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English Majors Enjoy Some Fun in the Sun

Rochelle Siegel
the sandspur

Instead of sitting in their rooms with a good book in hand or finishing up all of those last minute papers, Rollins English majors enjoyed an outdoor picnic with friends and professors on Sunday, April 23rd. The picnic, near the Orlando Hall volleyball court, included a lot of food, casual conversation and fun for everyone.

A nice day outdoors is what everyone needs from time to time, especially now that finals are coming up and students will be stuck indoors studying.

Each member of the English faculty contributed their own foods to kick-off the celebration. As more and more professors arrived, the amount of food set out on the tables built. Two long tables were filled with all types of food, including fried chicken, biscuits, baked beans, coleslaw, pasta salad, cookies, brownies, and of course cake.

Of course a get together of English majors would not have been complete without



ROCHELLE SIEGEL / The Sandspur

FRIENDS WITH COMMON INTERESTS: English Majors from all over campus came together recently to play volleyball and other activities.

celebrating the 442nd birthday of William Shakespeare. Likewise, it would not have been complete without singing "Happy Birthday." Professor Alan Nordstrom stood at the head of the table leading everyone in the song and even shared one of his own poems.

After the song it was time for cake. Once the cake was cut, everyone received a special gift from the English department. Each person who attended the picnic received a special English major T-shirt, which made students very proud. Professor Nordstrom modeled his

shirt during the picnic.

Students sat around and compared next year's schedules. Students also had the opportunity to discuss this semester's class with professors or speak with professors about what to expect in upcoming courses.

Few students and pro-

fessors then took part in a volleyball game. Based on the way the game went, English majors probably should stick to writing papers instead of competing against their professors at any sort of athletic activity. Yes, the professors dominated.

Professor Steven Wexler gave a few pointers to those students who participated in the game, but even his advice did not seem to help the Rollins English majors. Professor Wexler's young children even had better aim than.

Students finally got a fighting chance once Professor James Rovira joined their team. His height helped greatly and students finally got the ball over the net.

The volleyball game ended once Professor Paul Reich hit the volleyball into one of Rollins many tall oak trees and it did not come back down. Everyone looked up in awe as the volleyball became wedged between the tree branches.

As the picnic came to a close few students took some of the left food with them

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Rollins Celebrates Student Athlete Day

Juan Bernal
the sandspur

Wednesday April 19, 2006 was a perfect day for Rollins to hold a great event. There was great weather, a lot of people, free O-Boys BBQ food and iced tea and the introduction of Rollins' new mascot, Tommy the Tar. With free O-Boys and anyone invited to attend, the Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) sponsored Student Athlete Day. The event experienced a

great turnout, as many people from all parts of the college attended. Ashley Hunsberger, from the women's soccer team had the honors of hosting the event.

While most of the hour-long get-together consisted of faculty, staff, students and student-athletes making sure they got their share of the free O-Boys chicken and iced-tea, there was also a time to recognize the athletic teams and their accomplishments this year.

Among the notable accomplishments were the Men's basketball team, who finished 25-7, and advancing to the second round of the South Region Tournament. The Tars also had athlete Isaac Codrey (who was in attendance) win a spot on the Sunshine State Conference



RYAN WALLS / The Sandspur

ON THE LAWN: Student athletes joined together recently to eat food, make friends, and take a break from their busy end of the year schedules.

first team. The women's basketball team finished with a perfect regular season and finished the season 28-2, and

they advanced to the first round of the South Region. Coach Glenn Wilkes was named the WBCA Division

II coach of the Year. The women's volleyball team advanced to their first regional

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WORLD NEWS

COURTESY OF CNN.COM

Egypt: Ten people were arrested Tuesday after three bombs ripped apart a Sinai beach resort at the height of Egypt's tourist season. The bombs killed 24 people and injured more than 80, many of them tourists.

Germany: A 53-year-old German woman was fined by the police after being caught driving her dead mother across country to save on mortuary transportation costs.

Russia: A satellite was launched for Israel that will be used to spy on Iran's nuclear program.

Mexico: Five Mexican children were killed when a large metal cross they were praying at was struck by lightning causing severe burns all over their bodies.

England: Prince Harry, an army officer and third in line to the throne, may be shielded from the frontline if his unit is sent to war.

NATIONAL NEWS

Maryland: A 12-year-old boy was arrested for the deaths of his mother and younger brother, who were found beaten and stabbed to death in the family's apartment.

New York: The developer of the site of the former World Trade Center has agreed to let the government oversee the construction of the 1,776-foot Freedom Tower and a second skyscraper.

Washington: The Bush administration plans on conducting background checks on an estimated 400,000 port workers to ensure they do not pose a terrorism threat.

Pennsylvania: A six-year-old girl died after running back into a burning house to find her mother.

Washington: President Bush has ordered a temporary suspension of environmental rules for gasoline, in order to possibly lower prices at the pump. This will allow refiners more flexibility in providing oil, since they will not have to use certain additives such as ethanol to clean the air.

Kansas: Five teenage boys were charged after threatening to carry out a shooting spree at their school, on the anniversary of the Columbine incident.

athlete day english major fair

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 tournament since 1995, and only did it for the second time in school history. The women's golf team won the SSC conference golf tournament for the fourth straight season, and looks for its fourth straight national title. Aside from the festivities, there were also prizes that included free tickets to Universal Studios, gift certificates to Park Avenue, a jewelry set, a free month's workout with a personal trainer and various sets of sandals.

After the teams were recognized and the abundance of free O-Boys food was exhausted, there was a huge inflatable obstacle course

that some students and student-athletes participated in. Eric Boucher, a sophomore from Boston, Massachusetts, dominated the event by defeating anyone who challenged him. "I had fun beating everyone," said Boucher. Overall, Student Athlete Day was a fun-filled event. "I think Student Athlete Day was great for the school. The O-Boys food was great. I think it was a great event that united the campus. I was surprised at the number of people that showed up. Tommy the Tar looked great also. It was a cool event," said Jono Majhanovich, a junior Arts and Sciences student from Wyoming.

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 and took off. The picnic was a good way for students and faculty to get together outside of the classroom.

Recently, the English department has revamped their major and minor. The major now gives students the opportunity to follow more than one track within the major. Students can either take classes that focus on creative writing or literature.

The new major has been created in attempt to provide more individual choices to each student. The new curriculum will allow students to take six electives that meet their individual interests. The classes that are no longer being offered can now be replaced with classes that focus on the same genres.

