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SGA Elections Rapidly Approaching

Letter to the Editor:

It's election time again. Rollins biggest popularity contest, next to girl's and guy's Rush. When elections come around next week, will you vote based on who you know or the issues at hand? How silly of me to ask. This is Rollins, and we all know that there is only a small portion of the student body that actually cares about the direction that the school is heading. "As long as the candidates can get a keg on campus, then they are fine with me" is something often heard. When election time comes around, will you vote for your frat brother, the girl down the hall from you, or the candidate that can color on the sidewalk the best? I think that a lot of people here have made up their mind already on who they are going to vote for, so why should we even have an election?

We go to a liberal arts school, yet there is only one person here who cares enough to run for President. In this school, there is only one person that feels that they can change the school around for the better. I walk around campus, and I hear a whole lot of people say that they hate it here, yet the one time we have a chance to voice our opinion and change things for the better, Rollins students treat it like they do everything else in life. Elections are the time to change everything around and we should not treat this like one big popularity contest. I thought that I graduated from high school already. This is our time to change things. This is our time to voice our opinions, and make this school something that we are proud to be a part of, or forever be labeled a, "country club". When election time comes around, will you vote for the issues, or the people?

*Sincerely yours,
Nathaniel Turner*

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Join The Sandspur! See your name in print! Have a great time! Stop by the Sandpur office for details or call us at x2696!!

Diversity Week Comes to a Destructive End

*Special to Sandspur
Michelle Segarra-Rovira*

This past week, Rollins celebrated Diversity Week 1998. For the Cultural Action Committee (CAC), it was a great success. However, I do not know about how much we can say that the Rollins community "celebrated" diversity this week, or during any other week for that matter.

On the Saturday of Diversity Week, some individual decided to take the display outside the Student Center, highlighting Latinos on campus and sponsored by the Latin American Student Association (LASA), and set it on fire. Why did someone find it nec-

essary to do that? If someone on this campus has an issue with Latinos, why don't they show up to a LASA meeting and confront their fear. Yes, fear. Acts like these come from ignorance and ignorance stems from fear.

This is not the only time actions like this have taken place on campus. The Black History Month banner was ripped and stolen, B-GLAAD (Bisexuals, Gays, Lesbians, and Allies Against Discrimination) posters have been torn down. Why? Why must we tolerate such actions on this campus? Why are African-American students called derogatory names and spit upon? Why are many minorities claim that they feel uncomfortable on campus?

And why are students not made aware of these things when they happen? Things are happening everyday and they are kept quiet.

Ladies and gentlemen, we are all supposed to be adults here. For people to be doing things like these is completely childish, immature, and ignorant. The world is not 82% Caucasian as it is here at Rollins. On the contrary, the world is mostly made of what we here at the United States label as minorities.

On behalf of the Latin American Student Association executive board, I would like to state that actions such as the one that took place on Saturday will not be tolerated.

Student Honored With Award

*Chris Thorne
Co-Editor-in-Chief*

Sophomore Nichole Adams was recently recognized with an honorable mention in the 1998 Florida College Student of the Year Award. The top students from colleges throughout Florida were selected and allowed to compete in a statewide scholarship program.

The diverse group of students recognized this year is a testament to the wonderful variety of students we have at colleges across Florida," says the publisher

of *Florida Leader* magazine. "The outstanding quality of this year's applicants signals a resurgence of student activism, as students across the country are taking greater responsibility for improving the world around them. This year's winners are self-reliant student leaders who understand the importance of community and political activism and make a real difference in their communities."

If you see Nichole walking around campus, congratulate her. As long as students such as her continue to excel, Rollins' tradition in academic excellence will continue to thrive.

How Classy Were We??

*Laura Carlin
Staff Writer*

Tuesday, February 25, was Diversity Week's "How Classy Are You??" program. Any student who wished could pick up a free shirt designated 1st, 2nd, or 3rd class and a set of guidelines for that class to follow. The day was devoted to each upper class treating the lower class poorly, or how it used to be in the days of segregation. The intent was for students to experience what it was like to be so severely segregated from those of another class.

If was my opportunity to be completely discriminated against and treated as the third class citizen my shirt said I was. However, I don't feel the program worked in the serious manner that would have made it more interesting. I think this was partly due to the fact that not many people were wearing the shirts that they could have acquired for free. My experiences, I am sure, were significantly minor to those that minorities experienced times ago and now in some cases.

The only major difficulty I experienced was the fact that I had to go upstairs to get to my downstairs classes and vice-versa. I did eat Down Under as the sign suggested, but that was to give myself some change from my everyday schedule. And I even went into the C-store completely unharassed when I didn't see the 2nd Class signs. I did have to sit along the wall in one of my classes though!

I did hear about some students that got caught performing illegal actions for the 3rd

class. I think they were supposed to go visit the Dean, but I doubt that was carried out. Not enough participation and enforcement of the event was apparent for the intent to be anything significant.

I would like to congratulate the organizations that sponsored this event. The Cultural Action Committee (CAC), Rollins Crew, ROC, ATO, XO, The Rollins Players, SGA, ZOE, KAO, NCM, Pinehurst, RHA, TKE, KD all deserve credit for trying to make us aware of the diversity of classes. I reiterate that it is unfortunate that not many other students chose to participate.

Day of the Deaf

*Beth Savitsky
Staff Writer*

Did you wonder what it would be like if you couldn't hear? The noisy lawn mower on a Saturday morning wouldn't stir you, a car blaring its horn as you step off the curb a little too soon goes unnoticed, and you are oblivious to your best friend yelling your name from across the room. Sometimes we don't realize how valuable our hearing is to us until we try to mimic a deaf person. This allows for the appreciation of a deaf person's world with its own methods of communication and altered lifestyle in comparison to that

of a person with with his/her hearing. The deaf were recognized outwardly with The Day of the Deaf.

Students showed their respect for a day in the life of a deaf person by going a day without any verbal expression. If you spotted one of these participants in navy and white t-shirts, you may have noticed how eerily quiet they were. Friends who usually interrupt every two words out of your mouth let you speak freely on this day. You may have spotted these people frantically writing things down or play-

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ing a game of charades. Others were fortunate enough to speak sign language and communicated in that manner. I heard some students who, observing the participants, discussed the challenges and drastic changes that would occur in their own lifestyles if they were deaf. They also had a spoken appreciation and respect for the modified way of life a deaf person faces on a daily basis. This program reminded students of something they may have taken for granted, their sense of hearing. Although not speaking for a day is nothing compared to a

life without sound, it acknowledges the daily difficulties of deaf people in a respectful and "ear opening" way.

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Students Speak Up at Open Mike Session

Sandra Pascal
Staff Writer

For some, Rollins has been a place for many firsts. First time having sex, first time using drugs or having an alcoholic beverage, first time to having to study hard, first time to meeting someone of a different race or culture, first time to being called a "nigger." Unfortunately, that is one of the memories some of our students will remember when they reflect on their college years.

The issue of race relations at Rollins is sometimes discussed behind closed doors. Last month, the Black Student Union held an open mike session which allowed students to come out and discuss their opinions and experiences regarding this issue. Some minority students have found their experience at Rollins and its community to be discouraging. One student, to her disbelief, was spat on at Park Avenue

because, according to the "gentlemen" who spat on her, "she was too dark and could not be seen". Also, as mentioned earlier, there have been incidents of black students being called that word which is deeply seeded with a hate, which till this day, I sometimes fail to understand.

