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**Abuja**—Nigerian President Goodluck Jonathan passed the Same Sex Marriage Prohibition Act on January 7 making any association with gay organizations, clubs or involvement in a homosexual relationship punishable by imprisonment. While the president's spokesman Reuben Abati remarked that "Nigerians are pleased with it," many citizens are referring to the legislation as the "Jail the Gays" law. Dozens have reportedly been arrested under this new law, whose passing was shrouded in secrecy, and allegations of torture have already surfaced. The UN is calling the law a violation of basic human rights in Africa's most populous country.

**Volgograd**—On January

15, a shootout between Russian security forces and Islamist militants left seven dead during a sweep for the militants who have threatened attacks at the Winter Olympics at Sochi in February. The incident comes at a precarious time when Russia is already in a critical state with the world's eyes fixed on a nation surrounded by political and social turmoil. Russian President Vladimir Putin has stepped up security, particularly in areas of the country soon to be inundated by athletes and tourists, with increased presence of personnel and broader powers of oversight on the internet.

**Beijing**—The air quality of China's capital city has long been a concern for both resi-

dents and travelers, but as of late, there is additional concern: the levels of air pollution in the city recently spiked. The World Health Organization recommends a limit of 25 micrograms per cubic feet of air with particulates smaller than 2.5 microns. The city recorded a recent high of 886 micrograms, more than 35 times the recommended amount. Hospitals in Beijing and pediatric units in particular are seeing record numbers of patients with bronchitis, asthma, pneumonia and other such respiratory illness. One study estimates that in 2010 alone, air pollution in the country contributed to an estimated 1.2 million premature deaths.

**Washington, D.C.**—The Air Force says 34 nuclear mis-

sile launch officers, ranging from 2nd lieutenants to captains, were involved in a cheating scandal this month over a routine proficiency test. Those involved reportedly texted each other answers on how to operate missiles. To add insult to injury, the scandal was uncovered during an investigation on drug allegations involving six Air Force bases in the United States and England. The officers involved in the incident have all been stripped of their security clearances and certification. The scandal comes less than a year after 17 officers in charge of nuclear missiles at Minot Air Force Base in North Dakota lost their authority to launch missiles when they received a "D" rating on inspection.

## Advances and setbacks for the Winter Olympics

Hannah Blitzner

Writer

Although Florida has not been affected by the winter freeze, you can still experience some post-holiday winter cheer with the upcoming 2014 Olympic Winter Games, more casually known as the Winter Olympics, in Sochi, Russia. The excitement is rising with less than three weeks until the Opening Ceremony, and the athletic performances that will follow will be thrilling to say the least.

One of the most exciting things about the 2014 Winter Olympics is the addition of twelve new winter sports events. The events that are making their debut consist of three mixed events, four men's events and five women's events. They are as follows: Biathlon mixed relay (mixed), figure skating team event (mixed), luge team relay (mixed), ski

halfpipe (men's and women's), ski slopestyle (men's and women's), snowboard slopestyle (men's and women's), snowboard parallel slalom (men's and women's), and women's ski jumping (women's). Other events that are typically on the program include, but are not limited to, alpine skiing, bobsleigh, curling, figure skating, ice hockey, and skeleton.

One of the notable things about the addition of the new events is the inclusion of women's ski jumping, an event that previously restricted participation to men only. Female ski jumpers have petitioned for over a decade to join the Winter Olympics, but have been consistently denied by the International Olympics Committee (IOC). Ski jumping was the only event to remain men-only, despite the fact that the IOC declared that all future Olympic sports must be open to both genders in 1991.

Gender issues aside, the Sochi Winter Olympics has made other headlines in the past few months, especially in regards to Russia's ban on the propaganda of homosexuality and pedophilia.

Russian President Vladimir Putin stated, "We do not have a ban on non-traditional sexual relationships. We have a ban on the propaganda of homosexuality and pedophilia... These are absolutely different things—a ban on something or a ban on the propaganda of that thing."

Putin's comments were controversial because he has not-so-subtly grouped homosexuality and pedophilia into the same category. These, and similar comments, have fuelled the gay rights debate in Russia, and caused uproar in the media and amongst leaders of other countries, some who have announced that they will not be attending some or all of the events.

NBC has listed numerous U.S. athletes to watch out for, some who have previously won Olympic medals and others who are making their first Olympic appearances. Keep an eye out for women's hockey players Julie Chu and Amanda Kessel, snowboarders Kelly Clark, Seth Wescott, and Shaun White, and bobsledder Steven Holcomb. Of course all athletes who are on Team U.S.A. deserve attention and credit for their efforts and talents.

If you have access to a television, the Olympics will be aired on NBC Sports Network, MSNBC, CNBC, and Bravo. The events will also be streamed live on [NBCOlympics.com](http://NBCOlympics.com). Tune into the Opening Ceremony of the XXII Olympic Winter Games 2014 on Friday, February 7. NBC stated that it will not be live-streaming the Opening Ceremony, and it will be broadcasted on February 7 at 7:30pm EST. Let the games begin!



# Letter from the Editor

## Tribute to a fallen friend

Dear Editor,

My lifelong friend (Since our Rollins days), Bonnie Manjura, passed away leaving a Central Florida legacy few can match. She was instrumental in putting Orlando on the tourism map internationally (fluent in four languages), successfully lobbied Congress for the Heathrow interchange Jeno needed, founded The Lake Mary-Heathrow Festival of the Arts, founded the Seminole Ornament Society, had a major role in growing dozens of Orlando-area non-profits etc. etc.

What set Bonnie Doreen Manjura apart was that she got started right out of Rollins in the seventies, incorporated extreme compassion and empathy into all of her business pursuits and never-ending charity work, and never lost sight of where she'd come from. And she treated everyone with such loving care and compassion that literally thousands of employees, friends, and family members strongly believe that her values are timeless and will love her dearly forever.

Bonnie's parents fled Nazi Germany with nothing but the clothes on their backs, settling in Duluth, the home of the legendary billionaire, Jeno Paulucci. Bonnie would later become Jeno's right-hand-woman in Heathrow, Florida, personally executing many of the critical moves that gave rise to the Heathrow, Florida we know today. While Disney was a no-brainer for American tourists, it was a different story for the rest of the world. Bonnie changed all that as the most personable, energetic, and ambi-

tious multi-lingual Ambassador to the world that Orlando will ever have. Bonnie Manjura took on the male-dominated business community of the seventies with an unmatched mix of personality, humor, extreme professionalism, peerless reputation, and driving ambition to succeed. I've seen Bonnie charm the pants off a group of Orlando's boldfaced names with lines that would rival Jay Leno on a good night and Reaganesque anecdotes at any time. They'd open their wallets for her business ventures and her charities while holding her in the highest esteem... in between laughs. Before 24/7 entered our vernacular, Bonnie was outworking anyone you've met. Every time we got together, she exclaimed, "We're bustin' it!"