Those students who have already started the old major but are now concerned that they cannot finish the major because many of the courses are no longer being offered need to remember that for English ma-



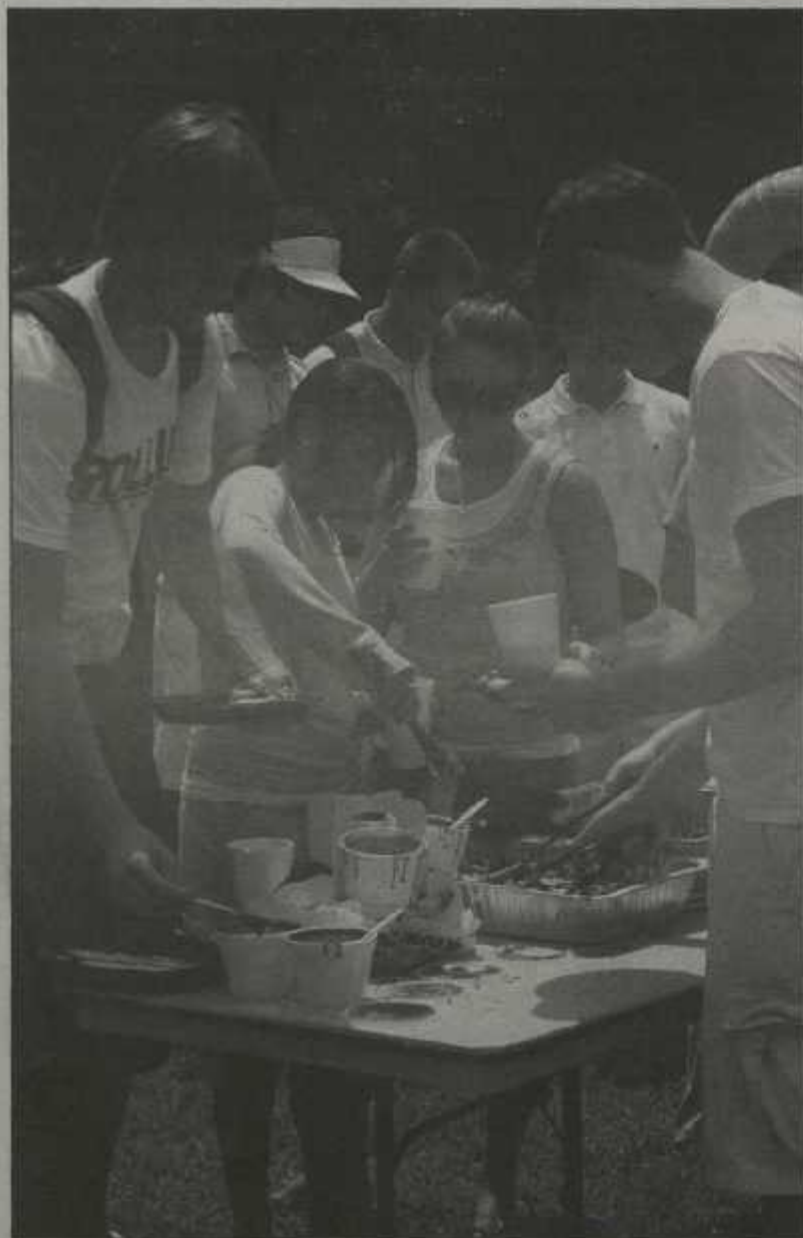
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LET'S EAT: Two tables full of food awaited any English major who attended the picnic, thanks to the English professors.

jors, anything can be worked out. The best person to talk to is an advisor.

The English department has high hopes for their new major. By giving students the opportunity to follow

their own unique tracks will make for a more interesting major in which students can take classes that interest them and no longer have to sit through classes that do not interest students.



RYAN WALLS / The Sandspur

EATING TOGETHER: Student Athlete Day provided athletes with good food and fun.



ROCHELLE SIEGEL / The Sandspur

TIME TO SOCIALIZE: Students and professors gather outside of Orlando Hall for a picnic containing a variety of different foods.

The Semester



COURTESY OF ROLLINS-PR DEPARTMENT

FEBRUARY: Dean Casey Elected Provost.



KARINA MCCABE / The Sandspur

MARCH: Rollins students participate in hurricane relief.

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MORGAN CULVER / The Sandspur

MARCH: Dennis Haskins (Mr. Belding!) comes to campus.



COURTESY OF LARA BUESO

APRIL: Cat McConnell and Lara Bueso win SGA elections.

Pictures



DAMI PICARD / The Sandspur / Illustration

APRIL: Blizzard hits Central Florida while classes remain.



BRANDY VANDERWERKEN / The Sandspur

APRIL: Fox Day lands on April 11 this year!

Spring 2006

Earth Day Comes to Rollins Campus

Kelsey Field
the sandspur

Walking around campus this week and last, you might have noticed the signs hanging around informing you of interesting Earth facts, such as that a single grocery store uses 65,500,000 bags every year.

Put on by Eco-Rollins and the Department of Environmental Studies, Earth Day 2006 took place last Thursday, from 12-2.

For those of you who somehow missed Mother Earth's celebration, you missed out on a dunk tank, booths that held information for those looking to become more environmentally friendly, tie-dye, pins and free bags that spell out your commitment to recycling on campus.

Past Earth Days on campus have included the signing on the Talliores Declaration, donations for local environmentally-friendly organizations, local bands, presentations by local groups such as the Wekiwa Springs State Park, and the Audobon Birds of Prey Center, according to the Rollins Recycling website.

Earth day began in 1970, when organizations around the world celebrated the planet with their own local activities. This was in response to the meltdown of fuel rods in the Savannah River nuclear plant near Aiken, South Carolina.

Proposed by Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin, the plan was to "Shake up the political establishment and force this issue onto the national agenda." It was a plan of action that worked.

The first Earth Day on April 22nd 20 million Americans protested the continual degradation of the environment, demanding a change to the way the Earth was taken care of. Colleges across the nation organized rallies and protests against the "oil spills, polluting factories and power plants, raw sewage, toxic dumps, pesticides, freeways, the loss of wilderness and the extinction of wildlife," as stated in the history of Earth Day by www.earthday.net.

Despite the amazing success of Earth Days in the United States, it wasn't until the 1990's that they began to be celebrated on a global



EARTH DAY: Students gathered together to celebrate Earth Day 2006 through different booths aimed at teaching students about environmental issues and raising awareness.

scale.

Organized by Dennis Hayes, who was the national organizer for the 1970 Earth Day, 200 million people in 141 countries all came together on April 22nd, 1990 to pledge their commitment to protecting the environment. This Earth Day resulted in a huge boost to recycling around the world, and allowed for the 1992 United Nations Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro.

This year these same groups have pledged their

commitment to launch a three year campaign that will focus on solutions on how to tackle the problems of climate changes, according to the earth day website.

Other activities throughout Winter Park to celebrate Earth Day included a tree give away on Saturday, presented by the Winter Park Forestry Division, where trees were handed out to local Winter Park residences, as well as classes in gardening and proper tree-planting.

But maybe you missed out on Earth Day 2006, and you still want to help out the environment and do your part. Check out the Earth Day website to start planning your own Earth Day, check out environmentally friendly products or donate to a good cause.

Even though the school year is coming to a close, you can always sign up for the Eco-Rollins next year and help out with Earth Day 2007 and other projects to help the globe.



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A Look Back on the Past Two Years: Congratulations on Getting Through!

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For the graduates of EAMBA IX, it's been nearly two years since we came to that first day of orientation. Between that day and tomorrow, our graduation, we've met countless new people, made friends from around the world, had a great time, and even learned a few things from all the classes we've taken.

As we go forward into the next stage of our lives, whether that is more school, a job search, or our first "career" job, I'm sure we'll all look back to our time at Crummer with fondness and maybe an occasional desire to return to these days.

For instance, who could forget Dr. Certo's Organizational Behavior class that first semester, having to show up at 8:30 in the morning and pray you didn't get called on for an answer to

the first case you didn't get a chance to read.

If you did get caught, you faced the dilemma of trying to fluff your way through it or admitting you didn't read. I can safely say most of us opted for the former. In our defense, that one particular instance was the only day we didn't read, and we just had the horrible luck of being called upon. Well, maybe.

There were also Dr. Render's online mid-terms and finals. If you understood the class and did a good job on all the homework assignments, chances are you messed up the tests. If you were like me, you hardly understood a thing in the homework, but somehow managed to ace the tests. Go figure. Either way, who didn't love the class for its real life examples and interesting guest speakers?

My ultimate favorite, however, had to be Dr. Veit's class. I don't know if I

passed the final, and I know my final grade wasn't so hot, but I didn't want to miss the class just because I'd be missing out on such a fun time. The witty comments and seemingly accidental humor was priceless, and I almost took another finance class just for more. Almost.

Then there was GRASP, the pinnacle experience of at least the first year, and maybe of both. For many people, it was their first time being out of the country, while others were returning to well-traveled areas of Central Europe via Slovakia and Hungary.

Whether an excited newbie or a seasoned veteran, however, nearly everyone had a wonderful time meeting new people from different cultures, experiencing the day and night life in countries with rich histories and hopeful futures, and bonding with peers in new and different ways than we'd done until then.

There was also the food, which, depending on your perspective, was a great new experience or a reminder of why Burger King and McDonald's are big in the U.S. and overseas. Personally, I don't see how you can beat a delicious chicken sandwich lunch out of a literal hole-in-the-wall in Slovakia for about \$1.75, but that's just me.

The second year, everyone branched out a little. Some of us took classes with the PMBAs, some of us never saw certain classmates until the banquet, and some of us found jobs to further aggravate our hectic schedules.

This disjointed nature of the second year made it a little harder to stay together as a class or group, but a little easier to hang out with different people, give others a second chance, and ultimately discover with whom we might be most compatible as friends.

Perhaps a third year would have really provided the time to fine tune these, but I'm willing to forego that and be happy with where I've gotten in two! As far as I can tell, most of you agree and are ready to "get out there in the real world" without schoolwork to do at the same time.

As we all go our separate ways, hopefully we will not forget the good times and good people in the past two years, and hopefully we'll find some way to keep in touch with one another and will our new alma mater.

To all faculty, staff, and administrators, thanks for everything. You've been as big a part of our success as we've been.

To all graduates, I'd like to offer the best of luck in your future, and best wishes for all your aspirations coming true. And in case I don't catch you tomorrow at the ceremony, Congratulations! You've earned it.

Greg Turkanik Receives Distinguished Leader of Merit at CLD Banquet

Melinda Green
the sandspur

This past Wednesday, April 19, at 6:00 P.M. the Center for Leadership Development (CLD) held a dinner ceremony for leadership students at the Citrus Club in the top of the BB&T building in Downtown Orlando.

Among the attendees were Leadership Certificate recipients, Distinguished Leader of Merit (DLM) finalists, the DLM winner, and a number of faculty, staff, administrators, and leaders from the community.

The event started off with some mingling among those at the event, then everyone was treated to a delicious three-course meal complete with coffee and cake. After the guests finished eating, CLD Director Dr. Susan Bach

recognized the leaders in the room, from both Crummer and the community, and offered her highest commendations of these attendees as well as the leadership students.

Those students receiving the Leadership Certificates, which consisted of both first and second year EAMBA's,

award.

Immediately following this presentation, leadership students who went above and beyond the requirements for the Leadership Certificate were recognized as DLM finalists, had their pictures taken with Dean Craig McAllaster, and received a beautiful award for their accomplishments.

Finally, Greg Turkanik was recognized as having completed and surpassed the requirements for the Distinguished Leader of Merit and became the second-ever recipient of this prestigious award.

Over the past two years, Greg has attended nearly every event ever held

ly. Up next: his own business. Congratulations, Greg, on a job very well done!

The leadership banquet was a very enjoyable event and concluded with a little

more mingling and picture taking. At the end, all guests walked away feeling proud of their accomplishments and of the accomplishments of all others present.



MELINDA GREEN / the sandspur

WORTH ALL THE HARD WORK: Greg Turkanik receives the Distinguished Leader of Merit Award at the Leadership banquet

stood to be recognized for their accomplishments and received a beautiful framed

at Crummer, co-founded the Crummer Consulting Club, and has excelled academical-

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Communiqué Makes A Name For Itself

Chris McClure
Communiqué coordinator

On February 7, 2005, *Communiqué* hosted its second Annual Networking Roundtable event in the Galloway Room on campus at Rollins College.

Several representatives from organizations within the community were present, including Walt Disney World, Darden Restaurants, Daily Buzz, Orlando Sentinel, Salvation Army and more.

The student turnout for the event was even higher than the previous Roundtable event in 2005.

It is important to note



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Meredith Spindler, Chris McClure, Caroline Greene, and Lauren Kleinschmit.

cers Lindsay Hays, Caroline Green, and Christopher McClure represent-

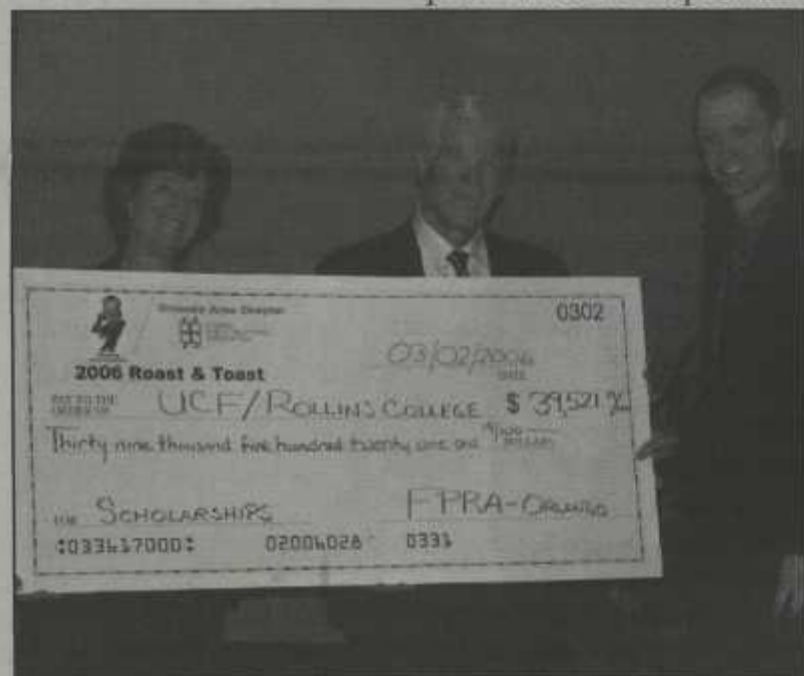
of more than \$39,000 for communication scholarships for UCF and Rollins students.

Communiqué and its members are actively participating in the Rollins Community. On April 27, 2006, the FPRA Image Awards will be held at the Orange County Regional History Center in Downtown Orlando.

This event would be a great opportunity to be seen and network with many different PR professionals.

In addition, the third annual Networking Roundtable is already under planning, and it is tentatively being scheduled for early November 2006.

