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# The Sandspur

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## Be A Part From The Start

**Cassandra Backovsky**  
The Sandspur

In the midst of moving in and adapting to campus life, Rollins students remained busy during the first week of school. Not only did professors jump right into their lessons, campus organizations such as Join Us in Making Progress (JUMP) and the Office of Student Involvement and Leadership (OSIL) arranged a busy week full of fun activities.

Despite the fact that it was only the first week of classes, the campus buzzed with excitement. Be a Part From the Start is a well-known Tar tradition that takes place during the first week of the fall semester. The week's events ranged from fun activities such as Community Fest to academic activities including the education fair.

To kick off the week's events, Saturday, Aug. 20 was deemed SPARC Day for the class of 2015. This year, SPARC, which stands for Service Philanthropy Activism Rollins College, brought first-years to numerous locations including Disney, Mead Garden, The Mustard Seed and A Gift for Teaching.

Each RCC class volunteered at a different organization, leaving a positive impact on the Central Florida community. With upperclassmen moving in while the first-years were off-campus, the Rollins community began to come together once more for a school year full of community and campus involvement.

On the first day of classes, OSIL and JUMP hosted the Community Fest. Here, students were able to get henna tattoos, tie-dye shirts, and accumulate more free stuff! Overall, it was a way for students to escape their workload and enjoy a campus-sponsored activity that brought the Rollins community closer.

As an attendee of the Community Fest, I experienced my first attempt at tie-dyeing a shirt, which turned out a lot better than I expected!

In addition to the education fair, a debate about *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* was planned for the week, but has been rescheduled for a later date not yet determined.

The book addresses important ethical issues in the medical field and the life of Henrietta Lacks, whose cells were taken without her

knowledge in 1951 and have since become essential tools in medicine, though her family continues to struggle with health care.

For those looking to get even more involved on campus, the week rounded out with R Big Event. As a student, it is important to get involved in the Rollins community to truly understand and receive the college experience. While you do not have to attend every single campus event, attending a variety will not only tell you more about yourself but also keep you actively involved with other students and faculty members here at Rollins.



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**CHELSEA SWEARINGEN**  
Rollins Improv Players performed Improv Orientation for the incoming first-years.

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**HONGJIN DU**

Before Rollins becomes a paperless campus, it needs to do more advanced preparation.

### QUOTABLE

"Moreover, it seems like 'The Green' plays into the repugnant stereotype of Rollins being a country club rather than a competitive place of higher education."

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# LETTER FROM THE EDITORS

Rollins, welcome to the dawn of a new era of *The Sandspur*. You may think you know everything there is to know about *The Sandspur*, but we're here to tell you, you're wrong. As your news provider we're here to firstly say, welcome back. We're happy to have you as readers, fans, haters or basically whatever label you choose to subscribe to.

Last semester *The 'Spur* team went out and did focus groups with various classes in order to make *The Sandspur* more accessible to readers. What we

So now you're probably thinking, okay cool, you've used all this flowery language to entice me into reading this article, but can you give me something concrete to wrap my head around? We'd love to!

World news was a major topic brought up in the focus groups. Some said that world news wasn't important. It didn't apply to Rollins; why should we care? While others said that world news is vital to the production of a legitimate paper. So what are we going to do? World news that ties into Rollins. Going forward we promise to find a way to deliver your world news in a way that is important and meaningful to Rollins students.

Not impressed? Keep reading! For the lighter reader who turns to *The Sandspur* for entertainment purposes, we have created two new features: Just Sayin' and Overheard. Just Sayin' allows students to send in thoughts that, positive

or negative, leave them with the thought... "Just sayin'." Overheard is a new section of the paper that includes blurbs of what students have overheard around campus that sound completely comical out of context. Examples of both of these are provided in this very issue!

As always, we will continue to cover sports, arts and entertainment, life and times and the ever-popular opinions of students on campus. However, we are more dedicated than

ever now to providing both sides of arguments in order to assure you an unbiased newspaper.

Another new aspect of the paper this year is that we will be publishing fortnightly (you know, once every two weeks). We know you will feel lost and confused during those weeks we don't print, but never fear, *The 'Spur* has you covered. Although it's currently undergoing renovation, if you haven't made yourself familiar with our website ([www.thesandspur.org](http://www.thesandspur.org)), you should do so because that is where you'll find breaking news that occurs outside our biweekly printing schedule.

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If we haven't sold you on the new era of *The 'Spur* then I guess all we can do is implore you to turn the page and delve into what is sure to be one of the best years *The Sandspur* has seen.

Here's to the new year,

*Jennifer Stull*  
Editor-in Chief

*Shannon Lynch*  
Managing Editor

found is that *The 'Spur* is your voice. Yes, you! Whether you write or not, *The Sandspur* is the Rollins paper and you are Rollins.

Before you throw down this paper in a fit of rage insisting that we cannot be the voice of an entire student body, stop and consider what this could mean. *The Sandspur* has the potential to promote your major, your organization, your habits, or even your own writing genius if you feel so inclined.



# What in the World is Going On?

Annamarie Carlson  
Amir M. Sadeh  
Section Editors

Hurricane Irene, the storm that threw the entire east coast of the United States into a state of panic, caused billions of dollars in damage but left far more turmoil in its wake than predicted. A majority of the worst damage, including millions without power and hundreds of damaged homes, came from the rain that fell inland, not the storm surge along the coast. At time of print, reports marked over 40 dead, as the cities on the east coast slowly reopened transportation systems and began to assess damage.

Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez underwent his third round of chemotherapy at a military hospital in Caracas. He elected to receive this most recent cancer treatment at home rather than in Cuba. Priests in Venezuela encouraged government supporters to pray for the president's quick recovery. In June, Chavez went through surgery in Cuba that removed a cancerous tumor from his pelvic region. The chemotherapy is a preventive measure.

