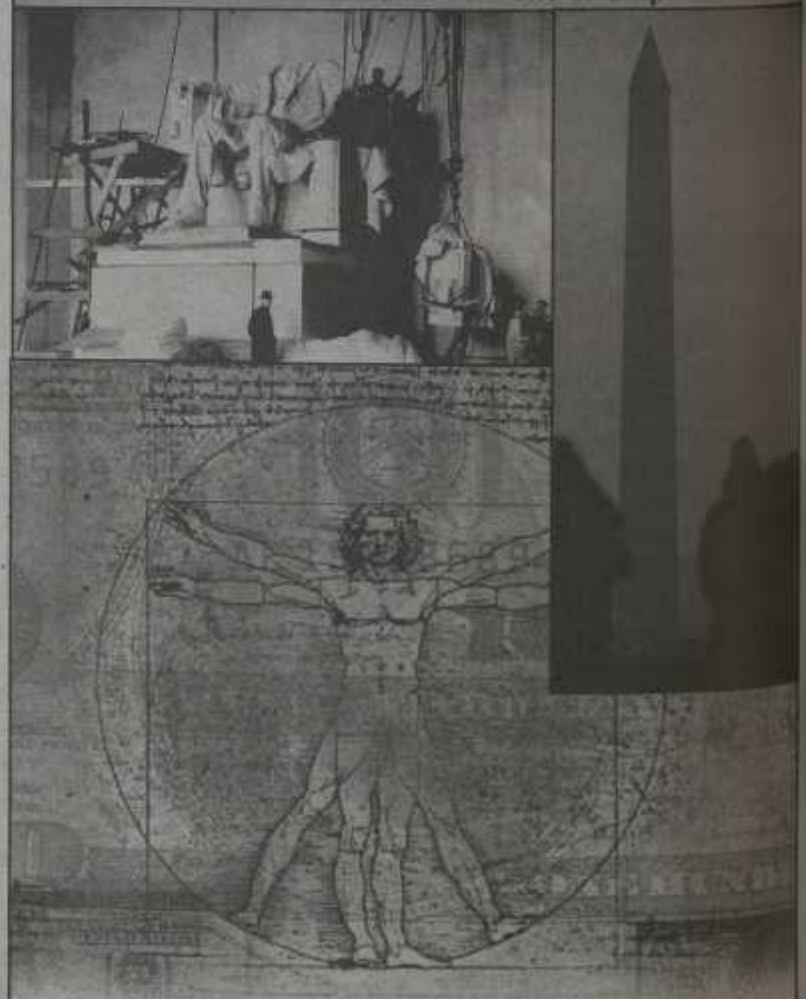
It remains to be seen if Cameron will get as many followers with his book as he did with his film. If you are an avid "Avatar" fan, then perhaps this book will interest you. Maybe it will be better than the movie. Until the book is released, it is impossible to form a real opinion about the plot or how well it was written.

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1. The Choir of Sant Antonio
4. Statue of Liberty
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10. Vitruvian Man
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15. Troilus and Cressida, Act V, Scene II
16. Equestrian Statue of Gattamelata at Padua

Down

2. The Last Supper cycle
3. Castles in the Air
5. Washington Before Yorktown
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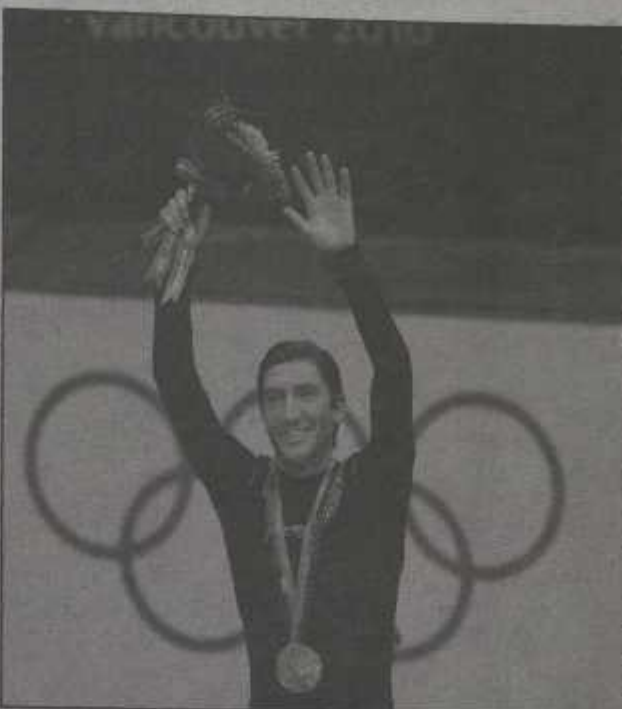


