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Rodents Pool Renovations Elevator Cleanliness Sutton

Lauren Silvestri
The Sandspur

Upon beginning this semester, I was ecstatic about living in Sutton, especially after discovering that Rollins had announced that it would create a new pool and recreation area exclusively for its residents. However, I arrived to see a sign stating the area would not be completed until Oct. 31. Now that Halloween has passed, I am puzzled to look out and see what appears to be a big sandbox where the new recreation area should be.

Still, another trouble has overshadowed this problem. Sutton residents are currently experiencing a rodent issue. Mice sightings have been reported on all floors and one can sometimes hear them scattering above the ceilings. It is not exactly the living experience many students expected.

Kayla Austin '13, a third-floor resident, has faced one of the most extreme cases of the semester. "We've caught six rodents since September and saw one running down the hallway," she said. "Maintenance kept putting in traps but that didn't work. We eventually complained face-to-

face and they covered two holes in our kitchen, which seems to have stopped it for now." Could the construction be a source of the problem?

Scott Bitikofer, director of Facilities Management, doubts this hypothesis. "There are various speculations as to the cause, but we don't believe at this time it has to do with the construction of the pool," he said. He assures that Facilities is "committed to eradicating the problem."

Facilities has taken multiple preventative steps already, such as having a professional, licensed pest control company bait all apartments, common areas, closets, trash chutes, access panels and the perimeter of the building. The trash room and dumpster on the rear of the building have been pressure washed and sanitized, and Facilities has increased the frequency of waste collection to two times per day, six days a week. The situation is improving weekly, according to Bitikofer.

Facilities has joined with Residential Life to conduct inspections of every apartment to ensure that "a community approach is presented and achieved for the benefit of

the residents as they learn to maintain their living quarters in acceptable condition." Bitikofer said, "A clean and well-maintained apartment will only help eradicate Sutton Place of this sporadic rodent issue."

Bitikofer also addressed the mysterious pool situation. "October 31 was listed as a tentative date of opening. State permitting held up the overall permitting of the pool construction. The City of Winter Park could not grant a permit until they received the State of Florida Health Department permit," he said.

"In addition, several variances were applied for and granted (i.e. lakeside location and restrooms), but also contributed to the delay. The City of Winter Park was kind enough to allow us to perform demolition and site work prior to receiving overall permit. We received State approval a few weeks ago and immediately submitted it to the City and received our permit. Upon receipt of the permit, the contractor began layout of the pool and is in process of forming the shell."

Knowing student concerns about the pool's opening, Bitikofer spoke further. "They

expect to have the pool built (weather pending) in six weeks. We are planning on opening up the deck area ahead of the pool opening and will fence off the construction site from that area. The expected partial opening will occur at the beginning of December, with the pool opening in January," he said.

Some residents have other concerns. Many were confused about why their apartments were not renovated. Bitikofer explained that Rollins plans to renovate all Sutton apartments, but the speed at which this is done depends on multiple factors. "Our intent is to continue the renovations of individual student rooms, [but] our ability to do this is predicated on funding and availability of the rooms. This summer's conference schedule is quite full and no funding has been identified at this time; having said that, we are still hopeful to continue renovations this summer, albeit on a more modest scale," he said.

While current residents may be "roughing it," it appears future ones have a positive experience to look forward to. "I'm super excited to go skinny-dipping in the new pool," joked Brandon Curson '13.



Campus Bites

Students Come Together to Fight Hunger

The Helping Hands Across America canned food drive is a Rollins College and Sodexo "Stop Hunger" initiative that is in its fourth year at Rollins. This year, Dining Services surpassed its goal of 20,000 pounds and through monetary and food donations was able to collect 21,474 pounds of food. All donations go directly to the Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida for distribution to those less fortunate in our community.

This year's campaign kicked off in the Campus Center's dining hall on Oct. 17 with the goal of collecting 20,000 pounds of food. Since then, Dining Services has been collecting donations at the registers of all six on-campus dining locations and via a link on the Office of Student Involvement and Leadership's Web page.

For the past two years, the Winter Park Chamber of Commerce held an event at its Welcome Center, with all proceeds going toward the Helping Hands campaign. As part of Greek Week, students hosted their annual Can-Paign (formerly Can-Struction) and collected 1,900 pounds of food. Holt students also got involved and collected 195 pounds of food.

In 2008-2009, Dining Services partnered with Fraternity and Sorority Life to incorporate the cans it collected for its Can-Struction to benefit the Helping Hands campaign. Rollins collected a total of 3,777 pounds of non-perishable food. In 2009-2010 that amount increased to 12,293 pounds and last year, 16,201 pounds were collected.

Guerrilla Girls: Art & Activism

As part of the series of feminist events on campus recently, the Guerrilla Girls worked with a small group of students and staff to show what it takes to create artwork that makes a statement. The Guerrilla Girls — who remain anonymous, wearing gorilla masks while interacting with people — emphasized their mission that artwork is activism.