Over the weekend, al-Qaida's newest No. 2, Atiyah Abdul Rahman, who rose to prominence in the organization after the death of Osama bin Laden in May, was killed in what appears to have been a drone strike in the tribal areas of Pakistan. In his capacity, Rahman ran daily operations for the group and was said to be the conduit where bin Laden continued to issue instructions to al-Qaida operatives around the world. One of these messages, U.S. intelligence agencies report, included bin Laden sending plans to Rahman of a possible attack on the United States on the 10th anniversary of 9/11, according to *The Washington Post*.

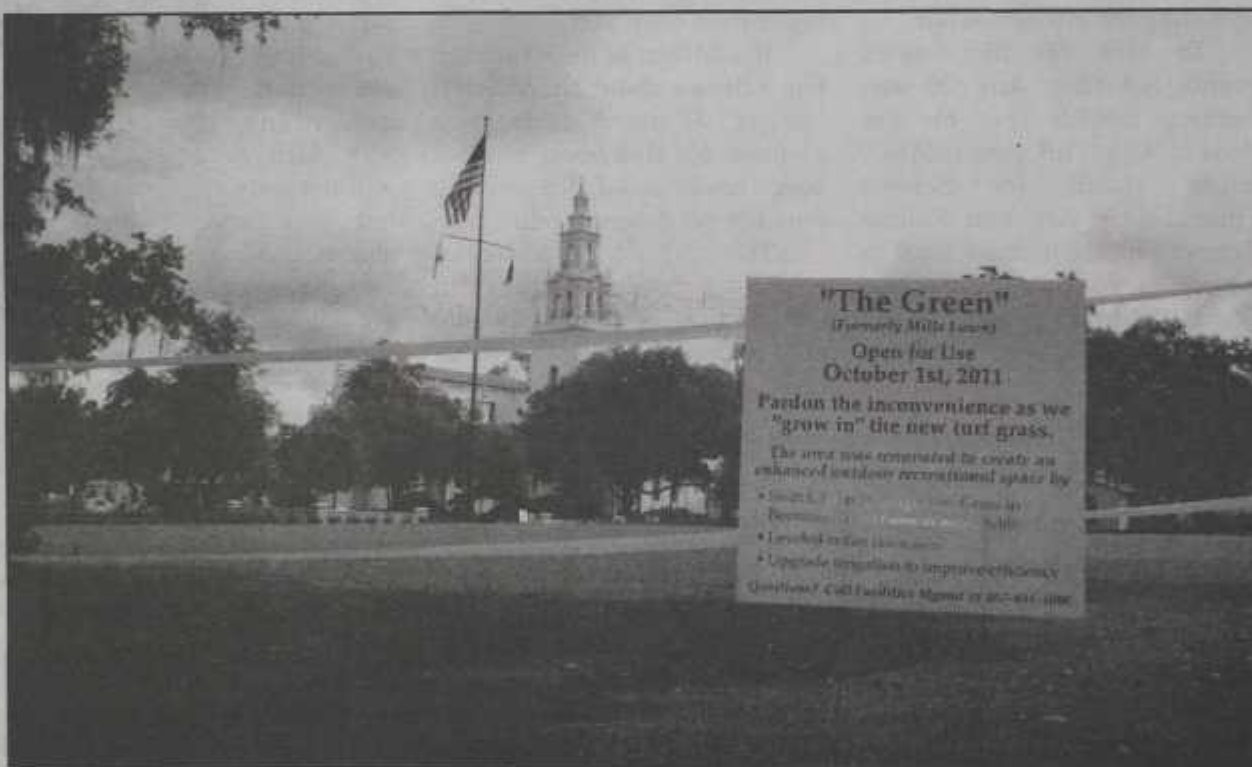
## Rollins Rejuvenates Campus with Renovations

Caroline Hunt  
The Sandspur

If you are a returning student, you have probably noticed that the Rollins campus looks a little different this year. Specifically, you have seen that Mills Lawn has been re-turfed and temporarily blocked off from student access and that the flagpole has been moved to the front of the lawn in a new, bricked area with benches.

However, what you may not know is the full extent of the renovations that took place across the Rollins campus this summer or the reasons behind them. Several residential buildings on campus, including Corrin Hall, Holt Hall and Sutton Place were given renovations along with The Beal Maltbie Center (which houses the environmental studies department), rooms in the Knowles Memorial Chapel, and the area around what was formerly called Mills Lawn (now renamed The Green).

Perhaps the most important of the renovations are those which cannot be seen. According to Director of Facilities Scott Bitikofer, "We have a few global objectives in mind when making renovations, the first of which is sustainability." In order to make the renovated buildings more



**"THE GREEN" IS COMING:** Formerly known as Mills Lawn, the new grass will be open to the public in one month's time. In addition to the lawn renovations, Corrin Hall, Holt Hall, Sutton Place and the Beal Maltbie Center have all been renovated over the summer.

environmentally friendly, facilities has replaced the windows in Holt with new high-performance glazing windows, which "keep the sun out and the A/C in," replaced the insulation in the buildings receiving interior renovations, and installed occupancy sensors for the lights and air conditioning.

The Beal Maltbie Center was also the first Rollins building to be brought into compliance with LEED (Leadership in

Energy and Environmental Design), a green-building certification system, although according to Bitikofer, all renovations of the last 10 years could have had the certification if they had pursued it. "We checked and we've actually been doing things beyond what LEED requires," he said.

The second objective of the renovations is accessibility for those with disabilities. Said Bitikofer, "We've brought complete accessibility" to both Corrin and Holt halls, and the chapel classrooms are now ADA compliant. Finally, life safety has been paid special attention, with updates given to the fire alarm and sprinkler systems.