Bonnie was the sister I never had, and I will greatly miss her dearly. I hope that today's youth will use their judgment to find and emulate the Bonnie Manjuras of their generation. Sadly, there will only be one!

- Will Graves  
Rollins '77 '78

Dear Will,

Thank you for sharing your heart-warming tribute to your late friend, Bonnie. It is always nice to hear of Rollins alumni making a difference in the community and creating a name for themselves in the professional sphere. She must have been an amazing person to garner the amount of praise you conveyed towards her in this short but detailed letter. May she rest in peace.

- Jamie Pizzi  
Editor-in-Chief

Dear readers,

It is a new year and a new semester. It is a time to learn from the past but not let it completely overshadow your budding future. Keeping with this theme, the staff of the Sandspur and myself would like to personally thank all the students, faculty, staff, alumni and parents who participated in last semester's survey. We learned a lot from your thoughtful responses and are working towards incorporating many of your suggestions into the paper this semester.

The staff is now working to cover more campus news and is still encouraging all Rollins clubs and organizations to reach out in order to have their events and initiatives featured in the college's newspaper. A simple email to submit@thesandspur.org is all it takes to have your thoughts, events, or opinions in the running to be published in the weekly Sandspur.

Seeing the need for our college's publication to expand into even more aspects of media, we are also proud to announce the official introduction of our new video department. The department hopes to expand upon stories

in the Sandspur with video interviews, live reporting, and opinions from Rollins students in order to create an even more encompassing news experience. These videos will be posted on both our website, thesandspur.org, as well as our Facebook page.

We are more than excited to be stepping into 2014 with a more refined outlook on what our college wishes to see in its paper, as well as a new and quickly developing video department highly motivated towards making the Sandspur that much more dynamic in the stories we cover and how we cover them. I wish you an amazing semester and look forward to possibly seeing you at our open meetings every Monday at 6 and submitting articles or article ideas through our email address. Now, when is Fox Day?



- Jamie Pizzi  
Editor-in-Chief

## How to keep flu season at bay

Hannah Blitzner

Writer

One of the most pressing issues of being a college student is figuring out how to ward off the dreaded common cold (or for those unlucky enough, the debilitating stomach virus or flu). Getting sick is one of the worst possible things that can happen to a student during the semester: you don't feel well enough to go to class, your motivation to write papers and complete reading assignments dwindles, and nobody wants to be within ten feet of you and risk catching whatever it is you have. This is an extremely undesirable situation, especially if you share a room, and have class attendance policies or looming assignment deadlines.

So, how does one avoid getting ill? There are several basic steps to prevent getting sick during the semester.

**Exercise and maintain a nutritious diet.** This can be extremely helpful in building up immunity to all kinds of pesky viruses. If you treat your body well, it will function more efficiently and, in turn, have some resistance to sickness. If you're feeling a little under the weather, giving your body the proper nutrition it needs can go a long way. That being said, it's okay to skip a workout if you're feeling ill - your body probably needs the extra energy.

**Wash your hands.** We've been told this since pre-school. Seriously, you cannot go wrong with washing your hands - a little soap and water goes a long way. Bacteria and viruses gain access to your

system through physical contact. Washing your hands also prevents the spread of said germs. That being said, developing a near obsessive hand washing habit is a bit excessive, but maintaining an acceptable level of good hygiene will probably help you to ward off illness.

**Get enough sleep.** Not only does getting enough sleep per night (about 7-8 hours for the average person) help you feel attentive and focused the next day, it will also help your body to fend off illness. If you start feeling like you're coming down with something, it might be a good idea to get some extra sleep.

**Limit alcohol consumption.** Okay, this is not what the average college student wants to hear. But sometimes it's better to skip the bar, as alcohol has a direct effect on the immune system. And no, drinking through a cold does not help it.

**Avoid sick people.** This is another obvious one. Yes, viruses are already in your body, but you can't ignore the fact that the more you hang around someone that's sick, the more likely you are to get sick as well. So if your roommate has been hugging the toilet all night due to a stomach bug, or your significant other sounds like they're coughing up a fur ball, it's probably a good idea to steer clear until they're feeling better.

Staying healthy - easier said than done when you're a stressed out college student, right? I'm a political science student and am not fit to give any sort of medical advice. But the way to avoid getting sick is simple: take care of yourself and try to avoid contagions.



# A Mere Experience

Amir Sadeh

Columnist

"The times you lived through, the people you shared those times with — nothing brings it all to life like an old mix tape. It does a better job of storing up memories than actual brain tissue can do. Every mix tape tells a story. Put them together, and they can add up to the story of a life." — Rob Sheffield

Music is, by far, the most powerful entity in the world that causes feelings of nostalgia to instantly wash over me. It is like a time machine and can bring up feelings, memories, and even sensory information like scents that takes me back to a different time.

For instance, when I hear the bass line of Jet's "Are You Gonna Be My Girl?" the opening drums from "Dance, Dance" by Fall Out Boy, or Panic!'s cello riff in "I Write Sins, Not Tragedies," I can't help but think back to middle school and all the awkward moments that I usually try to forget. And while I may look back at that time with little fondness, I still love those songs. They are a nice, four-minute snapshot into the past. A yearbook that I don't have to find and can easily put away with a simple track skip on my iPhone.

When I was a boy, my mother always sang to me "Have I Told You Lately" by Rod Stewart. To me, it became a lullaby and whenever I hear it today, I can't help thinking of her. Charles Aznavour's "Yesterday When I Was Young" has a verse that goes: "The thousand dreams I dreamed, the splendid things I planned / I always built, alas, on weak and shifting sand. I lived by night and shunned the naked light of the day / And only now I see how the years ran away." My heart always breaks when I hear it because it reminds me of my father. When I heard that song for the first time, it was in that moment that I began to see him in a way I never had before: someone with dreams and hopes for the future. I saw myself in who he used to be.

The song doesn't always have to be poignant to leave a

lasting memory. In fact, many times the most memorable songs are so for the corniest of reasons. When The Human League comes on the car radio, I crank it up and belt the lines "DON'T YOU WANT ME BABY? DON'T YOU WANT ME, OOH-AHH-OHH!" cause that's precisely what me and my best friend used to do all the time when the song came on. If there was a song that defined our ridiculous, decade-long friendship, it is that song.