"A lot of people think discrimination doesn't exist anymore, so this is what we fight," said Aphra Behn, one of the girls. Students and staff participated in a discussion about issues they thought stemmed from women's rights. Focus areas included family, mental health issues, the environment and war, just to name a few. Groups of five to 10 people worked together to create artwork that represented their positions on what those focus areas violated. Liz Ibarrola '13 participated and connected with what the Guerrilla Girls were preaching. "As an RA, I feel like it's my duty to make people — residents, friends and peers — more aware of feminism. If they can identify with their friends' beliefs, they're more likely to give the idea a chance."

The Guerrilla Girls inspire people all over the world by nudging them to address current concerns and issues through the medium of artwork, and that is certainly what the experience most of the students and staff involved did.

No Shave Initiatives Grow at Rollins

Perhaps you have seen the scraggly men around campus, but this is more than a mere beard-off; this year, No Shave November has gone philanthropic.

Chi Psi is supporting Movember, a moustache-growing charity event that raises funds and awareness for prostate cancer and other male cancer initiatives. There are many ways to participate in Movember but the main one is to grow out one's mustache (aka "Mo") during the month. Participants have individual accounts on www.movember.com, where they seek donors to donate to their page. There are teams (such as team Chi Psi) and networks (such as the Rollins College network) from around the world that compete against each other to raise the most money.

X Club is also using No Shave November as a fund-raising campaign for its philanthropy, Making Lives Better. No Shave November is a challenge for the brothers. Once a brother accepts this challenge he

is not allowed to shave until and unless he raises \$50 as a donation for MLB. The best part about the event is that the brother himself cannot front the money, so he has to ask people for money so that he can shave. So, if you see a brother with an unsightly beard, help him out and donate to the cause.

Introducing New Rollins Dance Team

After rigorous auditions, the Rollins Dance Team is back! As representatives of school spirit and promoters of athletic support, the team has become a major part of sporting events. The girls will be dancing at football and basketball games, and they hope to add soccer games and other school events to their schedule.

The team meets each Wednesday and Friday for two-hour rehearsal sessions, where it practices and learns new routines. Its coach is professional dancer Peggy Williams, former Jacksonville Jaguars cheerleader and co-founder of Professional Cheerleaders Alumni Inc., and its manager is Sandy Weisstein. With an abundance of knowledge from Williams and experienced teammates, this is undoubtedly going to be a great year for the Rollins Dance Team and its fans.

Only a handful of the best dancers were chosen to be a part of the team. Please welcome: Francesca Agostino '15 (captain), Nicole Brand '14 (co-captain), Kat Norcross '15 (co-captain), Sarah Maisano '12, Christianne Tallent '12, Paulina Birenbaum '14, Jenell Harvey '13, Julia Clancy '15, Olivia Blackwood '15, Amy Zdon '14 (alternate) and Amy Teixeira '14 (alternate).

The team can be contacted through the coach pegprocheer@yahoo.com. Join the team's Facebook group to keep on top of upcoming sporting events and performances.

Compiled by Jayme Bartlett, Erin Brioso, Blake Pierce and Amy Teixeira

What in the World is Going On?

Amir Sadeh
The Sandspur

1 In Norway, Anders Behring Breivik, the man charged with the killing of 77 people in July, made his first public appearance in court this week. As before, Breivik refused to plead guilty. The 32-year-old right-wing extremist has been in custody since his attacks in Oslo and at a youth camp on the island of Utoeya. His trial date has been set for April 16, pending psychiatric tests.

2 In an effort to assure the utmost level of security for the 2012 Olympic Games in London, Britain's Defence Secretary Philip Hammond told Members of Parliament that ground-to-air missiles would be deployed at the Games if

deemed necessary. According to the Associated Press, officials dismissed reports from *The Guardian* that claimed that the United States was so worried about security plans for the event that it would send "up to 1,000 of its own people, including 500 FBI agents."

3 With unrest still mounting in Syria and dozens of people reportedly arrested, King Abdullah of Jordan has urged President of Syria Bashar al-Assad to step down as leader of the country. King Abdullah became the first leader to openly urge Assad to quit, telling the BBC that if he were in Assad's position, he would start talks to ensure an orderly transition. He said, "I would step down and make sure whoever comes behind me has the ability to



change the status quo that we're seeing," and added, "whenever you exert violence on your own people it is never going to end well."

4 The United States Supreme Court announced that it will hear arguments on the constitutionality of President Barack Obama's health care reform law, most likely in

March 2012. Opposers of the law point to its requirement for all Americans to buy health insurance, citing it as a violation of individual rights. The court will decide if said clause is illegal and whether the entire law should be scrapped or not. The court is expected to rule on the case by June 2012, only five months before the next presidential election.

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Penn State Scandal Puts Morals into Question

Samantha Weiss
The Sandspur

"Our character is what we do when we think no one is looking." —H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

A devastating scandal has been brought to the public's attention this month regarding Penn State's former assistant coach Jerry Sandusky. Sandusky, 67, was arrested on 40 counts of sexual abuse.

He allegedly molested at least eight young boys over the course of 15 years, beginning in 1994.