United States Dominates the Games

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American to win an individual gold at the Winter Olympics. "When you're a world champion or an Olympic champion, you get this little thing on your back called a target," Davis said. "To go out there and win the 1,000 meters twice is truly amazing."

Another American hero emerged on Wednesday night in the snowboard half-pipe competition. Shaun White absolutely crushed the competition and defended his title from the Torino games in 2006. He secured his gold after an invigorating first run that



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GO FOR THE GOLD: US figure skater Evan Lysacek wins a gold after an impressive performance.

scored a 46.8. He then got the opportunity to have a victory lap in his final run, in which he performed the trick he had been saving, the Double McTwist. He contemplated not risking the last run when he knew he already had gold, but he eventually decided to take the risk. "I wanted a victory lap that would be remembered," White said. "I achieved that."

Last Thursday evening brought even more medal history. Evan Lysacek became the first American man to win gold in figure skating since 1988. Lysacek was pitted against arch-rival Yevgeny Plushenko who won the gold in the event four years ago. Plushenko finished first after the short

program, but, after a flawless free skate, Lysacek was able to top Plushenko's overall score.

The topic coming into the competition was Lysacek's inability to throw a quadruple jump, a move Plushenko included in his routine with ease. However, Lysacek knew one jump wouldn't cost him the competition, saying, "If it was a jumping competition, they'd give you 10 seconds to go do your best jump. But it's about 4 minutes and 40 seconds of skating and performing from start to finish. That was my challenge tonight, and I feel like I did quite well."

In its best Winter Olympics performance in decades, Team USA is on track to make history by winning the overall medals count for the first time since the Lake Placid Olympics in 1936.

And The United States Gold Medalists Are...



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For the past two weeks the world has been captivated by skaters, snowboarders, skiers, and many more winter Olympic events. Specifically, the United States has been having a successful Olympic season.

In total, the US has won 7 gold medals. Among those 7 winners include Hannah Kearney (Freestyle Skiing - Ladies' Moguls Final, bottom middle), Seth Wescott (Snowboard -

Men's Snowboard Cross Finals, bottom left), Evan Lysacek (Men's figure skating, top far right), Shaun White (Men's half-pipe snowboarding, top middle right), Shani Davis (Men's 1000 m speed skating, top middle left), Bode Miller (Men's super combined slalom, top left), and Lindsey Vonn (Ladies' downhill, bottom left).

The United States is tied at the moment for the most gold medals. Currently the US possesses 9 silver medals and 10 bronze medals for a grand total of 26 medals. Keep it up USA!



February / March

Friday February 26th:

The Rollins Softball Team will be playing against Kentucky State at 5 p.m.

The Society of Physics Meeting will be occurring in BUSH 114 at 2 p.m. This meeting is not only for majors. Everyone is welcome.

Saturday February 27th:

There will be a carnival at 1 p.m. on Mills Lawn. This will last until 4 p.m. and following there will be a Purim carnival at 5 p.m.

Sunday February 28th:

The Rollins Softball Team will be playing against Kentucky State at 10 a.m.

The Men's Tennis Team will be playing against Lynn at 10 a.m.