Corrin Hall, home to the Chi Omega sorority, and the classrooms at the rear of the chapel both received what is known as a "complete interior renovation," which, according to Bitikofer, means that facilities "took the halls right down to the structure and repaired all the systems — the electricity, the plumbing, the air conditioning, and the fire alarm system.

"We made sure everything was up to code," Bitikofer shared that this was the first renovation that either building had received since their construction.

Meanwhile, Holt Hall received an exterior renovation. The building was stuccoed, painted, and made ADA accessible and a new, pitched roof replaced the flat one.

Of course, the two most visible renovations to the campus are those to Sutton Place and the former Mills Lawn. Said Bitikofer of Sutton, "The cost of repairing the pool was approaching the cost of replacing it. The new lakefront area will look very different, with a plan developed in concert with a group of Sutton students." This will include a new pool, a sundeck, a new dock over the lake and an area for barbecuing and socializing. "When it's done, I think people are going to love it," he said.

Michael Barrett '13, a Sutton resident, thinks the biggest problem about Sutton is the lack of camaraderie among its residents. "Per-

haps renovating the pool area would make the Sutton residence a better place to get together. It can be difficult to get to know the other people who live here just because you never really see them," he said.

Finally, the former Mills Lawn and its surrounding area are undergoing major renovations. The Green has been regraded and replanted with Bermuda grass, which Bitikofer states is softer and more pliable than St. Augustine grass. Renovations to The Green have been made to encourage social interaction in and around the area. "We want to create a green space for people," Bitikofer said.

The new location of the flagpole, named Tars Plaza, will be dedicated to Rollins' mascot. Future plans include a nautically themed compass rose set into the brick and a sculpture of a Tar on the plaza.

These renovations are not the only ones in the works. "Tars Plaza is the start of something much bigger," Bitikofer said. "We want to redevelop the area — create a space with a more pedestrian character."



**A NEW HOTSPOT:** Facilities is diligently working to build a new hangout for Sutton Residents. The new Sutton lakefront includes plans for a new pool, a sundeck, a dock over the lake, and an area for barbecuing and socializing.

HONGJIN DU

Welcome to Your New  
"Tars Plaza"  
Pardon our dust as we complete  
construction in this area  
Items Remaining to Complete  
• Relocation of Backflow  
Meter Vault  
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# "The Green" Menace

Ryan Lambert  
The Sandspur

Normally, I have no qualms with the color green. The chartreuse glimmer graces some pretty snazzy things in this world: money, flora, certain insects and reptiles, the Hulk, not to mention the single greatest Power Ranger. But I've always been suspicious of green – something about it just gives me the willies and tells me not to trust it. I've always suspected green has some sort of inferiority complex with the color blue.

After all, blue is representative of the vast expanses of the sky AND the ocean. Sure, green is a primary

additive color, but it has long played a land-locked second-fiddle. Besides, do you know what else green represents? Envy. Even worse? Slytherin.

So, whenever I found out that Mills Lawn was renamed "The Green," I wasn't the least bit surprised. In my view, green has been planning this takeover for years – it's simply trying to claim as much territory as possible in order to validate its own significance.

It's a last-ditch effort to gain a foothold into the rain-slick precipice that is immorality. Some of my colleagues may be tempted to sympathize with green and all of its plights – but I urge them to do otherwise. After all, there are plenty of

underrepresented colors that deserve a chance to be thrust to the center of the color-stage.

Fuchsia, magenta, cobalt, cyan, vermilion and mac 'n' cheese orange are all unsung heroes of the color world.

Should we stand idly by and let these fine, upstanding colors fall by the wayside? Should we accept the totalitarian regime that "The Green" has imposed upon these fledgling colors which are all currently struggling in this world to simply make ends-meet? Justice, why have you forsaken us?

Okay. So, I realize that the previous few paragraphs might seem pretty silly, and in fact they are. But we have to wonder why "The Green" is

thought to be more scholarly and collegiate sounding when compared to the "Mills Lawn" we know and love. Moreover, it seems like "The Green" plays into the repugnant stereotype of Rollins being a country club rather than a competitive place of higher education.

At the end of the day, I realize the success or failure of our school certainly cannot be dependent on the name of our lawn, and our school's success will continue to come from our unique approach to education (RCCs, peer mentors, etc.).

But if we are going to rename it, why not something like "The Mac 'n' Cheese?" The other colors need lovin' too.

## LIFE & TIMES

# Dining Services Introduces All-U-Can Eat

Julia Campbell  
A&E Editor

In previous semesters, Dave's Down Under, located in the lower level of the Campus Center, has been home to the C-Store, where students can stock up on basic groceries, and The Grille, where students can be served fast food until the wee hours of the morning.

This year, however, marks a big change for Dave's. Rollins Dining Services has introduced a new All-U-Can-Eat Menu, open Monday through Friday, that will serve homemade meals for under \$10.

Rollins brought this hybrid form of dining to campus after participating in a study that showed them where their services could improve. The three main results of the study showed that students, especially athletes, were often running out of money on their meal plans and were therefore not getting the amount of calories they needed. On the other hand, some students were left with too much money and had no way of using it before the semester was over. Finally, it became clear that the hours of operation for all of the dining



HONGJIN DU

**ROLLINS BUFFET:** Students are now able to take advantage of the more convenient option of a buffet at The Grille in Dave's Down Under.

locations were not compatible with the schedules that most students keep. Dining Services came up "with a solution – a hybrid All-U-Can-Eat," said Gerard Short, head of Dining Services.

Some of the other solutions Short and his team came up with were extending the hours in locations like the Marketplace and Dinnies Café. Before, the Marketplace opened at 7 a.m. and closed at 7:30 p.m.; now it opens at 7:30 a.m. and closes at 8 p.m.