In 2002, an incident involving Sandusky and a boy in the showers of the Penn State football locker room was not properly reported. The wide receiver's coach, Mike McQueary, a former Penn State football player, witnessed Sandusky molesting the boy and failed to intervene. The next day, he informed head coach Joe Paterno.

Paterno fulfilled his legal obligation by notifying athletic director Tim Curley and a vice president, Gary Schultz. The administration had knowledge of Sandusky's sexual abuse, and still made no effort to notify the police.

As a result of the scandal's being made public, Joe Paterno and Penn State University President Graham Spanier were fired for failing to report their knowledge to the police.

Rollins student Barry Buren '14 believes that "if the Board wants to clean house, they cannot only abruptly fire JoePa and Spanier. They need to clean all house, and not just who the

media targets." Although the media is focusing the story more on Paterno, the real monster here is Sandusky. He used his charitable foundation, The Second Mile, to lure young boys who later became targets of his abuse.

What do these revelations say about Paterno's character? Legally, he followed through and did what was required of him, but morally he did not. In the span of one week, Paterno went from being a legend to a man whose inaction allowed untold additional kids to be sexually abused. Paterno was thought to be a man of character of the highest integrity.

Jess Dabrowski, a junior at James Madison University, states "no matter how one may feel about Joe Paterno and any other administrators involved as individuals, they have to step back and ask themselves what's worse, taking part in the wrong action, or standing aside and letting it happen." We have all been exposed to examples of this in our society, where bystanders watch horrible things happening right before their eyes and simply do nothing.

We have yet to hear Paterno's entire side of the story, but he did say in one statement that he wishes he had done more. Nobody knows for sure how one would react in the exact moment until he or she is in it.

Ashley Terr '14 believes that "in the heat of the moment, one can make an incorrect judgment or action — but there has been much time after the 2002 incident where any of the

administrators had a chance to speak up and chose not to."

Innocent young boys were sexually abused and psychologically scarred by Sandusky, a man who had an excellent reputation and, in the public's eye, appeared to be helping these troubled young boys. This action is typical of men involved in pedophilia, who put themselves in a position of authority with young boys in need.

Arlen Blakeman '15 stated, "Joe Paterno could have gotten his dog into Penn State! Now he was fired after 61 years, over the phone! A reputation that took a lifetime to build is now forever stained."

The inaction and poor decision-making of the administrators who knew about the 2002 incident have ruined their own careers and shattered their reputations.

Character plays the biggest role in this scandal. With no one speaking up to stop him, Sandusky was able to continue sexually abusing young boys. This will be a weight that Paterno, Schultz, McQueary, Spanier and other insiders will have to carry with them forever.

The Penn State community has had an exceedingly rough week, but it is trying to deal with the negative publicity by coming together and remaining faithful to the university with school spirit and a candlelit ceremony for the victims.

This scandal has a long way to go in the legal process, but for now, we should maintain our focus on the victims and pray for their well-being and future healing.

Black Friday State of Mind

Jamie Pizzi
Editorial Staff

When all the turkey is eaten, the table is cleared, and the leftovers are stuffed to the back of the fridge, nothing is more satisfying for millions of Americans than skipping a night's rest and heading to the mall as early as midnight. Regardless of the impending mobs, warlike traffic, and the ever-elusive parking spot, Black Friday has become a glorified holiday of its own.

For those who plan to confront Black Friday head-first, I would advise to not only have a solid plan of attack but an open mind. Black Friday is created from hype, and without the proper mindset, all that hype can either make or break a shopper.

"I see it as the prime opportunity to sit back and enjoy the show."

That \$500 flat screen TV that Walmart has been heavily advertising since Halloween will probably be sold out once you arrive, and those buy one, get one free Ralph Lauren cashmere sweaters at Macy's will most likely only be available in an XXXL vomit green. Somehow, it seems that no matter how early you arrive at a Black Friday sale, a gaggle of women will get there long before you do. This is just one of the many inherent vices of the holiday. So stick to the less advertised sales for maximum Black Friday efficiency.

A mall parking lot packed before sunrise is a recipe for disaster on its own. Add in several caffeine-tweaked moms in Suburbans gung ho about scoring a shopping cart full of \$5 Barbies, all while fighting for a single parking spot and you have World War III. While some would see this as a prime example of why not to participate in the post-Thanksgiving ritual, I see it as a prime opportunity to sit back and enjoy the show. You are a seasoned professional, so you know better than that. Not being able to purchase a discounted radio is not the end of the world; plus, it will probably be even cheaper come Dec. 26. Lack of sleep and insufficient meals will also lead to a poor attitude, so pack lots of snacks in order to avoid wrestling any sales clerks in aisle six.

What have we learned? Picking less-advertised sales, bringing a few granola bars, and most importantly, having the correct state of mind, is a sure-fire recipe for Black Friday success. Even if you don't bring home the world's best deal on a lawn mower, at least you will be the one telling stories of enraged shoppers foaming at the mouth instead of being in the stories told around a stranger's Christmas tree.