Monday March 1st:

There will be an information meeting for all students who wish to become peer mentors. The meeting will take place at 7 p.m. and last until 9 p.m.

Tuesday March 2nd:

Your Music at Midday will be performed at 11:30 a.m. in the Tiedike Hall.

Wednesday March 3rd:

The Rollins Men's Basketball Team will be playing against St. Amselm at 6 p.m.

Thursday March 4th:

Music at Midday will be performed at 12:30 p.m. and last until 1 p.m. The event will take place in Tiedike Hall.

Friday March 5th:

The Rollins Men's Tennis Team will be playing against West Florida at 2:30 p.m.

A Drum Circle will be taking place from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event is put on by OMA.

Saturday March 6th:

The First Day of Spring Break (through the 14th)

Monday March 15:

Classes Resume!

Tuesday March 16th:

Rollins and UCF come together for a percussion performance at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday March 17th:

St. Patrick's Day!

Thursday March 18th:

Music at Midday will be performed at 12:30 p.m.

Friday March 19th:

An Inter-religious Panel with MESS and Hillel Bieberbach will take place at 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. This event is put on by OMA.

Rollins Dance XXIV will take place at 7 p.m. in the Annie Russell Theatre.

Saturday March 20th:

Rollins Dance XXIV will be performed at 7 p.m. in the Annie Russell Theatre.

Sunday March 21st:

New Exhibit at CFAM: "Rebuilding Links to the Mescum's Past" at 4 p.m.

Monday March 22nd:

OMA and Spectrum Sponsors event: Safe Sex

Tuesday March 23rd:

Music at Midday is being performed at 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. OMA and Spectrum Sponsors event: Safe Sex (Through the 26th)

Wednesday March 25th:

Music at Midday is being performed at 12:30 p.m. until 2:30 p.m.

Frankie and Johnny in the Clair de Lune premieres at the Fred Stone Theatre at 8 p.m.

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Rollins Turns in LAX Effort

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For the first time in several weeks, the sun came out and blessed Winter Park with a gloriously sunny 75 degrees Saturday afternoon for lacrosse. The 0-1 Tars entered the matchup with the St. Leo Lions after coming off a loss against Florida Southern the previous Saturday; needless to say, the team

"Even though the Lions were able to answer with a goal of their own in the last minutes of the first period, the Tars had definitely set a dominating tone."

was hungry for a win. St. Leo walked onto Showalter Field at an impressive #9 national rank, but that did not phase the Tars one bit.

On the opening face-off, midfielder Eric Schmit (Class of 2011) ran the ball for a quick shoot and score, putting the Tars up in the first 20 seconds. Minutes later, midfielder Chuck Magid (Class of 2012) pinpointed a laser shot on a man-up opportunity to give the Tars a commanding 2-0 lead.

Even though the Lions were able to answer with a goal of their own in the last minutes of the first period, the Tars had definitely set a dominating tone and were running with most of the momentum.

Attackman Austin Ricci (Class of 2012) vigorously fought to tally two more goals for the Tars in the second period and with eight minutes left in the second half, the Tars led 4-2. However, with a string of penalties and easy fast breaks, the Tars found themselves down 4-6 by halftime.

The team walked back into the second half with the same confidence, but only faced more challenges. Lost face-offs and penalties kept the Tars on defense for most of the third quarter, which led the Lions to capitalize on three more goals, with no answer from the Tars.

For most of the fourth, the Tars continued to struggle in holding onto the ball in the offensive zone and defending their goal.

Considering the amount of defense played by the Tars throughout the game, goalie Zach Cole (Class of 2011) gave a tremendous effort; nonetheless, the Tars fell to 0-2 on Saturday, losing 5-14 to the Lions. They will regroup and prepare for their next game against Wingate University, which will be held in Sandspur Stadium (on campus!) this Monday, March 1.



GOOD TRY GUYS: Zach Cole (Class of 2010) brings his number of saves for the season up to 19 while playing a hard game against the St. Leo Lions.

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