Students who have excess money on their meal plans can transfer the money over to a friend's account in the spring semester so their meal plan is not wasted.

Of course, all of these changes meant some extra expenses for Dining Services, but Short said not to worry – most of the expenses were covered by the students' overhead fee for the meal plan. The fee funded some of the new food stations in the Marketplace

as well as the money it cost to add the All-U-Can-Eat station and the extended hours. "We have all these locations on campus and we need to support ... our Rollins students," explained Short. "The meal plan is designed to cover all expenses of food services."

Thus far, the All-U-Can-Eat has been a success. Mary Ross, who manages the new station, has said that the program is going well. "Each day it gets better. The price is really great and people have been coming out of curiosity." Walz Stinson '15 was going through the line for the first time and seemed happy about his meal. "This looks delicious to me so far [but] I haven't tried it yet."

Short says that once people find out about the All-U-Can-Eat program, he thinks it will become a major success and that it could be broadened in the future. "We just have to go through a semester ... hopefully if it is successful, we can expand."

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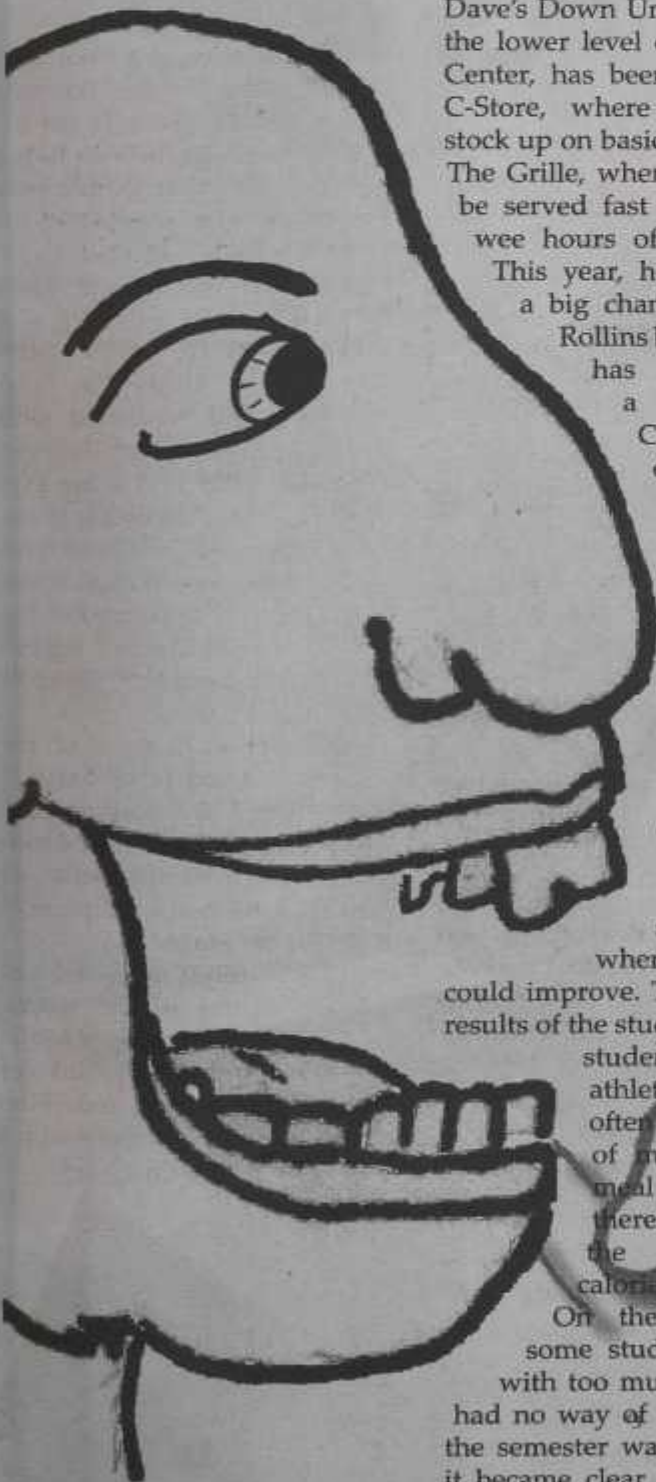


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**Overheard**

Campus quotes taken out of context.

"This is so thick, it is making me thirsty."

- The Grille

"Faster is always better when it comes to hooking up... to the Internet."

- the radio

"My hair makes me feel like a stallion."

- The Sandspur office



# a rite of passage orientation

ANNAMARIE CARLSON

**ROCK ON:** Michael Watson '15 showcases his guitar skills during the Orientation Talent Show.

HONGJIN DU

**INTRODUCTIONS:** Peer Mentor Lito Valdivia '13 met with first-year students and their families on move-in day.

**Cassandra Backovsky**  
The Sandspur

Transitioning from high school to college is not always easy. Students leave their homes from all over the country and the world, to attend college. As a small, private college, Rollins has a very diverse student body and exudes a feeling of home. Home is actually here. As the fall semester begins with the first-year students, orientation was filled with activities and distractions to help them say goodbye to their parents and hello to their futures.

As cars began to pull up to the residence halls, students and their parents began unloading their belongings with the help of student advisers. Despite the excitement of their children, parents unloaded their vehicles and questions concerning their children's upperclassman they saw. While the first-years eagerly met their roommates and began adjusting to their residence halls, orientation was already proving to be easier than anticipated.

At the end of move-in day, parents went home or to the first day of orientation. Filled with numerous informal activities at night — including comedians and hypnotists — the first day was a success.

When the time came for parents to go home and students were shed and hugs were exchanged with promises of staying in touch despite the busy orientation schedule. Still, the goodbye process. With how busy we were the first week of classes exhausted!