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Above: Alfie Enoch and Domhnall Gleeson, who play Dean Thomas and Bill Weasley in the films, chat with some CenTars at the Quidditch scrimmage for The Daily Buzz. Below (on right): The Rollins team tracks down one of the elusive Golden Snitches for a group shot during some downtime between matches at the World Cup in New York.



The newly-formed CenTars represent Rollins at 2011 Quidditch World Cup

Who says that magic doesn't exist? This weekend, the Rollins Quidditch team, also known as the CenTars, got to experience magic firsthand at a local soundstage and later in New York City for the 2011 Quidditch World Cup.

Friday, Nov. 11, was a great day for Rollins Quidditch, marking the day that the CenTars left for the World Cup, but also the day that Rollins got to play Quidditch with cast members from the *Harry Potter* movies.

Early Friday morning, members of the Quidditch team drove out to Full Sail to visit the local news show, *The Daily Buzz*, which was hosting a DVD release party for *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part Two*. Rollins was set to play a scrimmage match for the show, which added a fun quality to it. Shortly after warming up, the team was joined by George Harris (who portrayed Kingsley Shacklebolt in the films), Domhnall Gleeson (Bill Weasley), Devon Murray (Seamus Finnigan), Jessie Cave (Lavender Brown), Alfie Enoch (Dean Thomas), David Bradely (Argus Filch), Stanislav Ianevski (Viktor Krum) and Katie Leung (Cho Chang).

Immediately, Gleeson approached a small cluster of players, including captain Christian Kebbel '12, and asked what the rules were. Kebbel immediately began explaining the rules so that the cast members would be able to cheer for the teams properly. Soon after, the scrimmage began between those Rollins players headed to the World Cup and other members of the Quidditch club.

Half the cast cheered for the World Cup team and half the cast cheered for

the opposing side, and all seemed to have thoroughly enjoyed it. The cast cheered when someone was about to score and groaned when a shot was blocked. By they seemed to truly love the battle between Seeker Charlie Jicha '12 and the Golden Snitch, played in the scrimmage by Mitch Verboncoeur '13, laughing when Verboncoeur jumped over a car.

The morning ended with the cast being interviewed on *The Daily Buzz* and then quickly leaving for The Wizarding World of *Harry Potter* at Universal Studios, but not before stopping for pictures and to joke around with the Quidditch team. The best part was how easygoing the cast members all were, joking around with people that they had just met, becoming people to us again, not just the actors from the iconic movies.

That afternoon, it was off to New York for the eight players headed to the Quidditch World Cup. The CenTars joined 94 other teams from four different countries at Randall's Island in Manhattan for a massive showdown to determine who the best Quidditch team is.

For those of you asking how Muggles, non-magical folk, are able to play Quidditch, a sport typically played on flying brooms, I will explain the rules. While in the *Harry Potter* books the brooms fly, in our sport you simply sit with a broomstick between your legs (as trust me, that's harder than it sounds).

There are three Chasers who run the Quaffle (a partially deflated volleyball) across the field, similar to those who play attack positions in soccer. Their goal is to get the Quaffle through three tiny hoops at the end of the field, earning their team



Top: Sarah Hadi '15 holds the Quaffle tight as she makes her way across the pitch in a World Cup match. Bottom: Kathryn Allan '15 gets ready to pass the Quaffle during the Full Sail scrimmage.

Quidditch



LAURA J. COLE

10 points.

Guarding those hoops is a Keeper, similar to a goalie, who has to guard all three hoops at once. Helping the Keeper guard the hoops are two Beaters, players who hold a dodgeball and throw them at the opponents. Once a player is hit by the Bludger (dodgeball) they must return to their goal before they can rejoin the game.

The final player, and the most prestigious, is the Seeker, whose job it is to find and catch the Golden Snitch to end the game. In the book, the Snitch catch is worth 150 points, but in the shorter Muggle game, the catch is only worth 30 points, still more than enough to sway a game.

And with these simple rules, thousands of Harry Potter fans collected on Randall's Island in New York to play, watch and discuss Quidditch. Nine pitches (fields) were constructed and

stands erected, allowing the teams to play with an audience cheering them on. The CenTars joined these teams as opponents and as friends having never won an International Quidditch Association game. But Rollins stood its ground in all four games that the team played.

The first team that Rollins faced was Miami University of Ohio. The two teams fought hard for possession of the Quaffle, but Miami took the initial rush to score. The CenTars fought back when Keeper Billy Yates '12, rushed the field and scored a quick goal, returning the score to a tie. After several more goals, Jicha pulled the Golden Snitch to bring Rollins out on top, 70-60.

"That moment when we knew we won our first game ... when Charlie [Jicha] caught the Snitch, and we all just rushed in and picked him up ... the whole team coming together. It was just an amazing

feeling," said Kebbel. After starting the team only two months ago, Kebbel was proud to see his team play hard, but also with great sportsmanship. "Every player contributed to our wins, and we just kept our spirits high. I think the other teams picked up on that, too, and the announcers as well, and it made them like us for it."