There are also "generational standards:" songs that define a generation and, in listening to them, you get a true glimpse into what that subculture was all about. "I Don't Want To Wait" by Paula Cole, "Brick" by Ben Folds Five, "Smells Like Teen Spirit" by Nirvana, "...Baby One More Time" by Britney Spears, and "Nuthin' But a 'G' Thang" by Dr. Dre are all quintessential 90's songs, but each one could easily be considered an anthem of the decade to any number of people because they all add a piece to the changing mosaic of music during that time.

In the end, I will always have my "go-to songs." If you hear me play "White Flag" by Dido, I just got my heart devastatingly broken. If I just want to be left alone, Counting Crows it is. And if you hear "Red Red Wine" by UB40 blaring out my bedroom... let's just say beverages are about to be imbibed. That's the beauty of music. It gives you the opportunity to do stupid things, like ask that girl you've had a crush on since the 10th grade to Senior Prom, or gets you on the dance floor and gives you the courage to ask that cute redhead you've been staring at all night for a dance. It'll probably end with your tail between your legs, but it could also work out wonderfully and BAM! You and her have "your song," the song you both tell your friends, family, and kids was the song that brought you two together.

Music brings back old memories and helps to make new ones. The list of songs that remind you of the most beautiful, depressing, and bittersweet moments are parts of the mixtape of your life. Take the time out and give it a listen.

# Sexpert

## Feminism in the bedroom

Guest Writer Rebecca Wilson '15 explores the ethics of BDSM and reveals that it isn't the antithesis of feminism after all.

Rebecca Wilson

Guest Columnist

*I frequently face the question, "Doesn't writing about sex get old?"*

*I usually shirk and respond with a witty one-liner that neither confirms or denies the fact that writing about sex is often tiresome. But, I will confess I often find myself staring at a blank computer screen questioning my authority as a "sex columnist."*

*One such means of coping with this internal struggle is through the recruitment of new columnists. Which brings me to the column that follows. I met Rebecca Wilson in a class last semester and was instantly enthralled by her unique perspective on sexuality. She is an involved student on campus who recently organized and ran last semester's Slut Walk. I respected her point of view and encouraged her to guest write this column—which showcases her wit and insight on a unique aspect of sexuality.*

*As the semester begins we showcase the fresh voice of a new Sexpert, and look forward to her future submissions.*

—David Matteson  
Senior Sexpert

It's an ethical dilemma for many a modern sexually open feminist. Can a strong feminist engage in and enjoy bondage, domination, and submission sex?

It's becoming more mainstream and accepted. Fifty Shades of Grey might be an iconic example, but it's more and more prevalent in culture. We can look to music videos, characters

in Law & Order, and more.

I don't think this is some sort of moral collapse of society; I think it simply parallels an exploration of sexual power play that is much more possible now a days.

I strongly believe in feminist ideals and am firmly against the exploitation of women's bodies in media. And yet I am not ready to say that I'm an anti-pornography feminist. While it does market in women's bodies, it is also a sexual outlet.

Side note - I still meet men who are shocked that girls watch porn. Newsflash, we do. (Lots of us.) Where do you think all the fan blogs about James Deen come from? It's straight ladies who like porn of a specific variety. The kind the famous James Deen plays in, it's rough, dirty, and demeaning. But women find him sexy as hell. I don't think just because women support it, it's necessarily right, but I don't believe in limiting sexuality. Besides obvious boundaries of consent (obvious to me that is, consent could be several articles on it's own).

I also don't believe in any "correct" sexuality; there isn't only way to be turned on or attracted to any one type of people. If BDSM floats your boat and the porn you're watching features consenting adult actors I don't feel inclined to object.

But what about the role of feminism in the personal choice to watch or engage in the submission of BDSM?

Being the Dominatrix involves a different set of sexual politics. Media constantly presents women as sexual objects and demeans them. Is

placing this same attitude in the bedroom acceptable? Is it internalizing oppression to engage in BDSM? Or could it be viewed as a radical exploration or our own oppression?

It think it's an interesting way to examine this particular kink. Trauma victims sometimes feel a psychological need to re-explore and conquer their trauma. If we view systematic oppression and degradation of women in media as trauma inflicted upon each of us, this same psychological need may exist.

Engaging in submission sex for women could be an exploration into our submissive programming. We've been told both blatantly and implicitly that we're not as good as men, that we're here for their pleasure for most of our lives, and media images enforce this.

Feminism presents a much needed counter narrative and is a million times beyond necessary in today's society. I don't believe I'm supposed to be submissive to men; I don't believe I'm inferior to men; I don't believe I should only be concerned with a man's (or any partner's) pleasure. But if my pleasure is tied up in their pleasure superseding mine, is it still anti feminist?

Is giving up my power in a way an exercise of my will power? Is there something freeing in playing with your oppression? Having a safe word for the objectification of women on a daily basis would be nice. The fact that I can have one and explore in a consenting adult way may just be a feminist exploration of the very patriarchal world we live in.



# 50 cent crepes and 50 dollar Rolexes

Adventuring in China might have less to do with the culture and more to do with learning how to bargain. Micheal Watson talks about the cheap pleasures the country has to offer.

Michael Watson

Writer

Over the last four months, I've been living and studying in China, primarily in Shanghai, and have been doing a bit of investigating into some of the local businesses to see what regulations they are supposed to follow but typically don't. I started studying some INGOs such as the World Wildlife Foundation and some international corporations such as Ibis hotels and Alcatel-Lucent, but quickly realized that unless I had connections with some big wigs in the company that these avenues of study would die out fast. This was when I shifted my attention to locals and what they were up to. Not so surprisingly, business practices here are much more relaxed. From street vendors to common citizens, legitimate businessmen and women, and even some of the underground markets in China, everything about business in China is an adventure.

During our first few weeks we were exploring some of the local food, finally discovering one of the most incredible breakfasts I've ever experienced, Jianbing, a Chinese crepe. Every morning we would go to this dark skinned Chinese man's stall out on the sidewalk and

buy these delicious treats for 50 cents. Another man we met was a man that set up shop in front of the college every night serving fried noodles with his son. At 7:30 they would quickly pack up with the rest of the street vendors and rush away from wherever they were at the time; our guy ran across the street to stand next to the bank with his stall. After seeing this several times we asked him why this was and found out that the police would park a car at the corner of the street. If the vendors did not avoid the police, they could be fined or even arrested as they had not rented that area from the city to use. Needless to say we tried to avoid these hours to stay out of the mayhem of vendors running to their next station.