During orientation, some students complained that while others eagerly invited the busy schedule of events and traditions including Candlewish and Convocation proved to be adapting into college life.

Whether you are an upperclassman or a first-year, there is always something to look forward to. Do you remember sitting in the chapel for Candlewish? "Let it Shine!" or sitting in Convocation listening to President's address?

Regardless of your status here at Rollins, first-year or forever. It was a time when you met new friends, experienced responsibility not only as a student, but also as an adult.





RIPPING INTO THE NEW YEAR: Dr. David Charles sits with the first-year students as they take in their first RIP show at the Fred Stone Theatre.

CHELSEA SWEARINGEN



# improvementation

Caroline Hunt  
The Sandspur

What do dining hall food, new academic challenges, roommate problems and communal bathrooms all have in common? They are all things that first-years commonly experience — and they are all topics that are covered during a typical Rollins Improv Players ImprOviation show.

ImprOviation is a series of improvised shows performed in the Fred Stone Theatre by Rollins Improv Players (RIP), Rollins' improvisational theater troupe, as a part of fall orientation for the incoming first-year class. The goal of these shows, which generally focus on experiences common to first-time college students such as communal living, is to help alleviate first-year anxiety about entering college by showing that many concerns they may have are a common experience.

According to Dr. David Charles, Rollins theater professor, improv performer and artistic director of RIP (and known affectionately as "Dr. D." to his students), ImprOviation is designed to "create a playful space in which students can see their own concerns and feelings performed by their peers in a way that unites the entering class."

"We hope that our improvisational show can, in some small way, alleviate these stresses by revealing that many first-year students wrestle with these same issues. There also can be a bit of an information overload during the orientation program, and our program offers an interactive and entertaining way of engaging the new members of our Rollins family," says Dr. Charles.

One way in which ImprOviation seeks to address the specific needs of the first-year class is by allowing the audience itself to decide what each show should be about.

Since all shows are entirely improvised and open to audience participation, members of the audience have an unusual amount of control over the topics explored during the shows. Before the beginning of each show, audience members are asked to volunteer a word or phrase that illustrates a facet of college life that they would like to see

acted out on the stage.

These suggestions can be as general as "family" or as specific as "campus center pizza." RIP troupe members then write these phrases down on a dry-erase board at the back of the stage, where it serves to inspire the actions of the players during the show.

"What's cool about the shows is that they vary based on who's in the audience. It's their stories that we're seeking to explore," says RIP member Alexis Riley '13.

RIP views audience participation as integral to its performances; however, when asked about her opinion of ImprOviation, Sarah Lieber '15 thought that the use of audience suggestions gave the players too much of an opportunity to decide in advance what the shows would be about, saying, "It was really funny but I was kind of annoyed that they kind of rehearsed part of it. Improv needs to be straight improv." On the other hand, Austin Meehan '15, said of ImprOviation, "I liked it ... it showed the funnier side of college and the serious stuff. It was a nice way to end orientation on a high note."

This fall marks ImprOviation's seventh year of performances, having first been presented by RIP in the fall of 2005. Over the years, RIP has partnered with such campus organizations as Explorations, the Office of the Dean of the Faculty and the Department of Theatre and Dance in order to make ImprOviation a reality. Improv theater was added to the series of activities that make up orientation in order to "serve the greater campus community," says Dr. Charles.

Perhaps the ultimate goal of ImprOviation is to make first-years feel more connected with the Rollins community as a whole. Says Riley, "We explore each other's stories, despite any kind of personal, philosophical or cultural differences."

When you put stories on stage and just play together, you start to find that these things don't seem to matter so much. You find things you can relate to. That's a great way to start opening dialogue. And just going out and having fun is great in and of itself."



# Technology in the Classroom...

## ...Not as Great as You Think

Grace Loescher  
The Sandspur

Rollins' new "paperless initiative" is a little like a biodegradable spork – an efficient and environmentally friendly idea in theory but not always a reliable or effective tool. I am as green as the next person, and I love the idea that Rollins is committed to sustainability and environmental responsibility. But in the classroom, a paperless-only policy can shortchange both students and professors.

When I started my classes this semester, I didn't even bother to buy notebooks, planning to take all of my notes on my handy MacBook Pro. My first realization that too much reliance on technology might lead to trouble in the classroom occurred when my MacBook malfunctioned and shut down three days into classes. It's been in IT ever since, along with all of my saved assignments, papers and notes.

The main problem is that electronic communication too often sets up an invisible barrier between students and professors. I am always dismayed when a professor requires emailed papers instead of hard copies because the chances are excellent that the grade will be emailed back with little or no elaboration.

Have you ever wondered why some professors have such strident policies on the use of laptops in the classroom? Let's face it: it's nearly impos-

sible to have a laptop open in front of you during a particularly dry lecture and not be tempted to check your email, chat on Facebook, or tweet about how bored you are. But I'll also be the first to admit that I have jeopardized my grades by doing so. As Michelle Preston '13 put it, "I got a lower grade in a class I could have easily received an A on because I spent every class period on stumbleupon.com. I had a great time, but my GPA wasn't so great."

Professors expect students to pay attention to them in class, and students have the right to expect professors to give feedback on their work. Paperless classrooms can be convenient and environmentally friendly, but paperless should be an option, not a mandate.

## ...Holds Enormous Potential

Cassandra Backovsky  
The Sandspur

Starting last year, Rollins has promoted "going green" in an effort to become a more eco-friendly campus. The changes made thus far have not only benefited the environment, but have also benefited the campus as a whole. By introducing more ways to recycle, removing pesticides and increasing the campus' sustainability, Rollins has impacted the aura of the campus in a positive way. While there have been numerous positive changes to the campus, why haven't some of these changes been introduced in the classrooms?

As school begins for the fall semester, first-years eagerly adapt to their newly found freedoms as the upperclassmen warmly greet each other after a long summer break. As a first-year, I brought my laptop with me to my classes hoping to do my part in saving the environment by taking notes electronically rather than wasting paper. As professors handed out their syllabi, they informed classes that laptops were not allowed unless instructed otherwise. Their refusal to let us use laptops was shocking! If Rollins is promoting this green attitude, then why are professors telling us to take notes with paper?

Within the last few years, social media websites such as Facebook and Twitter have become predominantly used by students. While these websites are a great way to remain in contact with friends and colleagues, they can also be harmful when important assignments are pushed aside in favor of their use. Teachers and professors around the world have reported that Facebook and other social media websites have been used during class hours and taken time away from their lectures.

While there is not a general consensus that websites like these are the primary cause of many professors' denial of laptop use in class, it is a highly probable reason. On the other hand, some professors simply want to keep the old school charm of writing by hand, while others believe the clicking of the keys to be a distraction.

Regardless of the reason, some students struggle when forced to take notes by hand. While it is understandable that Facebook and clicking keys can be a distraction, they should not cause the removal of laptops from the classroom. By allowing technology to be used during class, students can take notes more quickly and expand their notes written by hand. Not only will it benefit students, but it will also benefit the environment as paper usage curtails and more and more students adapt to computerized note-taking. As a student, I understand the distractions that may develop from the use of technology in a classroom; however, overall, the benefits outweigh the disadvantages.

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## Technology: A New Way to Give You the Runaround

Rachel Vlahov  
The Sandspur

Who out there hates the environment? You know you cannot stand all those plants and animals and that oxygen stuff, right? Totally annoying. It would be better if those things just did not exist, right?

Clearly, I do not actually think that way. I am a fan of recycling and, while I do not make a point of only buying organic foods, I fully support those who do. So, as a first-year student, when I heard that the college I chose was "going green by going paperless," my first thought was, "Oh, that's cool." Then I (with the emotional, financial and occasionally direct support of my parents) got down to the nitty-gritty.

Have a form to fill out? It is somewhere on Foxlink. It is not on Foxlink? Oh, just keep checking back, we are still renovating some parts of the website. The form on Foxlink does not work? Oh, we will fix it eventually. Just print it out and mail it

to us in the meantime. Foxlink is down? Just keep checking back! The bill is online. If you want a copy for your records, you will have to print it out yourself. No, that person is not your roommate and that is not your dorm room. See, we are doing it on the computer this year for the first time and the test assignments got posted by accident. That orientation schedule only works on Firefox or Safari. If you use Internet Explorer, you will have to call the Explorations office or download a new browser.

Fortunately, everyone I talked to about technical difficulties with the website was very pleasant and never made me feel like I was being too much of a pest. Unfortunately, none of them were really in a position to make the Rollins website, the only readily available source for all Rollins information, more user-friendly.

Have you tried using the Rollins website to find information? Trust me and save yourself a few hours. If it is there, it is either:

regarding admissions, from three years ago (and information has changed), about the Hamilton Holt School, not the College of Arts and Sciences, contradictory to something on another page of the website that should have held the same information, or, a dead link.

So do I need to worry that I got that meningitis vaccination a few months over four years ago? Two out of three pages say I am good, so I guess I am good.

I am not an IT person, and I am sure there are a lot of things that go into making a good website that I do not know about. I am also not a returning student, so I do not know how Rollins' bureaucracy worked in previous years, but I feel like it had to have been better before the switch to paperless.

Like I said before, I am not opposed to the idea of Rollins going paperless, I just think that before a college goes paperless, its website needs to reach a certain standard – and Rollins rushed into it before its website got there.

## Discovering Who You Are

Alan Nordstrom  
Professor of English

Why, essentially, are you here at college? Let me, a veteran college professor, presume to answer that question for you.

You are here to begin to find your True Self. Residing in you now is the seed of who you might in time become: that fully-realized person expressing unique talents and capabilities, contributing good works to a needy world, and gratified by the lovely way your life has turned out.

That True Self is one of countless other selves latent in you that might emerge – some of whom you would be happy with, if not delighted by; others of whom you would regret growing into.

So your mission in college is more than practicing various disciplines and methodologies, perceiving the world from several perspectives. Although that goal is what our curriculum seems designed for, your personal mission of engaging in a

liberal education transcends the framework of academic scholarship and aims essentially at self-discovery.

"Who am I, really?" is the question you need always ask, followed by, "What is my element? How am I most happily engaged and employed? What makes me feel most genuine?" Then follow the trail of that bliss and become who you truly are. Liberate your Self.



WHO AM I? Alan Nordstrom joined the faculty in 1970 as a much younger self.



# Lollapalooza Celebrates Twenty Years



**LOLLIN' AROUND:** The Pains of Being Pure at Heart and Two Door Cinema Club (bottom) rock out at the 20th annual Lollapalooza music festival. Both bands looked cool despite the high temperatures in Chicago that weekend.

## Lauren Silvestri The Sandspur

Marking its 20th anniversary this year, Lollapalooza lived up to its title as the best music festival in the country. It was held at Chicago's Grant Park during the weekend of Aug. 5-7. While still staying true to its roots as an alternative/indie rock festival, this year Lollapalooza had more variety than ever, ranging from rap/hip-hop artists such as Eminem and Kid Cudi to house music like Deadmau5 and Skrillex and everything in between.

With every music festival comes crowds, but I did not expect such a huge influx of people coming into Grant Park each day. Thanks in large part to its potpourri of a lineup, Lollapalooza brought in people of all kinds from the impressively old to the incredibly young. This, at times, made the shows overwhelming -- I learned fast that you needed to get to most shows at least an hour in advance to get a decent view. The oppressive heat certainly did not help comfort levels either.

Despite the scorching tem-

peratures and crowds, however, Lollapalooza is truly a great production. This year the festival consisted of eight stages, including a stage the size of a football field under a huge tent called Perry's which played exclusively electronica and house music. The layout was extremely organized and it really helped control the massive crowd, to an extent. Lounge areas were also provided for shade and free water refills across the area.

To save some cash (tickets came at a hefty price of \$90 a day), I chose not to attend all three days, but I definitely got my money's worth. I started off at the set of The Naked and Famous. It was a decent show, the highlight definitely being their hit song "Young Blood."

I was really excited to see Foster the People, although thousands of others were too, making it difficult to find a comfortable place to view the show. In the past few months, this relatively new indie pop band has exploded and entered the sound waves of pop radio. Their set list was comprised of many catchy songs off their debut album *Torches*, including their breakout

hit "Pumped Up Kicks," but I wish the band members had just a little more of a stage presence.

Two Door Cinema Club was one of the biggest highlights for me. They possessed a great stage presence and constantly interacted with the crowd, not to mention the fact that they sounded fantastic.

Bright Eyes provided the perfect break from the madness for me, and they played a great, chill show. I ended the night at Perry's for Afrojack and Girltalk, which was beyond crazy and ended the night on a high note.

On Saturday, The Pains of Being Pure at Heart performed a pretty good show, it was nothing extraordinary, though. Cage the Elephant was another highlight for me as I am a huge fan, and they put on a fantastic show with lots of crowd interaction; however, I was definitely not expecting their fan base to be as large or as violent as it was.

I definitely would go back to Lollapalooza. The energy this festival has is just something I cannot describe, and I strongly suggest everyone check out the festival at least once.

# Rollins Football Kicks Off

**Nick Tucciarelli**  
Sports Editor

Sometimes, dreams are just thoughts conjured up in the mind with bits of detail scattered about. Some people go about their days wishing for dreams to come true, while others take hold and make them happen. Jeff Hoblick '14 is one of those go-getters; he had a dream, he chased it, and tackled it into reality.

As founder and president of the Rollins College Football Club, Hoblick's dream of bringing football to Rollins has come true. This fall, students, strapped up in shoulder pads and helmets, will be lining up to play the game they love. Fans will tailgate before games and families and friends will cheer from the bleachers. Touchdowns will be scored. Games will be lost and won. The game of football will bring a community together and strengthen our student body, a goal of Hoblick's from day one when he first thought of bringing football to Rollins.

"I wanted to build upon the campus life and bring positive attention to Rollins," said Hoblick. "Football can be used to unite a campus and provide a sense of pride within the students and faculty."

Just recently, the Rollins Football Club has become the newest member of the National Club Football Association. Not only does this further prove the legitimacy of the program, but it also puts Rollins alongside other schools such as Clemson University, the University of North Carolina and the University of South Alabama, who all have club teams on campus.

Four games have been scheduled, starting with a controlled scrimmage on Sept. 3 against Ave Maria University in Bonita Springs, Florida. The team will then travel to Mobile, Ala. on Oct. 1 to face the University of South Alabama before hosting Weber Int'l at Showalter Field in Winter Park on Monday, Oct. 24. It will be the first college game in Winter Park in over 60 years. The last scheduled game is Oct. 30 at Chattahoochee Tech in Marietta, Ga.

Hoblick spearheaded the idea of bringing football to Rol-

lins, but this is not the first time he has had a big idea. Growing up playing sports, Hoblick was always around different athletic events. Sports became a major role in his young life but he was not merely a player on the field—he was a thinker, too. As a youngster, Hoblick kept notebooks full of made-up leagues where he took elements from the games he knew and combined them with others to make something original.

In high school, Hoblick was the proud founder of Extreme Pool Basketball, a two-on-two basketball league that played in the chlorine-filled pools of Central Florida. It caught on with quite a following after a Facebook page was made and matches between Winter Park and Maitland were created. I am not clear on all of the rules but surely dunks from a diving board were outlawed. Or maybe not. They could have just counted extra.

While the goal behind those games may have been to have fun, Hoblick has higher hopes for the Rollins football team. "Ideally, my goal for this season is to have safe and effective practices and to keep players on task in academics and conduct," said Hoblick. "For our home game on October 24, I would love to have a huge crowd with pre-game entertainment suitable for all ages. A family tailgate atmosphere. We really want to compete and score some touchdowns to give fans something to cheer about."

Hoblick hopes that football and all that it offers will help bring a campus and a community closer together. Soon, burgers will sizzle and hot dogs will blister over an open flame. The sweet smell of roasted pork will permeate through the crisp fall air. Smoke will rise toward the sky, signaling the home of a new festive environment. Kids full of smiles and Kool-Aid stained lips will run and play freely. Neighbors, family, alumni, students — a community — will come together for a team with history yet to be made. It is football season in Winter Park, the Rollins way.

For more information on how to get involved with the Rollins Football Club, visit RollinsSports.com.

## ROLLINS CLUB FOOTBALL

### COMING FALL 2011




2011 ROLLINS CLUB FOOTBALL SCHEDULE				
DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME	
SEPT. 3	AVE MARIA (SCRAMBLE)	BONITA SPRINGS, FLA.	TEA	
SEPT. 1	SOUTH ALABAMA CLUB	MOBILE, ALA.	TEA	
OCT. 04	WEBER INT'L (WV)	WINTER PARK, FLA.	TEA	
OCT. 30	CHATTAHOOCHEE TECH	MARIETTA, GA.	TEA	

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# Spotlight on First-Year Athletes

Scott Alfano  
The Sandspur

The class of 2015 is just starting to get a hang of where buildings are on campus, how much time they need to get from one place to the next and who their fellow first-years are. However, there are a group of first-year athletes who have already been on campus for a few weeks in the full swing of activities. Rollins first-year athletes arrived at Rollins and hit the ground running as they try to balance a full schedule of practice, games, team meetings and, of course, classes.