And it was that great sportsmanship that made the weekend as amazing as it was. While not playing games, the CenTars made friends with other teams from all over the world. In fact, Rollins became such good friends with a few of the Canadian teams that when we played a huge Canada vs. USA Dodgeball game, Rollins was recruited to help the Canadian side.

But while teamwork lead to Rollins' two wins at the World Cup, Jicha must be commended for his seeking abilities in every game played. He pulled the Golden

Snitch, probably the single-hardest thing to do in Muggle Quidditch, in every game played, including a second Snitch in overtime during our last game against CAMPS of Massachusetts, leading us to a last minute victory, 70-50.

The weekend, for Rollins' two wins as well as the new friends made, was a complete success. The team represented Rollins, as well as the rest of Florida, with the utmost respect. Rollins Quidditch is already preparing for next year's World Cup, and is looking for anyone who is interested to come out to practices on Fridays at 4:30 p.m. The team is built around the idea that anyone can join and play at any time, so the players on the field are constantly shifting to allow everyone game time. We hope to see you on Mills Lawn this Friday!

—Erik Keewan, CenTar

ch Flies to NYC

Little Shop Allures Audience



CAUGHT IN THE LIMELIGHT: The stars of *Little Shop of Horrors* grace the stage with a triple threat cast who deliver in acting, singing and dancing.

Julia Campbell
Associate Editor

It is not often that one gets the opportunity to listen to a giant plant belt out a musical number. It is even more rare that one has the opportunity to watch the giant plant also move and talk. However, this is the norm in the rock musical *Little Shop of Horrors*, based on the black and white film of the same name. Director and Adjunct Professor of Theatre John DiDonna brought this horror to the Annie Russell Theatre on Nov. 11, closing off the first half of the Annie's season with a bang.

From the moment the three chorus girls took the stage, the show was a nonstop series of catchy songs and fast-paced dialogue. Taylor Sorrel '13 played Seymour, a down-on-his-luck florist stuck working for Mr. Mushnik, played by Ryan Bathurst '12. Seymour discovers a mysterious plant, which he names Audrey II af-

ter his friend and love interest Audrey, played by Jaz Zepatos '12. While trying to figure out how to make Audrey II grow, Seymour pricks his finger and discovers that the plant will respond only to blood.

In this wicked tale, the standout character was, ironically, Audrey II, voiced by Robert Burrows '13. Burrows faced the challenge of giving life to a puppet and making his character stand out, though he himself is not actually seen during the show. Burrows' voice overpowered everyone else's by a mile; his mantra of "feed me" sent chills down the audience's spine and all of Audrey II's songs played a part in the deterioration of Seymour's better judgment.

That is not to say that the other actors did not give great performances as well. The three chorus girls, Danielle Cameron '14, Victoria Doyle '12 and Britany Rubino '14, kept the show moving with their witty narra-

tion and beautiful singing. Sorrel also proved to be a strong actor and vocalist. He managed to portray Seymour as clumsy and endearing as well as emotional and mature.

Overall, the show was a success. Brian Hatch '12 gave a strong performance and showed his prowess in quick costume changes and character transformations. By the end of the show, he had played multiple characters, all with vastly different personas, including Audrey's abusive dentist boyfriend. And Bathurst was great as the stereotypical Jewish businessman. His songs and lines served as comedic relief during the more dramatic parts and tied the storyline together nicely.

This show is a must-see for anyone who wants to delve into a mystery and explore the extent to which a person will go for fame or love. *Little Shop* runs in the Annie until Nov. 19. Go see it; it is definitely worth your blood.



TONY FIRRIOLO

DESI Brings Diwali to Campus

Erin Brioso
The Sandspur

A wave of warm, exotic aromas describes my first Diwali experience. As I walked into Darden Lounge on Monday, Nov. 7, I was tantalized by the fragrance of a variety of curries and the colorful array of sarees worn by students, faculty, staff and friends of Rollins.

The Diwali celebration was hosted by the cultural organization Desi, which celebrates the South Asian cultures represented at Rollins. Diwali and Holi are the two main events Desi holds annually, but the group also sponsors Bollywood movie nights. Desi's goal with these events is to educate the Rollins campus about the beauty and diversity that these cultures represent.

Diwali is also known as the "Festival of Lights," and people celebrating this event light small oil lamps and place them around their homes. While the little lamps in our Campus Center were artificial, their low-lit light in the decorated setting subtly complemented the spiritual nature of the holiday. The celebration of the festival is typically accompanied by fireworks and the exchange of sweets. Aditya Mahara '12 calls it "our version of Christmas."

Dr. Jayashree Shivamoggi, the director of the Office of Stu-

dent External and Competitive Scholarship Advisement, began the festivities with prayers, after which the Desi members demonstrated some of the traditional dances associated with the holiday.

Desi President and Vice President Reet Dhaliwal '13 and Ruchi Kapadia '13, among other Desi members, invited the audience to participate. Transfer student Ruqayyah Ali '14 helped incorporate modern dance moves that captured the audience's attention.