Some students have come from places where the only minority they have seen are the portrayals given to them from the media. Thus, we are sometimes gawked at with skepticism. The eyes and bodily expressions say, "What is he/she doing here?" Some are probably shocked to realize that we do not fit into their misconceptions of the cackling "buffoons", whores, or dangerous criminals that they have viewed on television. Yet, one student voiced his experience of white people running away from him out of fear. What are they afraid of? An educated black man? These attitudes have caused some minorities to feel that they have to prove themselves because people doubt their

intelligence.

One student mentioned that for the 3.7 years that she has been here, she has been the recipient of a lot of apathy. She has felt this to the point where she feels apathy is all she can give in return. Another student reminded everyone not to retaliate hate with hate because that is a continuation of the vicious cycle. He suggested for everyone to voice their opinion and get past the hate.

For many, it is evident that prejudice and injustice still occur on our campus which is a reflection of our society at large. As one student said, "ignorance is a continuation of this vicious cycle because there are people who try to separate themselves from reality." As another student said, "they do not realize that their community is not limited to their race. The race issue is not just a minority issue." Unfortunately, people allow their ignorance to make them believe that this is the case, when in reality they are hurting themselves in the long run.

The Case For Pragmythics

Alan Nordstrom
Staff Writer

"All stories are true."
—John Edgar Wideman

One of the most disconcerting perceptions of these postmodern times is that we all live by stories rather than by Truth or Reality. Even people who deeply believe that their own stories are True or Real must recognize that their accounts of what is True and Real compete with widely differing stories told by others born into different cultures, languages, and belief systems, or by those who choose to construe the world and life differently, according to their various religions, philosophies, or values.

Life was certainly simpler and less vexing when relatively homogeneous societies colluded in devising a common story or myth to reckon by and then programmed their lives accordingly. Standards, laws, customs, and mores were then fairly clear and coherent within such tightly knit societies. Things made sense or were at least differentially accepted. Those who differed or rebelled were quashed or ousted or deemed harmlessly eccentric and often closeted. Emily Dickinson comes to mind, sequestered in her house in Amherst. Henry David Thoreau took his challenge to the American way off to a cabin in the woods by Walden Pond. Robert Frost tweaked his hidebound neighbors for mindlessly maintaining that "good fences make good neighbors." But ordinary folks could

easily stomach the mainstream story they imbibed, which generally reflected the behaviors and institutions about them.

But fences and walls are now down all around our "borderless" world. We are relentlessly exposed to other lifeways, other value systems, other stories. We can hardly keep from seeing that the stories we live by are not absolute but arbitrary, not universal but circumstantial. Our challenge, then, is not to find and live the Right Story but to compose and act out the Best Possible Story. For This Time, All Things Considered. The man who wrote, "All the world's a stage and all the men and women merely players" neglected to reveal that he was also a playwright or to suggest that we might be playwrights, too—authors of ourselves and of the roles we play in life, composers in part of the stories we live.

First, though, we must grow comfortable with the idea that we are not merely players in someone else's drama, not even "The Drama of Fate or Destiny or Providence." Nor are we characters in an absurdist play searching for our absent Author or waiting for Godot. We're beyond that now. We're the authors. We're self-consciously the composers of Earth's continuing story. We're no longer merely the creatures of a Creator or the products of evolutionary forces; we're co-creators and co-evolutionists, partners in the processes by which our race and our planet will enter the future.

Knowing that we live by stories (because stories tell us who we are, what we can do, and where we might go), our task is to compose an artful, plausible, and gratifying story

of the progress of our planet, a best-selling story that will appeal to and inspire the greatest number of people. Will it be the Story of Capitalism, the Story of Democracy, the Story of the Compassionate Era, the Story of God, the Story of Allah, the Story of Type I Civilization, the Story of Domination, the Story of Liberation, or will it be many stories—the Story of Pluralism?

It's time to awaken our collective creativity, and it's time to get practical. Pragmythically, we must set about composing the script of our future. We must bring to bear our best intuitions about our needs and potentials, and employ our keenest engineering capabilities to envision and realize the kind of world we most want to inhabit. We're in charge here. It's our story. So, what happily-ever-after do we want to aim for?

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The Apostle

Marc Richfield
Staff Writer

Along with Juliette Binoche, Gary Oldman, and Issabella Rossalini, to name a few, Robert Duvall always brings to the screen a strong sense of dignity. Duvall has not only brought dignity, but also a magnificent performance to *The Apostle*, which he directed, wrote, and starred. I usually like to highlight the superlative aspect of the films I review, and here it is undoubtedly Duvall for creating this wonderful story of a troubled preacher.

Duvall plays a preacher named Sonny Dewey who really loves to preach. Jesus is his passion and he wants everyone to know it. Unfortunately, some things aren't go-

ing his way, particularly because he's broken one of the ten commandments--fooling around with women other than his wife (played by Farrah Fawcett).

To sum up, his wife starts seeing a younger preacher and together they plan to take over Sonny's church, and he is not thrilled about it. In one instance, Sonny clubs the young preacher over the head with a bat and flees from Texas to a rural Louisiana town to preach anew under the pseudonym Apostle E.F. Most of this story takes place in the small, mostly black town where we learn in great detail what really makes Sonny tick.

So far, I've described his tendency toward adultery and violence, but don't jump to conclusions about his character. His problem, I believe, is that he has too much love to

give, and sometimes it's channeled in the wrong ways. You never doubt for an instant his intense love for the Lord and for his fellow man. He loves his wife and children with all his heart and even the man he beats up.

There are more "Praise Jesus!" sayings in *The Apostle* than there are stars in the sky, but it is not so much about Christianity then about a good man who follows the Lord faithfully through thick and thin. Duvall plays this role so expertly that an audience of any creed can watch this film and still have a great uplifting time. To watch Duvall act is to watch a true artist; he reportedly invested thirteen years and \$5 million of his own time and money to create this pet project of his. I doubt we'll be seeing that dedication from William Baldwin any time soon.

Bach Festival

Tracy Tolkin
Staff Writer

Bach and many other famous composers might be dead, but their music and inspiration live on through the musicians. After attending the Bach Festival on Friday, I thought the whole performance had a lot of energy with a good blend of voices and instruments. The Bach Festival took place February 27, 28, and March 1 in the Knowles Memorial Chapel.

Friday night started "An Evening In Italy," which included pieces by Bach, Neruda, Handel, Telemann, and Boccherini. Saturday evening was Bach's famous oratorio, "The Passion of Our Lord Ac-

ording to St. Matthew." Sunday's concert included the highlights of different pieces throughout the weekend.

The Bach Festival choir orchestra was conducted by Dr. John Sinclair. The soloists included Henrietta Schallenberg as soprano, Mary Ann Hart as mezzo-soprano, Robert Breault as tenor, Daniel Lichti as baritone, and Routa Kroumovitch as the violin soloist. The audience gave them standing ovations.

Overall, the concerts were a wonderful success. I enjoyed hearing the powerful yet soothing music flow through the chambers of the chapel. The harmonic blends resonated throughout the room. Attending the Bach Festival concerts were a great plan for the weekend I thoroughly enjoyed.

The Glass Menagerie

Tracy Tolpin
Staff Writer

Last Friday started the opening of the play, "The Glass Menagerie", at the Annie Russel Theater. Not sure what a "menagerie" is? A friend and I had no idea, so we looked it up in a dictionary after the play. Pondering what Tennessee Williams meant, we found he did a wonderful job thinking this up. "Menagerie" means, "a collection of live wild animals on exhibition," but it also means "the enclosure in which some animals are kept." Both of these meanings seem to hold true in the play.

The darkness of the theater, a slanted table, the dream-like music, and a small table with little glass animals in the center of the stage create a surreal mood. The story appears to have a sad undertone, filled with tragedy and some humor as well. It all takes place in St. Louis, Missouri, during the 1930's. It contains some very moving movements that make you think about it afterwards. The way it is presented creates an emotional impact, especially during the second half.

Amanda Wingfield, played by Ms. Lynda Robinson, is the annoyingly funny, charmingly pestering mother. She seems to be quite controlling of her children's lives. Her son, Tom Wingfield, played by Rob Hunnicutt, steps

out of the story at times to explain what is going on. He tries to maintain a level of sanity in his life as his mother is overbearing and seems to drive him crazy.

Laura Wingfield, played by Brandy Mitchell, lives in her own world of fantasies and delights, and loves collecting small glass animals. Being the daughter of Amanda Wingfield, her overbearing and protective mother does what she can to find her daughter a suitable "gentleman caller." She sends out Laura's brother to find a caller for his sister.

The "gentleman caller", Jim O'Connor, is played by William Brock, was once Laura's high school crush. Amanda wants her daughter to get married soon, yet things don't go quite as planned.

Although I could go on, I think you should see the play for yourself if you haven't already. It plays until Saturday, March 7. According to Shawne Holcomb, a freshman prop girl, Dr. Nassif, the Producing Director, states, "Mr. Williams would be proud." Tennessee Williams said (in the program), "When you look at a piece of glass, you think of two things. How beautiful it is and how easily it can be broken." We all live in our own glass worlds, but who am I to judge your glass menagerie?

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51st Annual Baseball Week

*SID'S Office & Chris Thorne
Co-Editor-in-Chief*

March 9-14

Legendary Rollins baseball coach Joe Justice dreamed up a little baseball tournament back in the Spring of 1948. He invited several of the nation's finest teams and ended up with a three-team classic featuring Rollins, Bradley and Clemson. Fifty years later, Rollins "Baseball Week" has become a vaunted stop on the Florida tour for Division I schools. The tournament is renowned as the "oldest regular season collegiate tournament in the nation."

"Baseball Week" has always included three top Division I programs along with host Rollins, which is NCAA II. The lineup for the 1998 event is again outstanding as it features Penn State, the University of Pennsylvania and

the University of Miami in Ohio. An impressive array of well-known colleges and universities have competed in "Baseball Week": Michigan, Maine, Ohio State, Notre Dame, Wisconsin, Michigan State, North Carolina, Clemson, South Carolina, Pittsburgh, Lafayette, Cincinnati, V.M.I., Army, Air Force, Northwestern, Princeton, Yale, Duke, Liberty, Davidson, Indiana, Alabama and Tennessee have all played in the tournament.

Winners of the tournament receive the Jack McDowall Trophy, named in honor of the former Rollins athletic director, who was also football and basketball coach for 29 years. This year the Tars hope to bring back the trophy as they wound up only 1-5 last year. With this year's powerful lineup, our baseball team has a chance to prove themselves as one of the best teams in the nation. Make sure that you take advantage to watch some of the best college baseball around, and remember to root for the Tars!

51st ROLLINS BASEBALL WEEK

- Mon. 9 Miami (OH) vs. Pennsylvania 1:00 p.m.
Penn State vs. Rollins 7:00 p.m.
- Tue. 10 Penn State vs. Pennsylvania 1:00 p.m.
Rollins vs. Miami (OH) 7:00 p.m.
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Pennsylvania vs. Rollins 7:00 p.m.
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Softball Splits Season Opener With Tampa

*Special to Sandspur
SID's Office*

Winter Park, FL... The Rollins softball team opened the 1998 season by splitting a doubleheader with Sunshine State Conference foe the University of Tampa. The Spartans rallied to win the first game 3-2 before Rollins won the nightcap 1-0. Rollins pitcher Jenny Isaacs allowed only two earned runs in 14 innings of action while Tina Leman, Christine Kelly and Nadine White-Davis each

had two hits to lead the offensive attack.

Rollins scored single runs in the first two innings to take a 2-0 lead in the opening game. Tampa rallied with three runs in the top of the fifth inning as Amanda Bedford drove home two runs. Laci Tiarks scattered seven hits in picking up the victory. Melissa Brantz drove home Tina Leman with the winning run in the bottom of the seventh inning to break open a scoreless contest. Jenny Isaacs shut out Tampa on just six hits to record the victory.

Baseball Team Rips Madonna 19-2

*Special To Sandspur
SID's Office*

Winter Park, FL... The Rollins baseball team extended their current winning streak to four games as they dominated Madonna University 19-2. With the win, the Tars improve to 11-6 on the year, while the Crusaders fall to 2-4. Bryan Welch allowed three hits and two runs in six innings to earn his team leading fourth win.

The offensive power of the Tars continued to dominate the opposition's pitching as they

registered 19 runs off of 16 hits. Barton Vaughn and Pedro Rodriguez continued their hot hitting as they both hit grand slam home runs in the game. Vaughn was 3-3 on the night with 7 RBI's. He now has a team high 32 RBI's on the year. Rodriguez was 2-3 with 5 RBI's and scored four runs. The two players were recently honored as Sunshine State Conference Co-Players-of-the-Week. Chris Thorne chipped in with a 3-4 performance with two RBI's.

Bryan Welch improves to 4-1 on the year for the Tars, while Bob Mason falls to 0-2 for Madonna.

Wollaston, Razor, Earn All-SSC Honors

*Special to Sandspur
SID's Office*

Junior women's basketball center Jessica Wollaston was an unanimous selection to the Sunshine State Conference all-conference team as selected by the league Sports Information Directors and coaches. Freshman Jill Razor was honored as a second team All-SSC pick and was also named the SSC "Freshman of the Year." Nicole Sullivan was an honorable mention all-conference selection while Kenya Storr was named to the All-Freshman team.

Wollaston, a junior from Gillsville, Georgia, was chosen to the all-conference first team for the second straight season. She averaged 14.7 points and 7.8 rebounds per contest. Wollaston also ranked among the NCAA leaders with a free throw percentage of 84.7.

Razor, a freshman from Athens,

Georgia, led the Tars in scoring with an average of 15.4 points per contest. She also led the squad with 147 assists and 70 steals. She is also ranked among the NCAA leaders in free throw percentage at 86.3%. Razor was also honored as a member of the Sunshine State Conference All-Tournament team after helping lead the Tars to the tournament finals.

Sullivan, a junior from Lakeland, Florida, struggled with injuries for much of the season after earning second team all-league honors a year ago. She averaged 11.6 points and 5.6 rebounds per game while connecting on 45% from the field and 79.5% from the free throw line. She averaged 16.7 points in the three games of the Sunshine State Conference Tournament to earn a spot on the all-tournament team.

Storr, a freshman from Orlando, averaged 11.7 points and 4.0 rebounds for the Tars in her initial season of college basketball. She was second on the squad in assists with 71 and steals with 67.

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CHEER YOUR FRIENDS ON AS THEY COMPETE!**

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WEEKLY UPDATE

By Kathleen O'Callaghan

It is time once again to update you on the happenings of the Senate. February 25 proved to be a rather productive day in the lives SGA members. President Matthew Gabriel reported on a meeting he had with the Trustees of the College; his remarks were very positive. Matt had the opportunity to present student issues to the Board where he discussed broad issues such as scholarships, financial aid, tenure, and diversity on campus. According to Dean Neilson, Gabriel was well received by the Trustees. Two new Senators were appointed, Kelly Taylor representing Harmon and Pflug, and Colin Mueller representing Ward. Senator Christy Raettig, Elections Committee Chair and Off-Campus Senator, called for an extension to the campaign time allotted to candidates. This increase to a maximum of seven days passed through the Senate, allowing candidates to not be preoccupied with their campaigns during mid-term. Senator Clay Parnell of Off-Campus wrote a bill calling for a donation to Monday's tornado victims in Central Florida. The Senate passed this, voting to donate \$500. The Senate also voted to give \$500 to support the Spring Thing Leadership Retreat which will provide training to incoming leaders by out-going leaders.

Two new Resolutions were presented Wednesday night which will be voted upon at the next Senate meeting. Senator John Wiskowski produced a resolution, a recommendation to the Academic Affairs Committee, that will allow a lessened course load requirement for professors who teach in the new January Interim. This is aimed at encouraging professors to keep up with the nontraditional, experimental tradition of J-Term. This faced some opposition (concern regarding course availability, etc.) but will be discussed further. Senators Chris Howe and Mike Gillespie authored a Resolution which if passed, will result in a flat rate telephone utility charge being placed on each on-campus student's Room and Board charge. Doing this will allow for financial aid and scholarships to be used to cover this bill. Currently the entire cost of utilities is absorbed by only those students who use the college's long distance service, not students who use calling cards. This resolution will make each student responsible for even charges, possibly reducing the utility costs on those

What is BACCHUS?

Anna Curran
Fox Hall Representative

Bacchus is a national organization. Its name stands for Boosting Alcohol Consciousness Concerning the Health of University Students. We have had a registered local chapter for a few years now, but it has been dormant. It's time to wake up!

Our chapter aims at reducing drunk driving by creating a safe ride program and promoting and expanding the existing Designated Driver program. We

also want to inform our student body and the community about alcohol. A group of students will be educated to teach alcohol awareness workshops at our school and at local high schools.

You may think that you know all you need to know about alcohol. Did you know that according to the Core Survey 98% of Rollins students thought that the average student on campus consumed alcohol at least once per week. The truth of the matter is that 29% of Rollins students have not consumed even one alcoholic beverage

within the past 30 days. The facts only get more interesting...

This is just the beginning. There are many programs in the works and many more facts to come. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday March 10th at 6:30 in the Fox Hall Lounge. If you are interested in attending our meetings just stop by. All are welcome. If you could lend a helping hand, or if you have any questions or comments please feel free to call me at X1911 or drop a note in my campus mail box (# 1185).

Life and Death

By Anna Curran

On September 26th a close friend of mine from high school, Katie Cassidy Higgins, died. While crossing the street on her college campus, coming home from a Friday night out, she was hit by a motorcycle. Another mutual friend, Betsy, witnessed the whole ordeal.

I found out the next day. I was heart-broken. Never have I known a person so full of life, energy, and spirit. I hadn't kept in touch with her after we both went our separate ways to different schools. I never got the chance to tell Katie how much she meant to me. I never appreciated her all that I could have. I will never get the chance to take her for granted ever again. I went to her wake. That was the hardest thing that I have ever had to do in my whole entire life. The expression on her mother's face burns in my memory. There aren't any words that can describe it. Its image conjures immense pain, grief, sorrow, and a plenitude of tears. I never knew her younger brother, but still I searched for some way I could comfort him. I could only imagine if my younger brother were in his place. But, again, there were no suitable words.

I knelt down next to Katie. There she lay in her open casket. A gallon of tears poured from my eyes down my face. There she was, Katie, laying lifeless, silent, and dead. She is the most alive person I ever have known. And, yet, she lay there, and I had to say my goodbye to her. I couldn't wipe the tears away fast enough.

She is the type of person that is always on. She was always on the move. She was always doing something. She was never down. I can't remember Katie ever having a bad day. When things sucked, she would move on. She wouldn't let it bog her down. And, yet, there she lay, through no fault of her own. All she ever did was live.

I prayed to Katie, and silently said what I wanted to say to her. Sobbing, I got up. A friend saw my misery. "Oh, Anna, she comforted. It's so hard. Don't cry. Don't cry. Just think of what Katie would be saying. First of all, she would be laughing at all of the geeks that came here from her school, and she would be complaining, "Who picked out this dress? I would never wear anything remotely like this! Who did my makeup? This isn't how I like it! Why on earth am I wearing a bow in my hair? Couldn't you make me look any better? I look fat! I would never have let any one see me this way! Can't we just hurry up and get this over with? I have other things to do!"

The thought of Katie saying these things made me laugh. I knew that at that moment she was pretty pissed off. She made a lot of people laugh, and even more smile. She is the type of person who every one notices.

When I came back to school after her funeral, I tried to keep on living. I knew that was what Katie would have wanted. I went out the next Saturday night. Although I didn't feel like socializing, I wanted to be around people. And since my friend just died, it isn't a wonderful conversation topic, I sat silently and watched everyone else have fun. I sat with a few of my close friends who were in high spirits.

individuals using the Rollins system.

If you have any comments or concerns regarding what was discussed at the meeting last week, please contact your representative. Due to the Presidential and Vice Presidential Candidates Debate (Weds. at 6:30 in the Galloway Room), the next Senate meeting will be held on Weds. March 11. There is plenty of time to voice your opinion on SGA matters (especially the two resolutions that will be voted upon on that date) and we all encourage you to do so. Let your voice be heard! And don't forget that the complete minutes are available in the SGA Suite located in the Mills Building, for any of you REALLY interested people.

They made me remember the joys of friendship and the joys of life. I sat with a smile. My smile soon turned to rage, when I watched person, after person, leave car keys in hand and drunk. I was livid.

These people have everything in the world: their lives. And yet, they drunk drive with their friends in their car. How F---ing stupid! HOW FUCKING STUPID! By their actions, they are saying that they would rather put their life, their friend's lives, and strangers lives in danger, than find a safe ride home. Do they realize that their fun may end in death? There is no reason that anyone should drive drunk. It's not fair to the Kates of the world.

I want to stop this madness. I don't want another Rollins student to drive drunk ever again. I don't want there to be any more drunk driving accidents.

This is why I am working on setting up a Bacchus Chapter on campus. One of its main goals is to put a safe rides program into action.

To all those drunk drivers: know how lucky you are that you are alive, while Katie is dead. I plead with you, please, if nothing else, remember what could happen. I wish my experience on no one. I want to make it easier for every one, one way or another, to find a safe ride home.

I would also like to share this:

Remember the greatest gift that you have ever been given: LIFE.

Enjoy yourself. Spend time with the people you care about, and tell them how much you love them. Tell them why you love them, tell them why they mean the world to you, and hold on to them because your time may be limited. Don't let them slip away. Try to make life just a little bit easier. Life is hard enough. It is already full of tragedy. Everyone has their Katie and knows a Betsy.

Katie made me understand what living is. She made me understand death, too. Death is when you don't make the best of a situation. It is when you don't try to change wrong. It's when you don't put in any more effort. It is when you give into apathy and forget to care about important things.

Katie is not dead. She never did any of those things.

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*EDITOR'S NOTE: I'd like to thank The Sandspur for allowing us four extra pages to cover elections. Sandspur staff writers also interviewed candidates as to keep a sense of neutrality in the process, and I did my best to do the same in the layout of the elections pages.

I encourage everyone to vote, as the elections committee has tried our very hardest to make this year's election stand out. Stand up!!!

The 1998 SGA

Name: **Matthew Mitchell**
Class Year: Sophomore, Class of 2000
Candidacy: President



INTERVIEWED BY
SANDRA PASCAL

Matt Mitchell is a sophomore running for the office of Student Government President. He currently holds the Public Relations chair for SGA. His major is engineering and a Tau Kappa Epsilon. He states that he is a Christian and volunteers at the First United Methodist Church of Winter Park where he has been a youth counselor for two years. Matt Mitchell's platform consists of four points which are student empowerment, multicultural awareness, Rollins community, and the environment. He believes that student empowerment is necessary in order for the SGA to function properly by knowing what issues affect the student body.

PLATFORM STATEMENT:

My name is Matt Mitchell, and I believe my past leadership experiences have prepared me to be well qualified for the position of Student Government President. I was fairly involved throughout my high school career, finishing with a very active senior year as Class President and captain of both the Tennis and Swimming teams. In high school I was also fortunate enough to earn my Eagle Scout Award, as well as being a foreign exchange student to Mexico. At Rollins I have declared Engineering as my major, and have continued my school involvement both in and out of the classroom. In 1997 I was elected senator for the McKean District and through that position was able to earn an appointment as the Public Relations Chair for the spring semester. In this position I took a relatively undefined job and made significant contributions to the SGA. I published the weekly SGA News, and now I oversee the publication of our page in the Sandspur. I have also worked very hard to revive school spirit at Rollins. Outside of SGA I was awarded the -Outstanding Freshman Leadership Award, the iStudent Activities Student of the Week Award and I was nominated for iGreek Man of the Year 1998.i Now I have mentioned some of my past accomplishments, but unfortunately these aren't important. What I believe truly qualifies me for this position is my passion about this college and what kinds of experiences the students have. I simply want each individual student and every organization to be able to take full advantage of their time here at Rollins College. I want what the students want, and I just hope they want Matt Mitchell as their next President. If you have any questions or comments please call me at Ext. 2643, or visit my Web-Page at <http://fox.rollins.edu/~mmitchell/i>

I have a platform with four main points as well as with many other opinions and goals that fall outside these set declared issues. First of all I'm going to say that if I am elected the students will determine the agenda for SGA. I don't believe enough attention has been paid to the student voice in the past, but I will fight for whatever the students are passionate about. Having said that, I'll now give my personal opinion on what I think are the important issues facing Rollins College. My four points are Student Empowerment, Rollins Community, Multicultural Awareness, and The Environment.

Student Empowerment as you can probably tell from my opening statement, this is a big issue with me. Without a strong student voice the SGA is powerless to help anyone! One thing that I think will help this problem is making sure the students know exactly what issues affect them. We have made huge strides to improve this over last year but still more can be done. Another small but effective idea is a Hotline for students to call if they have any complaints or praises for SGA. This would hopefully provide an influx of ideas (positive or negative) for Student Government to act on. Some other ideas that I think will help empower the students are: 1) Making senators more visible and accessible on campus. 2) Periodic surveys to get student opinion on a variety of issues and to set the SGA Agenda. 3) Public Notice Boards in Residence Halls to let students know about upcoming legislation and bills.

Community is and has always been another issue that I think Rollins College SGA can tackle and make a big difference with. One easy way that I think any college can come together is through athletics, however I stress that this is not the only way. Having SGA work closely with the Athletic Dept. and encouraging ACE to do the same I think would bring more students together to support our teams and in turn build Community. Furthermore, I think having a mascot would be a great idea. Why we don't have one now is beyond me. A mascot,

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Name: **Lindsey Averill**
Class Year: Sophomore, Class of 2000
Candidacy: Vice President



INTERVIEWED BY
JOHNNY CROSSKEY

Lindsey Averill is a sophomore at Rollins College. When I first asked Lindsey why she wanted to be the SGA Vice President she said, "because I love Rollins." She goes on to say that she has the determination to make Rollins the place it can be, and that SGA is the vehicle in which to accomplish this.

The problems that Averill feels calls for the most immediate attention is the lack of community and Campus Safety. She wants to promote more communication between student organizations or to "get students to take pride in their school instead of just their organization" She also wants to work on a getting a dispatch for Campus Safety in order for them to handle bigger safety issues. Averill wants to provide shuttles for students, to prevent drunk driving and for students without cars to be able to take advantage of Orlando's entertainment options.

Averill also wants to provide a used book bartering system with SGA. This would consist of students bringing their books back from the previous semester in exchange for a book for their next school semester. In closing Lindsey said, "I feel that I'm well qualified to be the vice president, but there are other candidates that are equally qualified. The important thing is to vote."

PLATFORM STATEMENT:

I am a motivated, enthusiastic and honest person. I want to see change and have the dedication to implement it. I have served for the past year as the senator for Pinehurst Cottage, and in doing so, I have learned to understand the complexities of the student senate. I have served on both the Student Life Committee and the Academic Affairs Committee. As a member of these committees I have gained a greater understanding of the issues that face the student body. Working closely with both the president of ACE and the CAC chair, I have learned how to coordinate, plan, and organize large-scale programming. Recently, I have organized a program for the Cultural Action Committee's Diversity week called How Classy Are You: A campus wide event that was sponsored by numerous Greek and independent organizations. This program taught me that when provided with a little direction and enthusiasm, our campus is extremely motivated. I am well educated in the intricate workings of Rollins College, but I do not feel that this is what truly qualifies me for the position of SGA Vice President. I do not want this position to embellish my resume. I have chosen to run for Vice President of the student body because I enjoy being a Rollins student, and I want to use my intelligence, creativity, and dedication to give back to the Rollins community.

My main goal as Vice President of the student body will be to instill a sense of school pride in the hearts and minds of Rollins students. I want to see a week much like Diversity week, called Rollins pride week, which will include events such as a "tailgate" type party, a presentation prepared by the Rollins players, or perhaps, an outdoor art fair. It will be a week, which will educate the student body about the fun, culture, and intelligence that is found here on the Rollins campus. I want to make the Rollins environment more accommodating to its students. I will focus on the little things that we, as SGA, can implement ourselves, as well as, larger issues that will need the cooperation of the administration. For instance, the Olin library, Beans, the C-store, and, eventually, the Cornell campus center will have extended hours; SGA will compile a collection of syllabi which can be viewed by students trying to make registration decisions, and SGA will also organize a used book sale or book bartering system. I will make a proposal to put in place a transportation system. Possibly, a shuttle that will run back and forth from campus to different locations: movies, airport, downtown, the Langford, Fiddlers, supermarkets etc. This shuttle would also serve as safe ride under any circumstances with no questions asked.

I would implement a consumer protection program. This program would consist of a group of students who prepare a financial report, which compares the prices of goods bought on campus to those bought in the outside world. This report would then be presented to the administration.

I believe that Campus Safety needs to focus its attention on protecting us from the dangers of outside world. Currently, they have turned into meter maids and house managers. I will see that Campus safety attains a dispatch so

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Election Candidates

Name: **Christopher "Kit" Gray**
Class Year: Sophomore, Class of 1999
Candidacy: Vice President



INTERVIEWED BY
JOHNNY CROSSKEY

Kit Gray is a junior at Rollins College. This past year he was a judge on the Resident Hall Judiciary Board and has several reasons for wanting to be the new SGA vice president. Gray wants to understand and bring more harmony among the student groups to build a better community at Rollins. Gray cited building the community as one the most important issues in his campaign. "this can be done by having more co-sponsored events among groups and more communication" said Gray.

Another major issue is Campus Safety. Kit wants to work on making policies less strict for safety purposes. "the strict alcohol policy causes some to go off-campus to drink. This creates the problem of drinking and driving" Kit also stated that having an open door policy within certain dorms would reduce the risk the of sexual assault because it would keep people out of potentially unsafe situations. Gray also added, "I see a lot of potential here at Rollins and I would like to make it into the school that it once was with bigger concerts and events for the entire community.

PLATFORM STATEMENT:

In my two and a half years at Rollins College I have seen a campus that is full of potential. Young adults with aspiring minds and many great ideas. Individuals that want to reach their personal goals and make the most out of their ideal situation at Rollins. We have to take full advantage of what has been offered to us, and make the most out of our once in a lifetime situation. This school is full of opportunities, but in many ways we don't capitalize on them. That is where I come into play. I would work for the students, listen to what they want, and enhance their college experience. This is my pledge to you. Since I have been here at Rollins College I have had the privilege of working in these leadership positions and other collegiate activities:

- 1) Chief Justice of Resident Hall Judicial Council
- 2) Rollins College Varsity Tennis Team
- 3) Student Alumni Association
- 4) Resident Hall Judicial Council (Justice)
- 5) Senate Sub-Committee
- 6) Member of Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity

These positions have offered me the opportunity to gain a better understanding of the workings of the college, its ins and outs, and most importantly its areas of needed improvement. For instance, being the Chief Justice of the Resident Hall Judicial Council I have had my first real taste of a major leadership position. ... With this I have learned organizational skills, the rules of the college and how to work with the Residential Living staff. As a justice I have learned how students react to the system and how to better handle it. I can also see what issues are important to the students, and what they feel has to be changed. Furthermore, as mentioned above I have served on several senate subcommittees eg., the alcohol committee which has given me the practical knowledge of our own student government; knowledge that is essential in leading us down the right path. I have also had the pleasure of working with students in the Greek systems, and students that play athletics during my tennis career. My college experience has been very well rounded, and I think I can take the knowledge that I have acquired and apply it to the job as Vice President.

In pursuing my goal of attending dental school I have interned at dental offices, and completed many hours of community service. By completing all my science requirements for my major, I have learned a lot about my own perseverance, and with my strong work ethic I can attain any of my goals. I want to take these essential skills and use them towards bettering the school.

If elected, I would love to improve student relations, and create a better Rollins community for students of today and tomorrow. On today's campus this school lacks spirit, and desperately needs new options and ideas. We need to have places and events where all students can come together and enjoy a better college experience. But what would this "better" experience entail? A few of my ideas include a campus where greater responsibility is placed within the realm of the individual student. Another factor which could prove greatly

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Name: **Mike Gillespie**
Class Year: Freshman, Class of 2001
Candidacy: Vice President



INTERVIEWED BY
JOHNNY CROSSKEY

Mike Gillespie is a freshman at Rollins College and is currently the Student Services Chair for SGA. Gillespie said, "I joined SGA to get more actively involved. I see many great opportunities."

When asked what issues would be the most important in his campaign Gillespie said that Food Services, the alcohol policy, and housing needed immediate addressing. "One thing that might set me apart from others is my push for cost effectiveness", Gillespie said. Mike wants to get more funding for student

PLATFORM STATEMENT:

Food Services

Food Services is a facet of SGA governance of which I have been involved with directly, as it is one of the 6 sub-committees that I have been able to work with. As Vice-President I would like to simply expand the programs that I have started as Student Services Chair (SSC). First of all, and something that I have openly discussed at meetings with faculty food representatives is the maintenance of a variety in all food facilities. The main problem with the food, as Dana Rueter, the director of food services for Marriot told me in a meeting, is that one person's great meal is another person's garbage. Therefore, I believe that the Vice-President, in conjunction with the SSC should maintain open dialogue so that in the new student center the variety that was promised to the students is maintained. In my prior meetings with the same aforementioned representatives they told me that the continued open dialogue is very important to the process, as the students tend to voice their opinions to each other and not to those who can change what is wrong.

Secondly, I suggested to Rosemary Uman in business services that as a way to ease students every day eating choices Rollins should allow a fast food restaurant on campus. The problem is that we, as Rollins College can not allow a franchised company to come on to our campus because in doing so we violate our contract with Marriot by undermining their sales to another broker (the very same reason why Dominos must start delivery after 8:00pm). Therefore, I suggested that either Marriot or Rollins purchase a franchising contract so the ownership and thus the proceeds don't go to an outside vendor. Once again there was a problem, as the franchising contracts for major franchises (like Mcdis or Burger King) will only give a contract to schools with large student populations. However some smaller franchises (such as Taco Bell or imitation ones like Sub Connection) have either very small or no requirements. Therefore, as VP I would investigate and try to find a workable situation to bring such a fast food franchise to our campus.

Finally, I have a new idea to an idea that all candidates will address in their campaigns. Everyone wants a new restaurant for the R-Card, and it has been a major problem finding one that conforms to our many requirements, therefore, I have brought a new idea to the subject. In our deliberations with the Forbidden City Chinese Restaurant we determined that the delivery service was insufficient. What Rosemary proposed is that either the restaurant or Marriot should set up their own new delivery service. What I propose is that we look toward a new established restaurant chain, such as a Fridays, Denny's or Applebee's and ask if it would be possible to set up a delivery service.

Furthermore, I have to propose another question dealing with alcohol: The BYOB policy includes a bottle of wine, why then is a student who is 21 years of age unable to drink any type of liquor. I think it is a completely reasonable demand to the faculty to allow for a bottle smaller than a liter, and if they wish with a proof restriction for a person with adequate identification to carry into a party.

Environment

The Environment, much like Food Services is a situation in which I have had a great deal of involvement since I became SSC. First of all, I have made numerous phone calls to facilities management to try and expand our recycling programs on campus. Furthermore, I would like to openly back a plan from Eco-Rollins earlier this year, in that all professors should cut their page

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Candidates

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Name: **Julia Boguslawski**
Class Year: Freshman, Class of 2001
Candidacy: Vice President

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PLATFORM STATEMENT:

I have had the privilege this year serving as the College Governance Chair for Student Government. I was nominated to this executive position after serving as a senator and then as SGA parliamentarian. The College Governance Chair oversees the Academic Affairs, Student Life, Finance & Services, and Professional Standards Committee. It was my duty to maintain the order of these committees, establish healthy bonds between the faculty and students, and to troubleshoot effectively if the matter called for such action. Being in an executive position taught me a lot about the different responsibilities that SGA demands. I feel that I am more than able to effectively communicate with the senators in SGA because, after all, I have been there. As a senator, one has such a facility of power. It is imperative to utilize it.

Similarly, I am active in the Rollins Outdoor Club and hold an executive position on the board. ROC has given me a firm understanding of commitment and time management. I have also been involved all over campus and partake in the many activities that have occurred. I have learned about the needs of the student body, what plans of action must be taken, and most importantly, the needs of the individual. I have the will power to take ideas and make them realities. I am focused, driven, motivated, and energetic to fill the seat of Vice President and start searching for new improvements to our old concerns. I am excited and anxious to work with the students of Rollins.

Being an officer of SGA and ROC are among my highest honors, but I believe that the moral a candidate stands for reflects an image of what their work ethic and standards are. I am highly committed to academics and the pursuit of higher learning. I have maintained an admirable GPA of 3.7 and am enrolled in challenging classes. I have flawless attendance and am active in class discussions. I am also a Site Supervisor for one of the computer labs on campus and feel privileged to have the position that allows me to delegate power, to respond, to listen, and to trouble shoot when situation demands. Being young has indeed been a challenge in this position, but it has worked to my benefit and strengthened my character and my confidence. I come from strong morals and like to keep to them. I am so ready-to-go; I want to make long-lasting positive impressions and have the desire to see goals attacked and put into motion. There is no room for delay in the office of SGA. I can give this position 100% commitment and 110% positive energy. People say I am always "cheerful" and "smiling". How can I be anything else when I know our possibilities and what an amazing bunch of students we have here at Rollins? I have studied the requirements for success and can fulfill them at more than a satisfactory level.

Lastly, I have an amiable nature that allows me to connect wonderfully with the student body. You are the ones with the ideas and campus-improving notions; I am here to take note and get the gears grinding. This coming up school year your needs must be our primary concern. A campus that can cater to the wishes of its students is like watering a garden of hope, happiness, and success and letting the leaves of these virtues grow to the sky. The possibilities are endless. Because I am so personable and believe in the good of Rollins, I want you to approach me with anything. Our minds are imaginative and I want to be the one to scroll down your concerns and create immediate solutions. I do not let issues or problems of the students go ignored. I know I am passionate about the position, I have the skills to operate all the many responsibilities, and have a voice that demands to be heard. I am young and full of positive motivation; it is not worth dwelling on the evils but rather staring them down. A student government needs the guiding hand of experience, energy, innovation, and willingness to track through the "mud" of problems, and through student-officer collaboration, make them shine and sparkle. Those who know me will note that I am a realist, but have an active imagination. If we can dream it, we can do it. I want to work with you. You are what make Rollins. If you are looking for the person who will stop unnecessary promises, stare problems in the face and assume responsibility, give 100% of their time and energy, have a positive outlook on the future and embrace innovation while possessing the courage to voice, argue, and compromise for our needs, then I am the person. And if there is more to your definition of "qualified", let me know. I want to hear from you.

Matt Mitchell

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when properly maintained, would give something tangible for students to rally around and it would give everyone something concrete and positive to associate the college with. Cosponsoring events is also an amazing way to build community. We need to bring students together as much as we can to share resources and to provide a forum for interaction. Supporting the Council of Leaders, and working to create a strong group there I think will benefit community cause even more.

Multicultural Awareness is my third platform issue. In a college where 82% of the College population are of one race, I think it is very important to make the minority students feel comfortable. Educating the non-minority students is also an important issue. I think SGA should continue their full support of the Cultural Action Committee in all their endeavors. In recent years I think this has been the most active committee under SGA, educating the campus about many different cultures, and we should support them accordingly. One idea I think would help this would be the encouragement of even more active education through probation. Instead of putting an organization on probation and making them sit for a certain amount of time doing nothing I think we should give them the opportunity to get off early by doing educational programming. This would benefit both the organization and the campus.

The Environment is my last major platform issue. Our recycling program right now either does not work or is non-existent. Last year we did a survey on recycling on campus and the majority of people said they would recycle if they were given the opportunity. I think the SGA needs to step up in a big way to set up a comprehensive campus-wide recycling program. This would make certain that every classroom, every computer lab, and every office has the same blue recycling bin. When students see them in class and in the school offices then they will be more likely to use them in the dorms where it is the hardest to keep the trash out. NCM has proven that recycling can work on this campus. It is not a hard concept and I believe if the SGA is sincerely committed to the environment, then the entire campus will follow.

Lindsey Averill

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they could focus their attention on matters of personal safety and other pertinent issues.

The student government at Davidson College, which is comparable in size to Rollins, has a committee whose sole purpose is to poll the student body monthly and report the results of these surveys. I will see that the Rollins SGA forms a similar committee, so that SGA can directly respond to the issues that are facing the students it represents.

These issues are important, but I know there are more issues that SGA will have to address in order to be effective in the upcoming year. The Alcohol Issue is big. I think the way the policy is set up now, Rollins is really forcing student parties off-campus. The accident we had here last year needs to be an ever-present reminder of the consequences of irresponsible drinking. I believe the designated driver program has had limited success, but working for a safe-rides program in conjunction with our local BACCHUS chapter I think could ease a lot of our concerns about getting home safely. College students will always drink, we just need to trust them, and give them ample opportunity to do it responsibly. On a lighter note I don't see why Rollins doesn't get Discounts at many of the local vendors around campus and in Orlando. Businesses would love to see us come to their places so I think it would be a great project for SGA to set up some of these discount opportunities and then publicize it to the students. If I could get \$10.00 off the ticket to Universal I know I'd go more often!

Finally, Winter Term is still an important issue. Students who go off campus all come back raving about their life-changing experiences. I think it would be a huge mistake to get rid of this amazing opportunity. Right now, a committee is coming up with proposals for the 3-week interval between the first of the year and the beginning of spring semester. If these proposals do not contain easy opportunities for off-campus experiences I think the SGA will have to go to bat for J-Term again! I know this has been a long and involved platform statement, but I have many opinions on many different issues. These are only my opinions, and if I ever find out that the majority wants something different I will support them wholeheartedly! The students will determine SGA's agenda under my presidency. I simply want what is best for them and I'll work tirelessly to accomplish everything I can. I just hope that I get the opportunity! Vote for someone who you know will listen to you. Vote for someone who is respected as a leader and as a student. Vote for someone who will get the job done right the first time. Please vote Matt Mitchell for you SGA President in 1998!

I would also have this committee prepare a stock survey that would always be attainable via the SGA Internet home page. Students who feel they play an intricate part in their school will be proud of its accomplishments, and students whose needs are fulfilled will enjoy their school. I want to see our student voices gain the respect that they deserve, and I believe that I can help make that happen.

Kit Gray

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beneficial to our experience as a student is the level of allocations funded towards groups and organizations. For example, through serving on the Student Alumni Association I have learned how a shortage of funds restricts student-interest groups and their objectives and experiences in general. If elected to Vice President, I would hope to investigate the structure of these allocations, the nature of their disbursement, and the ways in which to improve upon them. I foresee other issues containing relevance to the morale of our student body. Issues such as parking, food service, and campus security will inevitably play a part in determining the overall atmosphere of our campus. Although my goal is to please the school as a whole, we have to be realistic in our ideas and what we can achieve, but I can promise to you that I will work as hard as I can to make Rollins a better place for the students.

Mike Gillespie

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Secondly, in the realm of the environment, the recycling program in Beans is completely insufficient. Unless there is someone to sort the trash if one student does not separate the trash properly, thus putting organic refuse into a recycling bin, then the entire bin can not be recycled. Therefore, there has not been any Styrofoam recycling this year. So I proposed to business services that rather than a failed attempt at recycling we should just rid the entire cafeteria of Styrofoam. Rosemary Uman in business services is looking into it, but as VP I would make it my responsibility to keep the progress going on the idea, to make sure it gets done.

This is also similar to another suggestion that I made to business services, that we supply enough options in the C-Store so that student aren't forced to buy products that are animal tested. I noticed earlier in the year that if I wanted non-disposable razors, deodorant, shaving cream and other products my only option was Gillette, which is very harsh with their animal testing. That is not to say that we should rid the store of all Gillette products, because some students don't have concern for such testing, but I suggested earlier in the year that we must supply another option. Some of these have come in, but this much like the no Styrofoam idea, we must have continued pressure on them, and as VP I promise to continue checking up on the C-Store to maintain a proper selection.

Finally, it has come to my concern that one major environmental issue at least on the aesthetic plane is that there are not enough ashtrays on campus, therefore students are forced to throw their butts on the floor. One student complained directly to my office saying that seeing cigarettes all over the

place is a major eyesore for her, which is easily remedied. Another student commented on how only a few buildings have them outside (specifically Orlando hall being without one). Therefore, we need to pressure the facilities management department to buy and install more ashtrays so we can keep Rollins beautiful.

Fund Raising

I remember that in The Sandspur on February 19th of this year there were some complaints about how SGA distributes the activity funding (SAFAC) delivered in an article by Chris Thorne, the President of the English honor society. The truth is that most clubs are somewhat under-funded because there aren't many funds out there to distribute. Furthermore, the funding from SAFAC is for clubs to put on events. There is a very descriptive SAFAC constitution of sorts that describes such a process. I feel that the money issue would no longer be a problem if there were more money, and more distinctly money that is not directly affiliated with programming so that clubs can get funding for trips, T-shirts, and other types of club memorabilia. As SSC I have already started such a program in the Rollins Arcade. I, with my subcommittee chairman contracted a company to put three machines into the Down Under with the proceeds going into a fund for clubs and activities. What I propose is that we not only expand the arcade, but also come up with many more fundraising ideas for the funding of more activities. SGA should lead the charge for such a program, and under an administration that I am directly involved there will be appointed a fund raising chairperson to create new ideas to raise these new funds. Some suggestions are: The selling of tobacco products (using cash) on campus, finding safe monetary investments to grow inactive funds, an SGA take out taxi week program, along with many more ideas.

ACE

Recently, the All Campus Events organization has come under a bit of scrutiny. There has been a proposal to make ACE a subsidiary branch of SGA. After discussing the issue with ACE President Elect Sean Johnson, and other ACE members, I found that they are vehemently opposed to the idea. The reasoning behind the proposal is to have a better stream of communication between the two organizations. Furthermore, proponents of the idea believe that SGA, being the representative body of the students should have governance over all events on our campus. Ladies and Gentlemen, I will not support a measure to fuse these two organizations into one, but I do have an alternative idea. I agree with many of the proposal's supporters with regard to the idea that there is not enough communication between the two parties, and that student representation is necessary. Therefore, I propose that as a compromise, SGA gathers information to formulate campus opinion, and supplies ACE with a senator to serve as a liaison between the two organizations that can either sit on ACE's executive board or just attend all of their meetings with a chance to report at each. This idea can remedy the current problems with the structure of ACE with out subsidizing the entire organization.

Campus Safety

Many people on campus gripe about campus safety and how inefficient they are at their jobs. People are upset about their response time in emergency, when having to escort or when having to unlock a door for students. Again I believe that the position of SSC, along with the Vice-President, should have to maintain open dialogue with campus safety to try and improve their ability in these areas. Furthermore, I have received a number of complaints that these very same officers don't adhere to their boundaries with regard to a student's right to privacy. The student handbook clearly states the times in which an officer or residential life official may enter a room to search. We need to maintain these rights of the students, because a number of occurrences of students being written up as a result of a falsely reasoned search have come to my attention.

Cost Effectiveness

The final tier to my platform is one that I believe is the most important. The federal government, prior to 1993, was infamous for spending up to \$30,000 for a toilet seat. With the passage of the Government Organizational Reduction Act the federal government was able to trim so much from the deficit that next year the nation projects a surplus in the budget for the first time in over 20 years. The surplus is going to be set aside to pay for new programs such as saving Social Security or paying off the national debt. Rollins College is experiencing a similar bit of fiscal irresponsibility in its own spending budget. For example, the furniture bought by the residential life department for the four main dorms cost the school an exorbitant amount of money that could have been better spent elsewhere if they shopped around better for the furniture (an unofficial report quoted that each loveseat cost \$700-750 each and each chair cost upwards of \$500 for Styrofoam and cheap fabric, many of which have already broken!). The reasoning for spending that much was that the furniture is fire retardant. But, only the Styrofoam base, and not the fabric of the couch is fire proof, and also, most pods, or living rooms equipped with such furniture are guarded by two fire doors at each side. Furthermore, there is a lesser risk of a fire starting in pod than in a dorm room, which has many flammable items in it. I propose, as a major tier of my platform and, if elected, my administration that SGA should fight so that at least the two elected officers (President and VP) should have a voice in a great deal of the spending that the college undertakes. If the students have this check on fiscal responsibility and successfully trims some of the fat from the school's budget there will be more funds available. More funds are always beneficial to the student body as they could be used to renovate the decrepit dorm rooms, fund more student clubs or events, buy the franchising contract that I spoke of earlier; basically to gain the funding needed for all of the ideas that students have. I stated earlier that one major problem with funding is not the distribution of it, but the quantity of it. Therefore, we should try to create more, and a great way to do that is through responsible and effective

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Calendar

Your guide to Rollins and off-campus events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Rollins Sports Events: 646-1718 Cathedral Church of St. Luke: 849-0680 Bob Carr Performing Arts Centre: 849-2577 Emmanuel Episcopal Church: 628-2346 Annie Russell Theatre: 646-2145 King Center, Melbourne: (407) 242-2219 Orlando Arena: 839-3900 UCF Arena: 823-6006 Sapphire Supper Club: 246-1419 Sak Theatre Comedy Lab: 648-0001 8 Seconds: 839-4800</p>	<p>Embassy: 629-4779 Baja Beach Club: 239-9629 Barbarella: 839-0457 Club at Firestone: 426-0005 Crocodile Club: 628-1518 Cairo: 422-3595 Zuma Beach Club: 648-8363 Pleasure Island: 934-7781 Go Lounge: 422-3322 The Mill: 644-1544 Fairbanks Inn: 647-0704</p>	<p>Women's Tennis vs. Illinois State, 2:30 p.m. @ Martin Tennis Complex Men's Baseball vs. Miami of Ohio, 7 p.m. @ Alford Stadium</p>	<p>Women's Tennis vs. Illinois State, 3:00 p.m. @ Martin Tennis Complex Men's Baseball vs. University of Pennsylvania, 7 p.m. @ Alford Stadium</p>	<p>Men's Tennis vs. Penn State, 7 p.m. @ Alford Stadium</p>	<p>The Glass Menagerie 8:00 p.m. @ Annie Russell Theatre Men's Baseball vs. Temple 7 p.m. @ Alford Stadium Jewish Student League Meeting, 5 p.m. @ Chapel Lounge</p>	<p>The Glass Menagerie 8:00 p.m. @ Annie Russell Theatre Men's Baseball vs. Ithaca 1 p.m., & vs. Bellarmine, 7 p.m. @ Alford Stadium Softball vs. Marietta, 1 p.m. @ Cady Way Field Rollins Crew vs. UCF, Metro Cup Regatta, 9 a.m. @ Lake Maitland</p>
<p>Softball vs. Carson Newman, 1 p.m. @ Cady Way Park Opening Exhibition for Modern Realism: The Sarah Roby Foundation Collection, 3-5 p.m., Cornell Fine Arts Museum</p>	<p>Women's Tennis vs. Ferris State, 3 p.m. @ Martin Tennis Complex Lecture: Patricia Meyer Spacks, Johnson Distinguished Visiting Scholar, "On the Novel Sensibility," 4 p.m., Galloway Room Men's Baseball vs. Penn State, 7 p.m. @ Alford Stadium</p>	<p>Music at Midday: Rollins Student Recitals 12:30 p.m., Rogers Room Women's Tennis vs. So. Illinois, 3:00 p.m. @ Martin Tennis Complex Men's Baseball vs. Miami of Ohio, 7 p.m. @ Alford Stadium Jewish Student League Meeting, 5 p.m. @ Chapel Lounge</p>	<p>Men's Tennis vs. UT-Martin, 2:30 p.m. @ Martin Tennis Complex Women's Tennis vs. UT-Martin, 3 p.m. @ Martin Tennis Complex Spring Instrumental Recital, 7:30 p.m., Knowles Chapel & Rogers Room</p>	<p>Rollins Invitational, Crew, 9 a.m. @ Lake Maitland Women's Tennis vs. Eckerd, noon @ Martin Tennis Complex Softball vs. Eckerd, 1 p.m. @ Cady Way Field Men's Baseball vs. Miami of Ohio, 7 p.m. @ Alford Stadium</p>	<p>Florida Crew Classic, Rollins Crew vs. Florida schools @ UF</p>	<p>Rollins Crew vs. Florida schools @ UF</p>

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 Annie Russell Theatre: 646-2145
 King Center, Melbourne: (407) 242-2219
 Orlando Arena: 839-3900
 UCF Arena: 823-6006
 Sapphire Supper Club: 246-1419
 Sak Theatre Comedy Lab: 648-0001
 8 Seconds: 839-4800

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