All students are encouraged to attend and participate with the organization's professionals in attendance. For more information regarding *Communiqué* and our events, please check out our website, www.rollins.edu/communique and become a part of our team.



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Dean Sharon Carrier receiving a scholarship check for the Hamilton Holt School.

that the Networking Roundtable offers all Rollins students the opportunity to meet and ask questions from professionals within the Florida community.

Furthermore, a Thank You is in order for all the organizations who took the time to inform Rollins students on their experiences and knowledge in their fields.

On March 2, 2005, *Communiqué* in conjunction with "Quotes" from UCF, participated in the FPRA's annual "Roast and Toast" fundraising event at the Church Street Ballroom in downtown Orlando.

Communiqué President Lauren Kleinschmit, Vice President Meredith Spindler, and future offi-

ed Rollins College at the FPRA's annual event.

A silent auction was held in addition to the comical roasting of Orlando attorney Fred Leonhardt with Gray Robinson Attorney at law.

The scholarship fundraiser was an incredible success, with Dean Sharon Carrier receiving a check



NETWORKING: The opportunity for networking was tremendous.

Be Visionary, Adapt To Changes, Be Persistence!

Jean Bernard Chery
the sandspur

As I promised, this week I am going to briefly discuss the last three topics introduced in the last week article *Goals, Keys to Success, How Would You Define Them? Follow Three Easy Steps.*

These three topics are *vision, change, and persistence*. Let's look at each definition separately.

Firstly, "*vision* is not seeing things as they are, but as they will be." In my opinions, no one should be surprised by this definition. It is a very basic one.

But because we often forget the basics, this reminder is as important as a first learn definition.

Do you have a vision? If you do, what is it? If you don't, why not? It is very important that you have a vision.

Someone without a vision is comparable to a schizophrenic person; they live on a day-to-day basis.

They wander around, go places without a reason. They don't think about what tomorrow may bring.

Your vision may sound absurd to people even to you sometime but don't give up. You have nothing to lose but all to win.

You never know; your vision could change the world for the better. Think of the effect of the White Brothers' vision on the world today!

I believe that anyone without a vision is someone with no future.

With this ever-changing world, everyone should expect something in the future, and this expectation will help them adapting to this constant change in life.

With that I move to the next topic: "*change*—one thing that remains constant is change." If you take this definition literally, you would reject it right off the bat.

But do yourself a favor by looking deeper into the

meaning of this definition. Take your mind as an example.

How many times you have an idea in mind for a minute and change it the next? There are too many examples to support this statement about change.

The world and its inhabitants change constantly. Some of these changes are man made changes while some are natural changes. No matter what you do, it is subject to change, voluntarily or involuntarily. No one could escape the constant effect of change.

As far as vision and change are concerned you must have a vision and be prepared to adapt to the constant change of the everyday life.

Therefore to keep yourself on track you must be relentless. This is why persistence is so important. So what is it? An anonymous thinker defines it as follows:

"Nothing in the world can take the place of *persistence*."

Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent.

Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb.

Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts.

Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent."

There is no need to try to explain this definition; it is self explanatory. One thing I must say; the White Brothers failed many times before they could successfully accomplish a few seconds-flight that completely changed the way human beings used to see the world.

Besides having a vision, adapting to constant change, and being persistent, you must know that "Success is a journey, not a destination."

Therefore on your journey make sure you make great use of the above topics. Good luck on your journey; you'll make it.

Two Years of Memories

Jean Bernard Chery
the sandspur

Although I am fully aware that every beginning has an end, I still cannot come to term with the end of my time at Rollins.

After I completed my AA degree at Valencia Community College in fall 2003, I had the option of attending the University of Central Florida or Rollins College; I chose Rollins.

Honestly I can't remember the true logic behind my decision except I did not want to be in a classroom with 500 students. God! I made the right decision.

At the Hamilton Holt School, I found a web of great people, students, faculty and staff alike.

I was a little worried about attending a predominantly white institution but also thought I could do my best to fit in.

It turns out I did not need to do much in order to gain acceptance. Everyone made me feel welcome at all time. Well...most of the time.

All my professors show complete interest in my success. Without naming anyone, I must acknowledge three professors' actions to support my statement.

One day, I went to a slated meeting with a professor regarding my research paper, and he asked me; what is your plan after graduation?

Law school; I answered. He said, great! The legal profession needs great people like you. I was thrilled to hear that.

Then he said, if you ever need letter of recommendation, let me know. He did keep his promise, although he was no longer teaching here by the time I needed the letter. I cannot forget this.

Then after a low performance on the LSAT, I e-mailed a professor, who always advises me on law school issues, to tell him that I will not apply to law schools this year. He told me to evaluate my weakness and work on it and strongly recommended that I take a prep class before retaking the test.

Besides all, he said, make sure you apply to some third and fourth tier schools; your score isn't that bad someone taking it for the first time and with no preparation.

He also reminded me that the LSAT score is one of many factors considers in the admission process. He was right; thank to is advice I am not going to wait a year after my BA to start law school. You will always be in my heart.

In addition to my follow classmates who were always supportive of me in bad and good times; I will be forever in debt to members of HHSGA, CSA and The Sandspur.

At the Sandspur, I discov-

ered that Arts & Sciences students are not disconnected rich kids who do not care about others.

They are great, caring, intelligent, dedicated and responsible students.

I heard many bad stories about them from people outside of the Rollins community; I am not saying these stories are completely untrue, but most of the Sandspur staff, who I worked with for an entire year, does not fit in these stories.

I worried about not knowing what to do as a section editor after Brian graduated last semester, but the A&S staff was always ready to help me.

I am glad I decided to join the newspaper; I must encourage every student, A&S, Holt and Crummer to join this great family. Yes the Sandspur is a family.

I am happy to start law school next fall but sad that I have to leave the Rollins community. I enjoyed every single moment of my education here.

I believe that every student could make their education at Rollins more enjoyable in taking advantage of all resources available to them.

I am proud of my association to this great institution. If I would have to do it again, I would close my eyes and do it all over. Who knows, maybe I'll come back for an MBA after my JD.

Another Great Year For Holt

Tanisha Mathis
the sandspur

It is the end of the semester and graduation is upon us. The happy graduates have ordered their caps and gowns and are eagerly awaiting commencement.

They have paid their dues (and tuition), they have written their term papers and suffered through more finals than any of us.

I must say, while I am happy for the graduates I am more than a bit envious. Anyone who knows me and has asked me when I graduate has heard my favorite and typical response: a glumly stated never.

It does seem like an eternity before I will walk across a stage to receive a diploma but it is not that daunting. It seems just weeks ago I was sitting in a classroom for the first time in eight years determined to do my best.

However, my return to academia wasn't weeks ago; this semester is the end of my second year at Rollins. My pending graduation year is 2008.

Yes, it is April 2006 and that may seem far away but the truth is, in terms of graduating, its right around the corner. In school time, that is only four more semesters.

Remember two weeks into the Spring 2006 semester when you were complaining to any classmate you could find that you were ready for the semester to be over?

Now, you are stressing over finals and possibly even wishing the semester was a tad bit longer so you could have the opportunity

to boost your final grade.

If you think about it, remove yourself from your angst-ridden college existence, you'll see the time did pass quickly.

There is now one less semester between you and your goal of a degree.

The key to maintaining not only your grades but your sanity is to prepare for the future while concentrating on the present.

What's the rush? The long hours, overtime and ridiculous office rules aren't going anywhere. And to my knowledge, if you were born after 1960, the retirement age is still 67.

While the majority of Hamilton Holt students have already felt the realities of post-graduate life remember that college is not something to rush through; it is an experience. Your time will come.

You may not be graduating at the end of this semester but you deserve acknowledgment and congratulations as well.

It takes a certain person to excel in the world of higher education and it takes even more fortitude and desire when jobs, mortgages and children demand just as much time as research papers and projects.

You have accomplished something over the past four months that should bring you pride. Whether it is your first semester, your fourth or fifth - you made it to see the end of the semester.

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An End To The Adventure

■ A summary of one student's adventures during a semester in Hong Kong.

Cora Hardin
the sandspur

In recent weeks, I have had quite an adventure!

I have gone to the mainland and eaten fried noodles for breakfast.

I have been stuck in the Middle-of-Nowhere, China, where two out of three buses I have set foot in have broken down, and so I barely made the cut at the border at midnight.

I have been invited to an authentic tea ceremony by my roommate's father and learned more about this cultural aspect than I could have ever imagined.

I have volunteered at the local YMCA without being able to speak the language, and yet I still had a blast.

I have done my studies while sitting in an historic walled park left over from the time of the initial British invasion. Here, I shared my space with old men who take their birds (and cages!) for a walk and a little bit of socializing.

I have also watched countless films at the Hong Kong International Film Festival.

Basically, I have just done so many things I never have before, and had a splendid time at it! The semester is coming to an end now, though, and I am going to miss the adventures of the city, and the adventure each class presented. These included everything from passing around Tibetan

swords and dusters made of Yak hair in my Chinese Politics and Government of China to going on trips to one of the world's most efficient business libraries overlooking the stunning Hong Kong harbour. My classes all had highlights that I will never forget, even including a New Year's flower market to evaluate business approaches! The entire semester has just been one grand unbelievable experience.

I remember my first weeks here. Everything seemed strange, but I loved it. It is interesting to see how quickly one adjusts and

though, even apart from my above mentioned inability to bring it to my mouth at first.

I must admit that I have not jumped over my disgust and gotten myself to gnaw on chicken feet yet, and with time running out the chances are looking pretty slim.

My adventures lay more in the realm of deserts. Any one for lotus-paste filled buns or red bean, well, everything? Or how about plum jelly-filled marshmallows and chocolate that tastes curiously like soap?

Mostly, though, my taste palate has just, on an every-day basis,

been revised because of these things I would never dare throw into one pot have actually ended up tasting tremendous. Another thing

so curious at first was the abundance of machines that talk to you. Be it vending machines, photo machines, elevators, trains, etcetera. Everything is talking to you, and in three languages, at the minimum. If I am particularly lucky, only in Chinese.

There is literally not one second of silence in my daily 15 story ride to my room, because by the time it has been announced that 'Doors are closing. Going up. 2nd

floor. Doors are opening' we have already reached the second floor and, you guessed it, the "Doors are closing."

Also, taking everything literally is also a typical Hong Kong characteristic. If you take the "Subway" and expect to find transportation, think again. You would find



HELPING OUT: Cora Hardin spent part of her time in Hong Kong volunteering with children.

a way underneath the road to walk through to the other side. You know, a substitute way!

Another example is lemon tea, which is presented as whatever tea was available, and a ton of lemon slices thrown inside for good measure.

Also, be aware of ordering anything as a take-away, because the odds are you will get your drink order being poured straight from a normal glass into a plastic bag. I mean, what do you want? You can take it away, they got that one right.

Furthermore, the constant popping up of umbrellas left and right, and in my

I am tied up in my room with brilliant little 10,000 word essays and exams that count for the majority of my grade, so I cannot walk around Hong Kong reveling at all these factors. But the entire trip was more than worth it.

In fact, this is the first semester ever that I am not excited about it coming to an end. I have a list with about a billion places that I wanted to see, and have not yet gotten around to.

However, I am decidedly looking forward to items that are made for Westerners again. Little details like beds, clothes, and so on. At one time during the semester,

the amazing shoes lured me in, causing me to buy a pair that clearly was made for people half my size, squashing my feet into them and deciding to walk around sight-seeing in them all day. Can we say self-induced foot

binding? Not a good idea, take it from me if you come here.

On that note, you really should. If you have a semester that you can spare in your 4 college years, give it a shot and study in Hong Kong. Pop by the International Office and pick up an application... I have honestly never had such a fulfilling semester.



TELL ME! Everything in Hong Kong, including this fortune telling machines talks to people!

takes differences for granted. For example, when I first got to Hong Kong, I was losing weight without trying. The pounds were flying off. I have now figured out the reason for this. It was not all the walking I was doing or the healthy food choices of Asians at large. No. It was the mere fact that I was incapable of handling chopsticks properly, so I was shoving them into a bowl with high hopes that maybe something would stick (about one grain of rice always did). The topic of Chinese food would require a whole story for itself,

TEA TIME: Cora Hardin was fortunate enough to experience a formal Chinese tea ceremony.



Absolute Basic Mandarin Guide

Ni hao! -Hello!

Ni jiao shenme mingzi? -

What's your name?

Wo jiao---- My name is--

Wo shi Meiguo ren. - I am American

Wo ai Zhongguo. - I love China.

Xiexie - Thank You.

Zaijian! -Good-Bye

Miracle Cold Cure Takes Over Campus!

■ Not quite a miracle, but Airborne works pretty well for multi-tasking students.

Harry Reyes
Contributing Writer

Airborne, a health formula tablet that has revolutionized how college students fight off germs and bacteria that make us sick.

The average college student has to be able to go to class on time, be a dorm chef, be a cleaning lady, and other time consuming tasks, and the last thing this multi-tasker needs is to be sick.

For many at Rollins College, swears airborne works on them. This miracle tablet contains herbal extracts, antioxidants, electrolytes, amino acids, and vitamins. For all those that do not know what most of these are, it is simply means it fights off the common cold before it starts.

The way it works is every three hours at the first sign of a cold a tablet dropped in the choice of liquid, like water or juice, to be dissolved. It seems simply enough, but when something is too good to be true, it probably is.

So further research of this tablet explains possible problems or side effects one could occur. This tablet has not undergone any testing



OVERWORKED: An overworked student obviously in dire need of the new miracle drug, Airborne.

by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) which makes many consumers worry of this drug.

Some feel that this cure for the common cold is a placebo pill filled with a punch of vitamin C that convinces takers to believe that it is working, and continue to purchase the tablets.

Others feel that who cares if it is a placebo, as long as it makes me feel that it is fighting off germs and bacteria, than so be it. This repeated buying and individual word of mouth has made \$17 million dollars in sales last year.

There no sure way that a high doses of Vitamin C or A can prevent the common cold or block potential cold symptoms. Also, the use of Chinese vitex, used in the

tablet, has been linked to increase blood pressure. To make the problem even worse, Vitamin C in high doses increases oxalate and urate excretion that may cause future kidney stones, according to ABC News.

Also, Answers.com has come out stating that "with herbs and dietary supplements in general, we only have the manufacturers' word on the label for what's in them."

The company can easily be hiding its true ingredients, and labeling false ones.

The only way to solve this mystery is to be a guinea pig, and see if it works.

Just keep in mind the potential effects of this cold supplement.

Ask The Fox!

Dear Fox,

Recently I have started dating this great guy. He is the best guy I have ever met and I think I am in love. He treats me so well, always takes me out, never forgets to call, and all my friends think he is perfect for me. So far everything in the relationship is going great, except for the fact that lately each time I have hung out with him we have also spent time with his friends. And the more time I spend with his friends I have realized I have begun to develop a crush on his best friend. The last thing I want to do is hurt my boyfriend but I like them both and I don't know what to do. Should I stop hanging out with him until the feelings pass? I don't want to mess up this relationship because I think there are some good things that could come of it.

Sincerely,
Double Trouble

Dear Double Trouble,

It seems to me that you are in love, but your conflicting feelings are getting in the way.

If you feel that it is love then you should pursue it. Try spending some alone



time with your boyfriend. The least amount of time you spend around your boyfriend's friends the more time you will get to know your boyfriend better and it will also allow time for the confusing feelings to pass.

Relationships are work, remember that. Sometimes things happen that you have to work through, so keep at it. All relationships hit buns in the road. Keep at it especially if you think something good will come of the relationship. You seem to have deep feelings for your boyfriend and think it is something meant to be.

Ask yourself what if really important in life. If the feelings do not pass maybe it would be a good idea to take a short break in order to figure things out.

It is important to live your life in the way that makes you happy.

Lovingly Yours,
The Fox

The Fox returns to answer this week's social and relationship questions from Rollins students. If you have any questions that you would like The Fox to answer, then send an email to fox@thesandspur.org

Announcing the Formation of R.P.A.C. The Rollins Progressive Action Coalition

April 29: Anti-war protest on the corner of Sandlake and I-Drive

May 1: "May Day," wear red armbands to show support for immigrant rights!

Interested in issues like the Iraq War and Human Rights Abuses? The look for meetings starting in the fall!

Finally, A Four Year (Okay, Maybe) Advice To The Class of 2006

■ As a senior, how are you going to spend your remaining time at Rollins.

Kelsey Field
the sandspur

For all you seniors, the ride has finally come to an end. Your four years (or five depending on your motivation level) are culminating into a graduation ceremony where your hard work and almost \$160,000 have paid

"Try to stay up late and sleep in all afternoon, because pretty soon only the weekends will hold that luxury for you."

Kelsey Field
Class of 2007

off. So now that it is all said and done what should you do with your precious little time that you have left as a senior and before the corporate world, internships, and

graduate school eat you alive? Here are a few ideas...

Spend quality time with the friends who quickly became your family. Go out to dinner, take some pictures, and go to the beach. Whatever it is that you love to do, do it with them, because you never know when you will see them again and telephone conversations just aren't the same. Plan a party, throw some burgers onto the grill and get all those people over for one last fiesta.

If you are leaving Florida, make sure you see all the sights because you may never come back. According to the VisitFlorida.com website, there are 1100 miles of beaches in this state, so take advantage. Go beyond Coco and check out something new. The Keyes are famed for their beaches, but there are plenty of other options to check out. The Best Beach for Feet is the beaches of South Walton, because the sand is almost pure quartz washed down from the Appalachian Mountains over years of time. Or get your friends together and go treasure hunting in Vero Beach, where a Spanish shipping fleet

cracked open on the reef leaving all sorts of hidden treasure waiting to be uncovered. There's also an array of zoos and aquariums throughout Florida, from the Flamingo Gardens in Fort Lauderdale to the Green Meadows Petting Farm in Kissimmee. There is also the fair going on in Orlando, which is a fun place to go on rides, eating junk food and play games without the costs of Disneyworld.

Try to stay up late and sleep in all afternoon, because pretty soon only the weekends will hold that luxury for you. Go swimming in the lake, even if there might be alligators, streaking in the quad (or Mills Lawn) because before you know it

"Go swimming in the lake, even if there might be alligators..."

Kelsey Field
Class of 2007

you will be looking at nice little Saturdays with your significant other and you might just not have time. Go



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BOAT PARTY: Seniors should take advice from this group in 1889, and party on the lake before graduating!

to the bars and the clubs and the coffee shops that you have always wanted to check out but you got into your niche here in Orlando and you have not changed your routine in years.

these last few weeks. So although it is important to play hard, make sure you have time to work hard as well, because you still have that one week of freedom after finals but before grad-



PHOTO COURTESY OF JESSICA ESTES

CHOCOLATE PARTY: Jessica Estes, '07, and friends suggest other activities for seniors such as chocolate making parties.

But most importantly, make sure you fit in time to do your homework, finish up those papers and study hard for your finals. It would be heinous to be all pumped up for your graduation only to find out that you blew it in

uation where you still are technically in college. So relax, take a deep breathe and say hello to your future as you say good bye to the past.

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Five...) Experience Comes To An End

"If I could do it over..."

If I could do it all over again, I would. I enjoyed my two years of study at Rollins College. Despite all the sleepless nights, I had fun learning for the first time.

Jean Bernard Chery, '06



PHOTO COURTESY OF JEAN BERNARD CHERY

"If I could do it all over again, I'd actually do my work on time and not procrastinate! No really."

Lynette Blanche, '06



PHOTO COURTESY OF LYNETTE BLANCHE

If I could do it over... I would enjoy every second, even the seconds wasted sitting in class, writing papers, and studying for exams because there's a sister trying to stay awake with you in class, a friend sitting across the library making faces while you cram, and always good use for that information you learned... even if it's just for Fiddler's Trivia.

Meghan Wood, '06



PHOTO COURTESY OF MEGHAN WOOD



PHOTO COURTESY OF GORDON KIRSCH

Would of planned ahead of my major better as well as not procrastinated so much.

Gordon Kirsch, '06

"If I could do it over again, I definitely would have taken more advantage of everything Rollins has to offer. Academically, I would have designed my own major and tried to take classes I was more interested in, not so much ones that I was required to take. Socially, I would have worried less about what everyone else was doing and focused more on having fun and my own personal happiness. I also would have gotten more involved in things on campus sooner, rather than later. But nonetheless, it's been an amazing four years that I'm sad to see go."

Heather Williams, '06



PHOTO COURTESY OF HEATHER WILLIAMS

I wish I would of studied abroad, and visited places outside the US like Europe and Australia.

Alyssa Williamson, '06



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I would of liked to participate in clubs and organizations like SGA.

Ron Garretson, '06

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Ludacris and His Homeboys Make a Decent Compilation

Juan Bernal
the sandspur

The first time Ludacris released a *Disturbing the Peace* album, he was fresh off his *Word of Mouf* album which was a smash hit, and that is the album that showed how good of a rapper was.

This time Ludacris, who is fresh off an acting appearance in *"Crash,"* which recently won Best Picture at the Oscars, and his fourth album, the *"Red Light District,"* does an amazing job in producing *"Disturbing the Peace's"* sophomore album.