Summer Braun '14 loved her first experience of Diwali, stating, "It was an awesome experience that gave students a

"It was an awesome experience that gave students a little look into a culture that they are probably not exposed to very often."

little look into a culture that they are probably not exposed to very often. We were able to eat authentic food and experience traditional and modern types of dancing. It

was interactive and they encouraged us to participate in the dances, which was fun as well."

As with other Indian festivals, Diwali signifies many different things to people across the country.

However, it always signifies the renewal of life; it is a symbol of the victory of good over evil, brightness over darkness, and truth over falsehood. It is a festival based on religious and spiritual foundations, but it is also a time to enjoy good food and the company of friends.



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The Front Bottoms Deliver a Catchy DIY Sound

Lauren Silvestri
The Sandspur

As I waited for my interview with the up-and-coming indie punk/pop act The Front Bottoms, I met one of their die-hard fans. "I saw them in Jacksonville and I'm obsessed. I want to go to their Atlanta show too," says the Orlando native. This is impressive considering that The Front Bottoms hail from New Jersey and are relatively new to the industry, but after hearing their music, it is hard not to become a fan.

The catchy riffs and lyrics are hard to get out of your head, but this is no sugar-pop act. In fact, many critics compare their sound to earlier punk bands. "We consider ourselves acoustic indie-punk," said the band, which consists of singer/guitarist Brian Sella and drummer Matthew Uychich. "Our music may not necessarily be punk, but our lifestyle definitely is that do-it-yourself punk attitude."

The two-piece band brought along friend Drew Villafuerte for its first tour.

"It's been an amazing experience," Villafuerte said, despite the fact that they are driving themselves across the country in a small van, relying mainly on gracious fans to give them a place to stay.

Uychich is also ecstatic about the tour, which has included prestigious shows at places like the CMJ New Music Festival on Oct. 22 (which he calls a "highlight") and The Flaming Lips pre-party on Oct. 27. "Every show has been very positive and we are experiencing a lot," he commented.

The band is promoting its official debut album, *The Front Bottoms*, which members recorded themselves in their

attic. Something that stands out about the album is its refreshingly original and honest lyrics, especially in the song "Father." "All the songs are pretty real and come from a real place; they're true to an emotion," said Sella, who writes all the songs.

To accompany some of its songs, the band created fun musicvideos, including those for the singles "Maps," "Swimming Pool" and "Flashlight." The two admit the concepts are all their own ideas and their friends film most of the videos.

Local band Bellows opened for The Front Bottoms. Bellows is another two-piece band consisting of Alex Stringfellow (drums, vocals) and Greyson Charnock. Both from the University of Central Florida and just started the band about eight months ago, but have already been able to play a bunch of local venues, including Knight Library. The band's name comes from a Buddhist reference and Stringfellow and Charnock describe their sound as "experimental indie folk rock."

As I listened to them perform, I recognized a progressive rock and roll influence, sort of like Led Zeppelin, especially when they were just jamming in the beginning. The band emphasized how serious it is about its music because it wants to emit an honest and raw sound.

"We just hope people see us as authentic and take something important away from our music," the band shared.

Later in the night, The Front Bottoms also did not disappoint in their performance. Sella proved his talent for singing and Uychich played so intensely on the drums that it's amazing



NEW ON THE SCENE: The Front Bottoms, an "acoustic indie-punk" band, are currently on their first tour promoting their self-titled album. REYBEE INC.

he did not destroy them. They kept the audience entertained the entire time and made it apparent their fans need to come to a live show.

The band is enjoying the tour and the critical acclaim it is receiving, but members still retain their jobs in New Jersey as landscapers for the time being. After the tour ends Nov. 23, they plan to do another in the future and also put out some new music sometime in 2012. They hope to be an inspiration for other inspiring artists with little resources.

"Our setup is something rather new," shared the young band. "We're just some kids from Jersey but we've done everything ourselves and want other people to know they can do that, too."

Java Joints: Sleeping Moon Cafe

Emily Andry
Grace Loeschner
The Sandspur

A 15-minute bike ride or six-minute car ride down Aloma Avenue can find you at Sleeping Moon Café, located behind the Aveda Institute.

A large square room with matching pub tables and chairs and a few couches, too, the ambiance is a little more sophisticated than Austin's hole-in-the-wall casual atmosphere, but Sleeping Moon still offers a stage for open mic nights, walls of large, colorful local artwork, a variety of drink and sustenance options (including vegetarian and vegan), and a sideboard full of games that, for the most part, are complete with all their pieces.

It is very much the second-date kind of place you've been looking for! Not super crowded with Rollins students, here you can get away from it all and still be conveniently close to a gas station, a CVS pharmacy and a salon — four birds with one stone.

Kosher Loeschner and E Claire enter the scene.

"I don't respect cranberries," KL tells Remy, the charming French barista.

"What do you have against cranberries?" E asks KL.

"They're just grapes with an attitude!" KL replies.

The dynamic duo sits at a pub table to play UNO while they wait for their freshly assembled sandwiches to arrive.

On her return from the water closet, E comments, "It was a like swimming in a sea of Pepto-Bismol, but a very nice, clean and spacious sea of Pepto-Bismol."

"Like this bompin' music," KL retorts sarcastically.

"Yes, this music is less than stellar and on the loud end of the volume scale," E describes the all mechanical-sounding, techno-esque instrumentals.

"It sounds like a beat box in a blender," KL aptly describes. "My feet are feeling a little confined in these shoes."

"So what, exactly, are you nompin' on over there?" KL asks E (in a rather judgmental tone).

"It's a turkey and avocado sandwich, and it goes along perfectly with my jasmine and

lavender Italian soda," E replies defensively.

"Can I try your Italian soda to wash down my cranberry-free turkey club?" KL asks E.

"Sigh ... I guess so ... even if you don't respect cranberries," replies E.

"Honestly, I'm not digging this foamy ginger snap milk," says KL with a grimace.

"Yea, I'm not digging the shoe policy here, or the no dog policy for that matter," E.

"Well, on that note. Let's blow this java joint," KL replies simply.

"Then bounce we shall!" E.

Rating

(on a scale from 1 to 10)

Ambiance/
atmosphere: 8

Price value: 6.5

Beverages/
sustenance: 6.5

Tunage: 3

Bathrooms: 7

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Rollins Takes Conference but Loses Championship

Robert Salmeron
The Sandspur

The men's soccer team has been playing solidly since the beginning of the season. At the writing of this article, the players have only lost to four teams and are ranked 18th in the conference.

Unfortunately, the losses came at a large cost because they were in conference play, so Florida Tech and Lynn are ahead of the team in current conference standings. But with the recent victory over Eckerd College, there is a new beacon of hope that the Tars will win the Sunshine State Conference Tournament.

"I think we have done great so far. We are in a good spot to host regionals," said Rafael Faria '14. "We started the season really strong and then we had a couple touch losses but they helped us learn to be a stronger team."

The Tars lost to Florida Tech 1-2 in a matchup that could have gone both ways. Florida Tech was also the same team that eliminated the Tars from the Conference tournament last year.

"We have been waiting for this game. They beat us, and now we want to prove who's the better team and one of our goals is to win this conference tournament," added Faria. "And to do that, we need to beat Florida Tech, so we are confident we are going to get the job done."

Defenseman Matt Bauchle '12 stated, "I think we've had a pretty successful season so far. Obviously, it was a huge honor for us to be ranked as high as number one during the season but we've had our ups and downs."

Following the Sunshine State Conference tournament, the Tars came out on top. They defeated Florida Tech in the semi-finals of



SOCCER SUCCESSES: The Tars met with success in the conference tournament, but suffered an unfortunate loss during the Super Regional Tournament against Barry. This loss was an upset to avid Rollins fans due to our national runner-up title at the end of last year.

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the tournament 3-0 and defeated Barry 2-1 in the finals.

"The wins were a clear result of all the work we put in during the preseason and summer," Faria said. "We are excited that we won the tournament championship, something we haven't done in many years. But we have to move on to Regionals because our goal is to reach the Final Four again."

Unfortunately, the Tars were unable to defeat Barry in the first round of the NCAA Division II Super Region Tournament in a disappointing 1-3 loss.

Although Rollins was able to defeat Barry in the conference tournament 2-1, the Tars were unable to repeat triumph.

This caps the season for the Tars, and although they did not duplicate the success of the prior season, hopes are for the following season to come.

Volleyball Season Enters Tournament Stage

Keeley O'Connor
The Sandspur

The Rollins volleyball team won seven of its last 10 games as it entered the final week of regular-season competition. On Nov. 4, the team won against the Lynn Knights in four sets (25-19, 19-25, 25-21, 25-18) at Warden Arena.

The next day, the Tars beat yet another team, the Barry Buccaneers, winning three out of the four sets (25-17, 25-15, 21-25, 25-15). On Nov. 9, the Tars experienced some trouble fighting hard against the Tampa Spartans and lost, only winning two of the five sets (25-23, 17-25, 20-25, 25-22, 8-15) in its last home game.

On Nov. 11, the last week of the regular season, the Tars faced the Florida Tech Panthers and defeated them in three straight sets

(25-22, 25-14, 25-23).

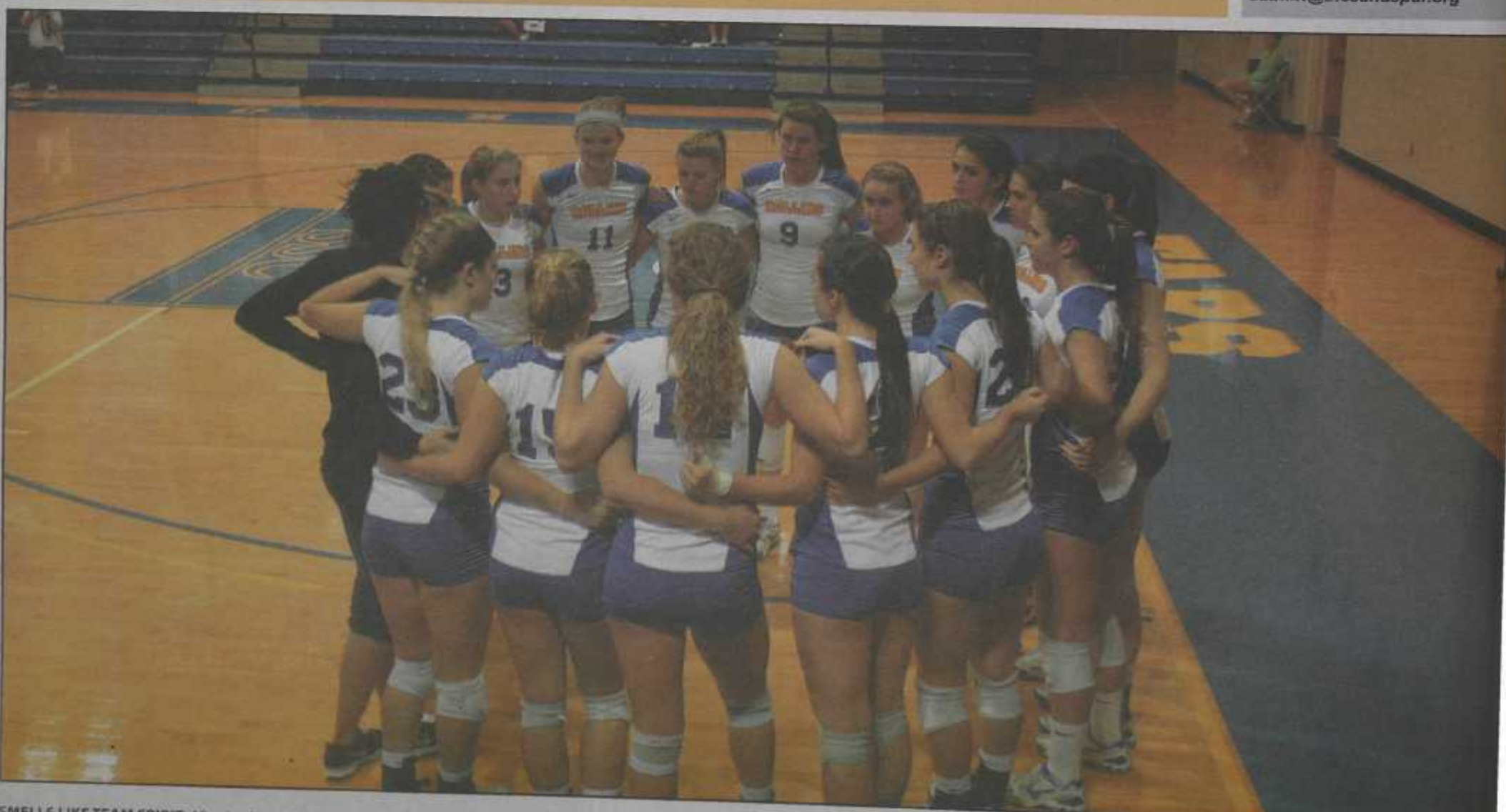
On Nov. 12, in the final game of the regular season, Rollins was defeated, playing against the Nova Southeastern Sharks and losing three sets of five (21-25, 18-25, 25-16, 25-21, 10-15).

The Tars finished the regular season with a 23-10 record and finished third in the Sunshine State Conference.

The Tars' upcoming games are in the South Region Tournament starting Nov. 17.

As third seed, Rollins will face North Alabama, which is currently ranked sixth seed, in the first round of the tournament. Tampa is the host of the south region tournament and games begin today.

Tars fans can follow any game and scores online at rollinsports.com.



SMELLS LIKE TEAM SPIRIT: After having a successful season on the court, The Rollins volleyball team confidently enters the tournament stage of the post-season.

UPCOMING EVENTS

17 thursday

IDignity 11:30 a.m., Meet at Mills Lawn

Music at Midday 12:30 p.m., Tiedtke Concert Hall

Rollins World Cup Soccer Tournament 3 p.m., Mills Lawn

Little Shop of Horrors 8 p.m., Annie Russell Theatre

18 friday

Gloria Steinem & Guerrilla Girls On Tour Inspired Us. Now What? 12:00 p.m., Bush Science Center

RIP Show: Cut to: Thanksgiving 1 p.m., Fred Stone Theatre

Little Shop of Horrors 8 p.m., Annie Russell Theatre

19 saturday

Little Shop of Horrors 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., Annie Russell Theatre

20 sunday

Composition Recital 7:30 p.m., Tiedtke Concert Hall

21 monday

Jazz Ensemble Concert 7:30 p.m., Tiedtke Concert Hall

22 tuesday

Free Film Tuesdays 7:00 p.m., Bib Lab in Olin Library

RIP Show: RIP Tag 8 p.m., Fred Stone Theatre

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LOW: 64

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SUNDAY
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MONDAY
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TUESDAY
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WEDNESDAY
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LOW: 60

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