The streets are just one small section of local Chinese business. One of our favorite pastimes was to head to the underground market. The key to shopping in this area is the ability to bargain. No vendor will give you prices at face value, it is perfectly legal, so expect to have to bargain. Several advantages that my fellow classmates and I had was that we were students here in Shanghai and that we spoke some Chinese. Usually they will give a small discount for students, making bargaining easier. Also if

you bargain in Chinese they'll give you an even bigger discount. Once I was able to bargain a 900 RMB (roughly 150 USD) down to 300 RMB simply by saying "I am studying here in China" in Mandarin.

Yet another very important aspect to Chinese business relations is something called "guanxi" or the relationships you have with others. My friends and I were looking for suits while here in Shanghai and decided to ask the manager of the hotel we were staying at for some tips. He suggested going to the same store he gets his suit and mention that we knew him. Immediately the store owner lowered her price to the same as our friend, selling us tailored suits for only 60 USD. These store owners will continue to give you low prices if you come back often, and will give your friends the same prices if they come with you.

Anytime we needed sunglasses or scarves we'd head over to our friend's stall. I won't be sharing her name, because there are a few not entirely legal activities that took place from time to time. First of all, having been frequent customers she always gave us the best prices. As time went on we would ask her about different bargains we wanted and we found out that she had family

that had other stalls around the mall selling different articles such as shoes, bags, and even more scarves.

Later came the more secretive stuff. One of my friends started asking about watches in the area; plenty of stores had watches, but none were the style he was looking for. Our sunglasses friend told him to go sit behind a rack of clothes and to wait while she went to a nearby store. After several minutes she came back with a black garbage bag, inside were fake watches including a Rolex and a few other equally expensive watches. China has trade agreements with these European companies such as Rolex, Gucci, and Prada making it illegal to sell them in the open like they can a pair of Beats that have been copied to the smallest details. While making a few of these deals a neighboring shop keeper would come by and make small talk with our friend who would then quickly pack up the materials and pretend to show us a scarf while the local police would pass by, keeping an eye out for these illegal sales. Eventually we would get the bargaining to an acceptable steal in comparison to the real thing. Spending \$50 on a Rolex sounds much more appealing than several thousand dollars.

It is plain to see, you can

find anything in China if you're willing to look for it and take the chances. Believe it or not, some of it is worth the risk; namely the food you look at with a scrunched up nose asking "what on earth is that." In all seriousness though, while many of these businesses are not legally allowed to be operating in the manner that they are, they often are able to skate by. Illegal immigrants are able to find work on the streets, vendors can make a little extra cash by selling some illegal goods, and occasionally a security guard can be bought off with something as simple as a pack of cigarettes. The Chinese rely on relationships with people, whether that is good or bad, for their business endeavors.

So, next time you want to head to China, take a small chance. Try the street meat, practice your Chinese, and make a few friends. You never know when you'll need them.

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## Winter Park Institute speaker preview

Stephanie Garcia

Section Editor

For six years, the Winter Park Institute (WPI) has brought public leaders to the Rollins campus. A preview of this semester's scheduled speakers is provided below.

Sharon Robinson

Author, educator and daughter of legendary major league baseball player Jackie Robinson will discuss the legacy of her father's values in sports and in life. Sharon Robinson is an educational consultant for Major League Baseball, overseeing the character education program: *Breaking Barriers*:

In Sports, In Life. Prior to joining MLB, Sharon had a 20-year career as a nurse-midwife and educator. She taught in such prestigious universities as: Yale, Columbia, Howard, and Georgetown.

**When:** Jan. 23 @ 7 p.m.

**Where:** Bush Auditorium

Terry Teachout

Drama critic of *The Wall Street Journal* and playwright, Terry Teachout will discuss his latest book *Duke: A Life of Duke Ellington*. Teachout is the critic-at-large of *Commentary* and author of "Sightings," a biweekly column for the *Friday Journal* about the arts in America.

**When:** Feb. 4 @ 7 p.m.

**Where:** Tiedtke Concert Hall, R.D. Keene Hall

Jeb Bush

Former Governor of Florida (1999-2007), entrepreneur, and author Jeb Bush will discuss the challenges America currently faces. Bush is the son of former President George H.W. Bush and Barbara Bush. Bush is currently the head of his own successful consulting business, Jeb Bush and Associates, where his clients range from small technology start-ups to well-known Fortune 500 companies.

**When:** Mar. 20 @ 7:30 p.m.

**Where:** Warden Arena, Alford Sports Center

Ken Burns

Academy Award-nominated director Ken Burns is most known for his historical documentaries, which tackle such topics as *The Civil War* (2001), *Dustbowl* (2012), and *Prohibition* (2011). Burns also has several other documentaries underway, including *Central Park 5* in 2013, *The Roosevelts* in 2014, and *Jackie Robinson* in 2015.

**When:** Apr. 7 @ 7:30 p.m.

**Where:** Warden Arena, Alford Sports Center

Laurie David

Laurie David, producer of *An Inconvenient Truth* and advocate for environmental issues, will discuss the importance of

food, meals, and eating and how these impact our lives. David, a regular blogger on the *Huffington Post*, has been featured on *The Oprah Winfrey Show*, *Good Morning America*, *The Today Show*, *CNN*, *Fox News* and *MSNBC*. For her first film project since *An Inconvenient Truth*, David has partnered with Katie Couric to executive produce *Fed Up*, a feature-length documentary that will examine the causes and impact of the childhood obesity epidemic.

**When:** Apr. 22 @ 7 p.m.

**Where:** Tiedtke Concert Hall, Keene Music Building

All WPI events are free and open to the public.







# Small campus, big parking problem

Kyle McCoy explores the details associated with the lack of parking on campus and provides some solutions for students who find themselves constantly without a spot.

Kyle McCoy

Section Editor

As the 'Spur has already (factually) established, campus is currently crawling with its record-breaking student body. We told you where they were living; now we're going to tell you about where they're parking, and it shouldn't come as a surprise that we are at 90% capacity in terms of on-campus parking availability. Or maybe that is a surprise to those of us with parking privileges – given that would mean we are not yet over capacity, which is not what it feels like.

If your first class of the day falls in the hours of 11am-2pm, your chances of finding a spot are slim to none. According to Campus Safety, what seems to be the difference these days is a steady growth over the last five years of students with permission to park on

campus. Half a decade ago, we were over accommodated with 25% unoccupied parking whereas today we are slowly approaching our maximum with vacant spots found fewer and farther between.

Speaking with the Head of Campus Safety, Ken Miller, we got his opinion on the issue as well as a breakdown of what solutions are currently on the horizon. The reality seems to be that most campuses struggle with this very issue.

Though at larger institutions you might find yourself parking much further away from your desired building and in some cases even taking a shuttle from that lot.

A smaller campus provides the luxury of parking closer to your destination; however, it simultaneously allows a limited number of spots to even exist.

We then need to take into account who is parking on campus: A&S, Crummer, Holt, CPS, the faculty of all four, and staff. That... is a lot of people. So then, which group should take priority? Should it be students who, fighting against unpredictable traffic scenarios, are desperately trying to make it to class on time or faculty whom without there would

not even be said classes? It's a tough one. But Mr. Miller had a multitude of thoughts and suggestions concerning this dilemma.

First, Rollins needs a new parking garage. Unfortunately alumni are not exactly jumping at the opportunity to slap their name on a building people simply park in over a more accredited academic or athletic facility. Funding just isn't there. Lucky for us, we have a variety of generous and rational people working here at Rollins: let's talk about Carry-Forward.

A quick breakdown of Carry-Forward is that departments are given certain budgets or spending powers per semester/year and what they do not spend in a given semester/year gets placed in a Carry-Forward account.

These accounts come in handy when a given department clearly needs something to better itself but such a necessity does not appropriate into their budget. One example is how Campus Safety was able to acquire newer, more efficient vehicles in recent years with savings from their Carry-Forward account.

With the existence of these accounts, certain departments

have agreed to pool their resources by skimming a bit off the top of Carry-Forwards to build a new parking garage that will primarily service Sutton and Holt, as its intended building cite is in that vicinity. Additionally, there is talk of creating a three-hour limit on parking between the bookstore and soccer stadium, which is where many faculty members tend to park their cars for the duration of each school day.

With the current state of on-campus parking being what it is, here are a few tips in terms of avoiding penalties and working with Campus Safety through this struggle:

1. Park where you are allowed to park – Campus Safety doesn't want to ticket you, but they will in order to teach lessons. Fines have increased as repeat offenders don't seem to be taking seriously these fined punishments.

2. Should you be ticketed and not feel the ticketing was justified, feel free to appeal it. Campus Safety has made the appeals process quite simple to do online. Plus about 55-60% of appeals turn out in students' favor.

3. If you are a first-year student, attempt to refrain from

taking advantage of the system: having a birth-control or adderall prescription does not constitute a decent excuse for gaining early parking rights. That loophole is for people with genuinely pressing, recurring off-campus medical appointments – not sneaky sneaks with extremely common medications.

That being said, best of luck to all in the race to grab your spot each day. In a worstcase scenario, try two-hour parking that can be found on streets adjacent to campus.

But leave a spot for this reporter, or else sorry for the tip.

The new parking lot adjacent to Sutton Apartments is now open, increasing the amount of spots on campus. It should help to begin alleviating some of these parking issues.

**“While a smaller campus provides the luxury of parking closer to your destination, it simultaneously allows a limited number of spots to even exist.”**



# A Rollins theatre department Spring preview

Alex Mariano

Writer

Ah, the arts. So elegant, so beguiling, so enchanting, so—unpredictable. Well, at least most of the time. That's what I'm here for: to inform the public of what to expect from the Rollins Theatre Department this semester. The lovely Annie Russell Theatre will be hosting three full-length main stage productions, and the quaint Fred Stone Theatre will be the home of two full-length second stage productions. As typical of theatre, we are in for some laughs, tears, and heartbreaks. Here is our sneak peak, our "movie preview," if you will:

## Annie Russell Theatre *The Clean House*

Set in a "meta-physical Connecticut," this is a serio-comedic romance written by Sarah Ruhl and reincarnated in the form of beautiful guest director Aradhana Tiwari's vision. Matilde, a Brazilian maid, lives with two married—and very busy—doctors, constantly searching for the perfect joke instead of cleaning. "A perfect joke is somewhere between an angel and a fart." The joking pauses when the household, the very clean household, discovers that the husband has found his bashert, his soulmate, in one of his cancer patients. The rest of the play is a whirlwind as the characters try to put the puzzle pieces of their lives neatly back together again, struggling with acceptance, and relying on

laughter to mend what's broken.

The stage manager of the play is Kodi Miller, with assistant stage managers Alex Mariano and Lauren Werner. The cast includes: Amanda Borja, Ricci Prioletti, Kami Spaulding, Lalitha Kasal, and Jake Teixeira.

Opening night is Friday February 14th, at 8 p.m. Following performances are: February 15th at 8 p.m., February 16th at 4 p.m., February 19th-21st at 8 p.m., and Sunday February 22nd at 2 p.m. and again at 8 p.m.

## *Song & Dance*

This production is a melting pot of talent from Rollins' musical theatre and dance students directed by W. Robert Sherry. Sherry has adapted *Song and Dance* for the 21st Century, and we are to expect a joyous cabaret beginning to spark up the evening with melodic concert dance works to close the night. Music to be included is considered "the best of Broadway," although no specific titles have been confirmed as of yet. Regardless, it is sure to be a night of superior entertainment for all.

The stage managers are Gabby Schiavenato and Sarah Griffin. The dancers are: Annie Nyce, Madeline Camille Priest, Francesca Agostino, Megan Matthews, Megan Fabian, Maria Almaraz, Colby White, Brittany Baum, Amy Sullivan, Aiden McKean, Karolina Gancarz, Stephanie Everett, Isabella Ward, Nicolas Petersen-G, Dan-

iel Martinez, Giana Blazquez, and Isabella Miyares.

The singers are: Bernard Farquharson, Christopher Graiton, Angel Velez, Nick Dimiano, Daniel Martinez, William Mitchell, Kristen Soto, Kiki Sabater, Giana Blasquez, Mikayla Phillips, Meg Beck, and Isabella Miyares.

*Song & Dance* premieres Friday March 14th at 8 p.m., and only has one follow-up showing on March 15th, also at 8 p.m.

## *The Lost Comedies of William Shakespeare*

Get ready for a two-act fully improvised Shakespeare show conceived and directed by Dr. David Charles. On the notorious day of April 23, 1616, Shakespeare's acting company, the King's Men, gather eagerly to await the release of his newest comedy. Alas, what the King's Men are not aware of is that April 23, 1616 marks the anniversary of Shakespeare's birth... but also his death. Desperate to appease a crowd expecting a comedy who have already paid, the King's Men take suggestions from the audience on what to include in their performance—names, animals, locations, events, and whatnot. Potential viewers can expect to see familiar Shakespearean archetypes: the language, the puns, star-crossed lovers, angsty philosophers, trickery, withes, fools, kings, and the like. On stage will be a musician to accompany the piece, as well as folly artist—whose

sole role it is to create the sound effects necessary as they come. Most importantly, the audience truly helps direct where the show is going through their suggestions and reactions. No two shows will be the same.

Dr. Charles hopes to create a Shakespeare that even the modern layman will find funny—dragging Shakespeare into the 21st century kicking and screaming. He hopes that by the end of the performance, the audience will have found the show very tongue-in-cheek but also a true homage to Shakespeare.

The stage manager is Anastasia Herbert. The King's Men are as follows: James Blaisdell, Kathleen Capdesuner, Casey Casteel, David Charles, Caisey Cole, Alexandra Feliciano, Samantha Frontera, Savannah Halley, Grace Loescher, Ricci Prioletti, Kiki Sabater, Emily Steward, Taylor Sorrel, Isabella Ward, and Ethan White.

The show opens on Friday April 18th at 8 p.m., and runs through April 19th at 8 p.m., April 20th at 4 p.m., April 23rd-25th at 8 p.m., and April 26th at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. (that's right, there will be a show on Shakespeare's actual birthday!)

## Fred Stone Theatre *All New People*

The first second stage performance of the semester was written by Scrubs character Zach Braff and is directed by student Suki Lanh. It revolves around a suicidal Charlie from New Jersey who has come to his

friend's upscale Long Beach Island house to commit the deed. However, before he can fulfill his intentions, Charlie is interrupted by a real-estate agent, and then a fire-fighter, and then an escort. With all of these people barging in, how will Charlie ever be able to kill himself?

The stage manager is Olivia Matthews. The cast is as follows: Peter Ruiz, Alexios Venieris, Samantha Frontera, and Jamaica Reddick.

The show opens Wednesday February 19th at 8 p.m., and then runs from February 20th-21st at 8 p.m., February 22nd at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., closing on February 23rd at 2 p.m.

*Gruesome Playground Injuries*  
This piece, written by Rajiv Joseph and directed by Rollins student Hanna Cole, strays away more from the humorous side of theatre that the aforementioned productions carry. The play revolves around two childhood friends who bond over the shared experience of self-harm. They are fascinated by each other's imperfections. Through the next thirty years, the two are re-united in insane asylums, hospital rooms, funerals... each time drawing closer and closer together.

The stage manager is Talii Stokes. The couple was cast as Katherine Waddell and Christ Stewart.

The show opens Wednesday April 9th at 8 p.m., and goes on to April 10th-11th at 8 p.m., April 12th at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., and April 13th at 2 p.m.



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**MAIN STAGE** The Annie Russell Theater houses the main productions of Rollins College. It was constructed in 1931 and named after the English-born actress who taught at Rollins until her death.



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**TAKE A BOW** Students perform the final dress rehearsal of last season's 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee performed in the Annie Russell Theatre.



# Holt to soon offer new Health Management major to students

Carlson explains what the new major entails and elaborates on how Rollins has already substantiated itself within the healthcare education field.

Annamarie Carlson

Managing Editor

While Arts and Sciences and the College of Professional Studies (CPS) have been abuzz with the new business majors, the Hamilton Holt School has been making strides to create more new programs at Rollins, this time with a focus on a rapidly rising field: healthcare.

Although not yet officially approved, the new Health Management major has been recommended for adoption. It will focus on health management, finance, law, ethics, and health care delivery systems, creating a new major at Holt for these courses while keeping true to the liberal arts nature of Rollins by requiring elective courses from various related departments including anthropology, business, communica-

tion, English, and psychology in addition to many community engagement courses.

A healthcare major is not new to Rollins; in fact, Rollins offered a Health Services Administration major through its Brevard campus in the 1990s. According to Dr. David Richard, professor of psychology and dean of the Hamilton Holt School, "in my view, having business leaders and health care leaders who are broadly educated in the liberal arts is an exceptionally good idea. I shudder a bit to think of a world in which business and healthcare professionals don't have that kind of background in their schooling. This is a common sentiment among those of us who have supported bringing business and health care education back to Rollins."

Majors in healthcare also

have a rich background at other Florida universities as well as many of Rollins' peer institutions. Both Elon University, the college which tied Rollins for number one college in the south this year, and Stetson University, another small, private, liberal arts college in Florida, offer a health sciences undergraduate degree.

The new major fits in with the rapidly growing healthcare field in the United States and in Orlando. "Health care is a rapidly growing employment sector in Orlando," says Richard. "A new VA medical center, one of the largest in the country, will be opening shortly in Lake Nona Medical City. Because the Holt School's mission focuses on serving the local community's needs, a health management major made a lot of sense."

Richard asked faculty in the communication department to write the original proposal for the health management major, and now the CPS faculty is considering the major for formal adoption into the Holt school. Even though faculty and administration have put in the effort to make this major happen, the idea for the major came from student interest: "Ultimately, all of these initiatives evolved because of a renewed focus on considering Holt students lifelong learners."

Richard sees Holt as a breeding ground for many new initiatives at Rollins, including new majors and certification programs in addition to an increase in graduate level programs that may appeal to day students. "Holt has the capacity to grow in ways the day program cannot, especial-

ly through new programming and blended learning. Holt, first and foremost, needs to serve the surrounding community and deliver top notch educational programming in ways that make sense to people in today's busy world. This will necessarily mean exploring innovative and unique ways of providing education. We also need to be mindful of our roots and the importance of interdisciplinary studies, the liberal arts, and practical application."

Currently, the new major is not planned to become a part of the day program, though that will ultimately be up to the faculty. If approved, the Health Management major will be offered at the Hamilton Holt school starting in fall 2014.

For more information, including a major map, visit [thesandspur.org](http://thesandspur.org).

## New Vice President of Student Affairs finds Rollins

Annamarie Carlson

Managing Editor

"I wasn't looking for Rollins... I wasn't looking for anything really." Dr. Mamta Accapadi, the new Vice President of Student Affairs, has a very similar back-story to many students who apply to Rollins.

Accapadi was comfortable at large schools; before coming to Rollins she served as the assistant director of the Multicultural Information Center at the University of Texas at Austin before acting as the dean of student life at Oregon State University. Both schools have over 30,000-member student bodies, with the University of Texas at Austin consistently placing in the top ten largest public university campuses by enrollment in the United States.

Her switch to Rollins, a very small, private liberal arts school, was surprising to her; she "didn't know that Rollins existed" until she attended the national conference by the Association of American Colleges and Universities. When look-

ing at the panel listings, one on higher education caught her eye. "I wanted to be re-energized on how to continue to improve higher education and connecting academics to student engagement."

The first speaker at that panel was Micki Meyer, Director of Community Engagement at Rollins College. Meyer talked about the partnership between faculty and students, particularly through immersions. Accapadi was blown away.

"Rollins was doing something amazing: creating high-impact engagement experiences by combining what students learned in the classrooms with their real life experiences. I asked myself what I am doing with my life."

Accapadi planned to take what she learned back to Oregon State with her, but, upon her return, she saw a random email advertising the posting for the Vice President of Student Affairs position at Rollins College. At first she was hesitant to apply, but she decided that it must be a sign, so she

filled out the application—"I put my heart out there."

She already had great respect for Rollins when she came to visit for the in-person portion of the interview, but once she had the opportunity to talk to the students, she "fell in love with Rollins. I was just blown away... every moment I have is a moment of gratitude."

Since becoming a permanent figure at Rollins, Accapadi's love for the students has not changed. "They are among the brightest, most compassionate, most visionary students I have ever met. I am challenged by them every day."

Accapadi loves that the students are the center of the discussion at Rollins as well "every decision I make is grounded in whether this is better for students. I am glad that is also the political conversation at Rollins that I get to a part of. Thomas Jefferson had a vision of an academic village where the faculty learners come together to support a thriving, healthy academic democracy—we have that at Rollins."

Accapadi has spent her first semester at Rollins getting to know the students by attending athletic events, visiting fraternity and sorority houses, and stopping by the library during finals to hand out donuts. Wherever there are large groups of students, you will find Dr. Accapadi.

She has plans for the future of Rollins as well: "I want to increase the number of students who say they have heard of Rollins and say they came here because it is where they want to be." Once those students have arrived, Accapadi further wants "to make sure students feel connected to something all four years they are here."

Obviously Rollins fell in love with Accapadi as much as she fell in love with Rollins, since she has been serving as the Vice President of Student Affairs since August. In her new role here, she is proud to be achieving one of her main goals in life—"helping people do what they want to do"—and Rollins has been proud of the positive impact she has made.



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# Shopping for sisters and finding fraternal fits

Time to put your best face forward; recruitment week is here! We have prepared short descriptions of each organization, along with their philanthropies of choice.

Annamarie Carlson

Managing Editor

Sororities and fraternities are an integral part of many colleges; Rollins is no exception. At Rollins though, FSL is much more welcoming than some of the slightly terrifying depictions of frat life in the movies (Sydney White, anyone?).

However, even with this friendly atmosphere, students not participating in recruitment will have to deal with the throngs of girls and guys clacking around campus in matching colored

clothes and heels (or the recruitment t-shirts depending on the night) as they move from house to house trying to find the perfect place for them. Correction: the guys will probably not be in dresses or heels. Though that would add a new dimension to recruitment.

To help interested potential members learn what each of these sororities and fraternities are about and to give uninterested students an idea on why people would participate in recruitment in the first place, The Sandspur has created a guide to each recognized group.

## Fraternities

**XΨ Chi Psi, Alpha Mu Delta Chapter:** According to Nathaniel Winters, Chi Psi is "unique because we do not fit one stereotype as we have a variety of brothers ranging from international students, athletes, scholars, and even local Floridians." Guys should consider Chi Psi because it has "withheld the tests of time on the Rollins campus. We take pride in our history of being the first social fraternity ever in the U.S. and withhold our values socially, morally, educationally throughout our time as brothers of Chi Psi."

**ΛΧΑ Lambda Chi Alpha, Theta-Gamma Colony:** Lambda Chi Alpha plans to "cultivate a progressive environment at every chapter that will allow men to become better men through the help of their fellow man." Although Lambda Chi has a rich history at Rollins, it returned to Rollins just three years ago in the spring of 2011. Members of this fraternity give back to the community by participating in the North American Food Drive each year.

**ΦΔΘ Phi Delta Theta, Florida Beta Chapter:** Phi Delta Theta was founded based on three pillars: "the cultivation of friendship among its members, the acquirement individually of a high degree of mental culture, and the attainment personally of a high standard of morality." The main goal of the fraternity is to help each member achieve his true potential. Members give back by helping at their philanthropies, Relay for Life and ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease).

**TKE Tau Kappa Epsilon, Zeta Phi Chapter:** Just returned to Rollins, Tau Kappa Epsilon—"better men for a better world"—believes that the "essential elements of true brotherhood are Love, Charity, and Esteem." Although they no longer reside in Pugsley Hall, TKE has an active presence on campus and in the community where they give back through the Children's Miracle Network, Drug Free Living, and Adopt a Highway.

**X X Club:** X-Club is the oldest fraternity at Rollins College and the only local fraternity at Rollins. To William Glass, X Club represents brotherhood: "The brotherhood is so diverse and comprised of guys with many different interests, but we are able to bond over a set of shared values: Leadership, Honor, and Valor. I wake up every morning and know that I have 35 guys that always have my back and support me in becoming a better version of myself each and every day. That is something that I truly value, and I can honestly say has helped shape me to become who I am today."

**Why do students participate in recruitment?**

"Girls should rush for the experience. It is a fun time and the people that you will meet that you may not have otherwise is invaluable. During rush

## Sororities

**ΑΟΠ Alpha Omicron Pi, Mu Lambda Chapter:** Members of AOPII "form a family that provides love, support, opportunity, and unforgettable memories; in return, the ladies ask one another only this: 'exceed the expectation.'" AOPII prides itself on the "strength of sisterhood and friendship between our exceptional, individual members." AOPII gives back to the community through support of its official philanthropy, The Arthritis Foundation.

**XΩ Chi Omega, Upsilon Beta Chapter:** Chi Omega thrives on their definition of sisterhood: "Sisterhood is not letting petty differences get in the way of anything. It is about being true to yourself. It is about experiencing new adventures by entering the realm of others. It's knowing that there will always be someone there for you. It's dreams shared and goals achieved. It's counting on others and being counted on. It is real." Chi Omega makes a difference in the community by working with the Make-a-Wish Foundation.

**ΔΖ Delta Zeta, Pi Theta Chapter:** Sisters in DZ "strive to be selfless and loyal in their mission to create a loving and understanding community in which we hold each other accountable." DZ unites "its members in the bonds of sincere and lasting friendship, to stimulate one another in the pursuit of knowledge, to promote the moral and social culture of its members, and to develop plans for guidance and unity in action." DZ sisters give back through their work with The Painted Turtle Camp and Speech & Hearing.

**KΔ Kappa Delta, Zeta Xi Chapter:** Kappa Delta strives "to make great things happen on campus, in the community, and in women's lives." Its sisters are "committed to inspiring women to reach their full potential by offering opportunities and leadership, community service and sisterhood and promoting confidence in women and girls." KD girls make a difference through their work with Girl Scouts and Prevent Child Abuse America.

**NCM Non Compis Mentis:** NCM is the oldest local sorority in the south and the only local sorority on the Rollins College campus. According to Adrienne Barton, President of NCM, NCM is special because it is a "place where you get what you put into it. We run, manage, and sustain ourselves, with every sister having a vested interest in the overall development and functioning of the organization." To Barton, NCM is "a place where I feel secure and consistently encouraged to be the fullest and truest version of myself possible... I can definitely see how I've grown more into someone I'm proud to be, and a lot of it has been fostered through this really supportive environment."

**ΣΓΡ Sigma Gamma Rho, Omicron Lambda Chapter:** According to the chapter president or SGRho, girls in SGRho form bonds "in college that will stay with [them] long after [they're] finished. When you join SGRho, it is a lifetime commitment. SGRho is special because of the people that are in it. We come from various backgrounds, and we welcome Barbies to biker chicks."

Go to [thesandspur.org](http://thesandspur.org) for additional quotes from the Rollins student body.

girls will get the opportunity to get a glimpse of each sorority and hopefully find the group that they form a connection with." — Amanda, SGRho

"I found a quote online that I thought was a really apt way to describe

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how I've viewed my time in my sorority. It is 'the best kinds of friendships are fierce lady friendships where you aggressively believe in each other, defend each other, and think the other deserves the world.'

I've yet to read a more accurate definition of a sorority. I'd also like to mention that, while going through recruitment one of the goals is to join a chapter at the end of the process, there's nothing wrong with not joining one, and there are many good relationships and friendships

that women spark and build in going through the process together, or just meeting the diverse individuals in the many chapters." - Adrienne Barton, NCM

"Every unaffiliated man should go through recruitment because it is one of the best

ways to network, make new friends, and help you find a place at Rollins. It doesn't cost anything, you get free food all week, and you'll gain a better understanding of what the purpose of fraternities are on this campus. Many times people make assumptions and

listen to stereotypes about all of the fraternities, but the honest truth is that we are all just normal groups of guys that hold ourselves to a higher standard through our values and the service we perform for the community and the school." - William Glass, X Club

## Holt student awarded prestigious \$10,000 Fellowship

Bob McKinlay

Writer

The Holt School at Rollins College is pleased to announce that Ivette Mendez Dupuis, SPHR, GPHR, is the recipient of the 2013 Susan R. Meisinger Fellowship, an annual award given to a human resource professional who demonstrates extraordinary leadership.

The honor — a \$10,000 fellowship for graduate studies given by the Society for Human Resource Management, the HR Certification Institute and the SHRM Foundation — was presented recently at SHRM's annual Leadership Conference in suburban Washington, D.C.

Dupuis, of Orlando, is enrolled in the Master of Human Resources program at the Holt School at Rollins College. Her concentration is international human resource management and management consulting. Dupuis earned her BA from the Holt School in 2008 majoring in organizational behavior and minoring in business administration.

"A key business leader and partner, but also an employee advocate — that's how Ivette Dupuis describes her future role in HR," said Henry G. Jackson, president and CEO of SHRM. "Her past contributions as an HR professional are worthy of recognition, and we look

forward to her contributions that are yet to come as Ivette earns her master's degree in HR."

Dupuis is the former director of administration at Thermo Fisher Scientific in Annapolis, Md., where she led the HR and finance teams. She wants to further her education in the theory and practice of HR, particularly in international business and global diversity. Dupuis lived in Berlin from July 2011 to September 2012, where she studied German culture and labor practices. "The contemporary business world is exciting and constantly evolving as today's workplaces are without borders and global connectivity has be-

come the norm," she wrote in her fellowship application.

The fellowship, established in 2009 to help develop the next generation of HR leaders, is named in honor of Sue Meisinger, SPHR, who served as SHRM's president and CEO from March 2002 until her retirement in July 2008. It provides up to \$10,000 annually for no more than two years of graduate study in HR. To be eligible, an HR professional must be pursuing a first-time graduate degree and either be a member of SHRM or hold a professional certification from the HR Certification Institute. SPHR has over 225,000 members worldwide.

Dupuis said that, "I am very humbled to receive this award. It shows that SHRM stands behind its HR career professionals and it validates the work that I have been doing in the HR field and will be doing in the future. I want everyone to know that Rollins College and the Holt School specifically provides an amazing learning environment for adult learners with its top notch faculty, seminar size classes, and high quality course and degree offerings. The HR field is constantly changing and the Holt School provides HR professionals with the knowledge and skills they need to meet the many daily challenges they face."

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## Students celebrate legacy, human rights

The annual MLK vigil was held in Knowles Chapel on Jan. 20. The event featured performances by The Center for Contemporary Dance and keynote speaker, Val Demmings.

**We asked: How has Martin Lther King Jr.'s legacy influenced you personally?**

“Martin Luther King Jr. was a visionary; the man saw a clear vision of a country who would accept all people and give opportunities to them despite the color of their skin. The fact that someone was able to not only see that vision, but believe in it so much to fight for it and eventually die for such an important cause, for true nondiscriminatory human freedom gives me so much hope for the present conditions for those who are oppressed and for those who have limits placed on their lives due to who they truly are. He was able to instill that vision and hope into so many people, to the point where his call to action is still being heard today. If for ever any reason anyone who fights for social justice feels so hopeless over all the things we still need to overcome in our society, remembering Martin Luther King Jr.'s life is enough for us to draw a drive to keep us going with the true belief that our work will change the world.

**- Tasha Bianchi-Macaraig  
Event Participant**

“Martin Luther King Jr. galvanized a nation. He provided people of color the opportunity to have their voices heard and to take part in American society. I recently read an article which summed up MLK's legacy in a way I had never thought of before. I cannot say it any better than that. For individuals of the time he made being black in the south safe.

As a person who believed and practiced nonviolent protest, he ushered in a new era of social justice. He gave activists an alternate way of approaching activism and protest in a way that made it easier to reach the government and change the hearts and minds of individual citizens.

MLK's influence on me personally is the importance of the people. King was a man of the people. Whenever you fight for the rights of a group you have to be relatable. You have to be someone who the groups you are fighting for can see themselves within.

**- Peter Ruiz  
Event Participant**