DTP's new album is pretty much Ludacris and a bunch of other low-key rappers. The album opens up with the song "Georgia" which is one of the better songs that features Field Mob, and Jamie Foxx, who just released his album *"Unpredictable."* It provides a mellow flow, and it does a good job of representing the Georgia. "We on the grind in Georgia, all the time in, it ain't nothing on my mind in

Georgia," is the chorus that goes well with the beat.

The best song in the album is the smash hit "Gettin' some" which features Shawnna. Shawnna, who is from Chicago, is one of Ludacris' most successful protégés. She released a relatively successful solo album, *Worth Tha Weight* in 2004.

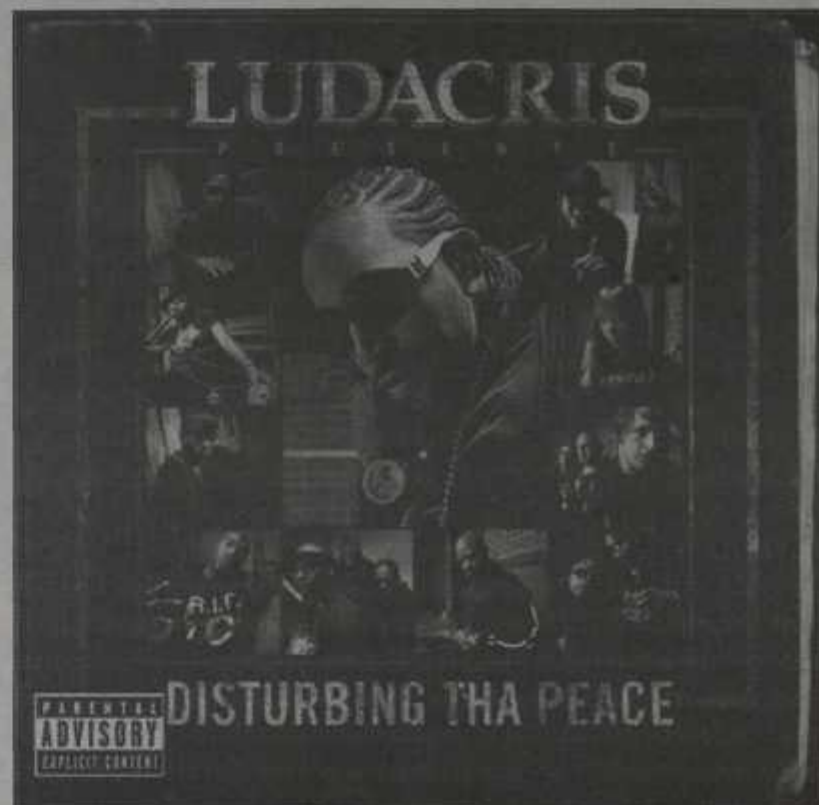
The song combines an addictive beat, although the lyrics are just average. Another group that may make it big is Playaz Circle, courtesy of the remix to the song "2 miles an hour." It provides a slow beat, and it demonstrates Ludacris' lyrical flow. Playaz Circle helps provide nice lyrics and a great flow to this track.

"Break a n**** off" which features Lil' Fate, Rich Boy and Gangsta Boo is somewhat repetitive, but the beat and the flow is original. "Sweet Revenge" is Ludacris detailing his womanizing expeditions.

"DTP for Life" which features I-20 and Lil' Fate also provides a solid beat, and is a good southern track.

The compilation is not all good as some of the songs that are on there make the album only above average instead of great. Those songs include "Come see me" which is Stat Quo, who is one of the rap industry's top underground rappers. "I'll be around," which features Shareefa, is another weak album. She is not really a rapper, more of like an Alicia Keys, whose style would not fit on this album. Norflick's track called "Put ya hands up" provides a nice beat, however the lyrics are below average.

Overall, Ludacris does a much better job than he did on DTP's first album, *Golden Grain*. However, the album can still improve. "Ludacris Presents: *Disturbing the Peace*" is only average and Ludacris needs to groom a couple of protégés for the future of DTP. With the exception of Ludacris and Shawnna; Playaz Circle is the only duo off of this album that may make it mainstream someday.



COURTESY OF LUDACRIS PRESENTS DISTURBING THA PEACE

Artist: Ludacris

Album: Ludacris Presents: *Disturbing Tha Peace*



Ludacris Presents: *Disturbing the Peace* is only average and Ludacris needs to groom a couple of protégés for the future of DTP.

A College Girl Named Joe

by Aaron Warner



Two Dudes

by Aaron Warner



Sudoku By Michael Mephram

Level: Tough

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			3	9	2			

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

Solution to this puzzle:

1	9	2	2	6	8	4	8	9
4	9	8	2	1	9	6	8	2
2	6	8	8	9	4	1	2	9
9	8	9	6	2	1	2	7	8
2	8	1	9	4	9	2	6	8
6	4	2	8	8	2	9	9	1
9	2	4	1	9	8	8	2	6
8	1	6	9	2	2	8	8	4
8	8	5	2	8	6	8	1	7

Hitting the Big Screen this Summer

Jami Furo
the sandspur

As the end of the semester approaches, visions of summer begin to surface. Time at the beach, time with family, time with friends, and, of course, time at the movie theater to see the newest and greatest blockbusters.

The summer has promised its usual bulk of hit movies, and you may need a guide to keep them all straight. In chronological order of release, here it is:

On May 5, Tom Cruise returns to the big screen yet again for *Mission: Impossible III*. Regardless of whether or not you think that this series should have ended with the first, Paramount Pictures has, in fact, released the third of its kind. It promises plenty of action for the guys and plenty of Tom Cruise for the girls. Enough said.

May 12 will see the release of the remake of *The Poseidon Adventure*, simply titled *Poseidon*. Kurt Russell, Richard Dreyfuss, and Emmy Rossum star in this action-packed, ship-sinking film.

Over the Hedge is the newest animated feature

from Dreamworks, starring such voice talents as Steve Carell, Bruce Willis, Gary Shandling, and others. It is a story of furry woodland creatures venturing into the suburbs and the adventure (and comedy) that they find. It will be released on May 19.

Over the Hedge may have problems on opening night, however, seeing that it is competing with the much anticipated *Da Vinci Code*. The film, based on the enormously popular novel by Dan Brown with Tom Hanks, Audrey Tautou, and Paul Bettany starring, is both puzzle and conspiracy, action and intellect. The millions who read the book now await the film, which will open on May 19.

It is a big summer for three-quels, and The X-Men are jumping right on board. *X-Men: The Last Stand* will open on May 26, and will display all of your favorite mutant superheroes and villains.

Walt Disney Pictures will release its newest animated feature on June 2 with *Cars*. This film about talking cars will include the voice talents of Bonnie Hunt, Paul Newman, Owen Wilson and others.

For still one more trilogy event, *The Fast and the Furious 3: Tokyo Drift* will appear in theaters on June 16. It has been years since the release of the last one, and years before that since the release of the first. Even if you have stopped caring, however, it will hit the theaters in June.

Possibly one of the biggest releases of the summer will be *Superman Returns*. The last movies about America's favorite superhero featured Christopher Reeves in the 1980's. The film, starring Brandon Routh, as Superman will be released on June 30.

On July 7, everyone's favorite looters return for the sequel to *Pirates of the Caribbean*, subtitled *Dead Men's Chest*. Johnny Depp, Orlando Bloom, and Keira Knightley return for another round of looting, battle, and the crazy antics of the constantly and amusingly drunk Jack Sparrow.

M. Night Shyamalan's newest film, *Lady in the Water*, will premiere on July 21. The trailers for the film have done little to express the story of the film, but with M. Night Shyamalan at the



MISSION IMPOSSIBLE III: Tom Cruise and Kerry Russell star in the third film of the action packed series.

helm, it is sure to be a success.

The general consensus seems to be that it is time to make a movie about September 11, and the World Trade Center is doing just that. Starring Nicholas Cage and directed by Oliver Stone, this film will be

released in the aftermath of *United 93*, the movie in theaters now about Todd Beamer's heroic display on flight 93 on that horrific day. This film will be released on August 11.

And there you have it. Enjoy your summer, and we will see you at the movies.

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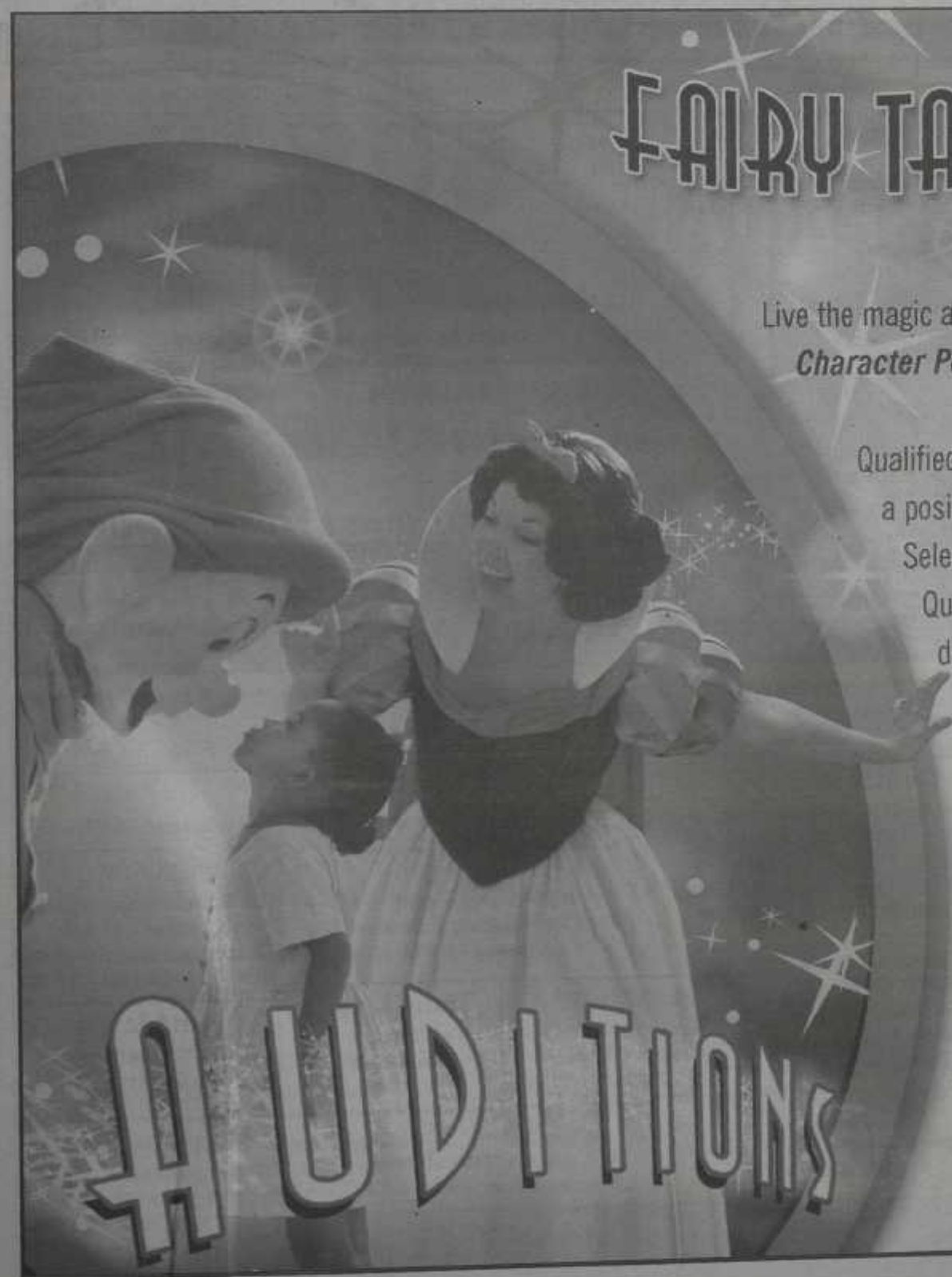
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American Dreamz: That's Dreamz With a "Z"

Katie Pederson
the sandspur

In a country that wages war for all the wrong reasons, led by an inept president who is far behind on current events and where more people watch and vote for the next pop idol than they do for the president, anything is fair game. Or at least that's what the Simon Cowell meets George Bush satire on American culture, *American Dreamz*, would lead you to believe.

From writer and director Paul Weitz of the *American Pie* trilogy, *American Dreamz* is an unabashed slam at the American way of life, George Bush, the current government, and the *American Idol* television craze. The film begins as President Staton (Dennis Quaid, *In Good Company*, *The Rookie*) has just been re-elected after a difficult campaign that has succeeded in continuing to hide his rather uneducated and inept tendencies at office. Completely controlling his every move, Chief of Staff (Willem Dafoe, *Spider-Man*, *The Boondock Saints*) suggests that Staton brushes up on some current events by reading the newspaper. Upon reading an article on the hit television series *American Dreamz*, the normally depressed Staton becomes intrigued and tries to work out a way to appear on the final episode of the show.

Then there is Martin Tweed (Hugh Grant, *Briget Jones' Diary*, *Love Actually*), the charismatic, manipulative and shallow Simon Cowell clone who produces, hosts, and judges the show. Tweed is becoming increasingly agitated with the show and having to find the right "faces" for his contestants in order to drive ratings. Enter this season's hopeful, the Ohio karaoke princess Sally Kendoo (Mandy Moore, *Saved!*, *A Walk to Remember*) who will stop at nothing to be a *Dreamz* winner, spurred on by her fanatical mother Martha (Jennifer Coolidge, *Legally Blonde*, *Best in Show*). Sally dumps her small town boyfriend and heads to Hollywood to win fame only to find an extremely calculated (yet horribly untalented) opponent in Omer Obeidi (Sam

Golzari, *Closer*, *The Invisible Man*) a show tune fanatic who is forced on the show by his terrorist extremist family with the intent of making it to the finals and smuggling a bomb on stage with the Omer to blow up the President. Omer doesn't so much like the suicide bomber part, but sings and dances his way to the finals to compete against Sally regardless.

Overall, this movie is a wonderfully hilarious mock of American culture. The cast is jam packed with talent, even including cameos from such Hollywood notables as Chris Klein (*American Pie*, *Election*) and Marcia Gay Harden (*Meet Joe Black*, *Welcome to Mooseport*). Grant plays an amazing self-centered ego maniac in Tweed and showcases the same biting wit that Cowell lashes at his contestants with. