

Chris Bachelder Post Visit

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If you thought that Chris Bachelder was just another comedy writer, you probably thought that *The Throwback Special* was just about football.

In either case, you were wrong.

Chris Bachelder came to Rollins College last week, taking a break from his tenure as a professor at the University of Cincinnati.

On Wednesday night, Winter with the Writers and President Grant Cornwell hosted Chris for a reception at the lovely home of the President and his wife Peg, and after being welcomed by the President and then director Carol Frost, guests enjoyed great conversation and beautiful art.

On Thursday, Chris followed poet Jay Hopler and gave an incredibly informative if too short workshop, spending awhile talking about each story submitted by the Winter with the Writers interns. The workshop was immensely helpful, and all people in attendance enjoyed it.

Shortly after the workshop, Chris gave a reading from a few episodes of his latest novel, *The Throwback Special*, which details the perils of manhood and the passage of time through a large group of men who gather each year to reenact the Joe Theismann injury from 1985.

Through comedy and internal reflection, these men reveal the hilarity and the anxiety associated with aging and wondering when the status quo will cease to exist and matter.

In the Q&A portion, Chris was as charming and funny as *The Throwback Special* implies, and both Rollins College and Winter with the Writers felt honored to have him.



Last weekend brought an end to the festival, and Winter with the Writers couldn't be happier with how the season went. We'll see you next year!