As an extremely competitive Division II college, this past year Rollins saw the men's and women's soccer teams, as well as the women's volleyball team, make the playoffs. Additionally, the men's soccer team advanced to the national championship game. Though student athletes are accustomed to juggling schoolwork and athletics, naturally there is more pressure now than there was in high school for members of these teams.

When asked about the transition from high school to college, Evan Greenbaum '15 of the men's soccer team said, "the pressure at Rollins is at a completely higher level compared to high school, and being committed is very necessary."



**IN TRANSITION:** Evan Greenbaum '15 hopes to rise to the challenge of playing on a championship team this season.



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**STAYING FOCUSED:** Kaitlyn Manning '15 balances her commitment to academics and her team as a first-year student athlete.

Kaitlyn Manning '15 from the women's soccer team added, "the transition from high school to college hasn't been so easy ... but I believe my coaches have been preparing me well. There's definitely more pressure here at Rollins, but I wouldn't expect it to be easy. That's what makes college soccer competitive."

Greenbaum and Manning each look forward to a future with Rollins soccer as both plan to play four years. Manning says soccer actually helps her with school, saying, "being a part of the team helps me stay on track and prioritize what's important. I can't imagine myself not being a part of a team. I want to compete at a high level, but having an education is the most important thing. I chose Rollins because it provided academics and athletics that are perfect for me." Greenbaum added, "Rollins has great facilities, coaching staff and great players."

Transitioning to Rollins has also been helped by supportive upperclassmen. Oftentimes, first-year athletes can get lost in the shuffle of adapting to a new school full of new people, possibly far away from their respective hometowns. Greenbaum is appreciative of his team saying, "we get together all the time, and the older guys have definitely helped me adjust to college life."

Although it is barely September of their first year, Rollins athletes already have an appreciation for the opportunities that Rollins offers on and off the field. Manning summed it up best with, "I have already fallen in love with this school and I have only been here for a few days." It looks like this year's new Tars are off to a successful start.

## just sayin'...

A collection of anonymous rants and raves from students around campus. Submit your own to [submit@thesandspur.org](mailto:submit@thesandspur.org).

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The maintenance worker who helped my roommate and I bring boxes up to our apartment in Sutton was super nice. Just sayin'.

I think the only reason guys run on the treadmills at the gym is so they can watch the girls on the mats in front of them do stretches. Just sayin'.

If I could, I would totally major in napping. Just sayin'.

Changing to packets of ketchup isn't very green of you, Rollins. Just sayin'.

The man who works behind the desk in the post office helped me open my mailbox and was still extremely nice to me even after he found out I was a senior. Just sayin'.

No one who lives in Sutton drives a clown car, so why are all the parking spaces there so incredibly small? Just sayin'.



this week's  
**WEATHER**

**THURSDAY**  
HIGH: 87° PM  
LOW: 74° T-STORMS

**FRIDAY**  
HIGH: 87° ISOLATED  
LOW: 72° T-STORMS

**SATURDAY**  
HIGH: 87° ISOLATED  
LOW: 74° T-STORMS

**SUNDAY**  
HIGH: 85° SCATTERED  
LOW: 75° T-STORMS

**MONDAY**  
HIGH: 89° SCATTERED  
LOW: 75° T-STORMS

**TUESDAY**  
HIGH: 88° SCATTERED  
LOW: 75° T-STORMS

**WEDNESDAY**  
HIGH: 85° SCATTERED  
LOW: 75° T-STORMS

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 1 thursday

**Amnesty International Interest Meeting,** Cornell Campus Center, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

**Executive Committee Members Meeting,** Woolson House, 12:30-2 p.m.

### 2 friday

**Credit/No Credit Deadline (A&S)**

**Men's Soccer vs. Florida Memorial,** Cahall-Sandspur Field, 5 p.m.

**Women's Soccer vs. Belmont Abbey,** Cahall-Sandspur Field, 7:30 p.m.

**RIP Show,** 1 p.m., Fred Stone Theatre

### 3 saturday

**Women's Volleyball vs. Shippensburg,** Lakeland, 10 a.m.

**Women's Volleyball vs. Grand Valley State,** Lakeland, 3:30 p.m.

### 4 sunday

**CFamilies,** Hands-on art projects for children and adults to enjoy together, Cornell Fine Arts Museum, 2-3:30 p.m.

**Catholic Campus Ministry,** Knowles Memorial Chapel, 8:30-9:30 p.m.

### 5 monday

**No Classes – Labor Day Holiday**

**Women's Soccer vs. Kutztown,** Kutztown, Pa., 12 p.m.

**Men's Soccer vs. Coker College,** Cahall-Sandspur Field, 7 p.m.

### 6 tuesday

**Crummer Management Program – Fall 2011,** Bush Executive Center/ Crummer Graduate School of Business, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

### 7 wednesday

**Domino's with the Dean,** an evening of Domino's pizza and conversation with Dean of the College Laurie Joyner, Elizabeth Hall Lounge, 5-6:30 p.m.

### 8 thursday

**Certificate in Leadership Practice,** Philanthropy Center, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Who Owns Religious Fundamentalism?,** a documentary that traces the origins of fundamentalism, Bieberbach-Reed, 6-7:30 p.m.

**Want The Sandspur to feature your group's events on our calendar? Email them to [submit@thesandspur.org](mailto:submit@thesandspur.org)**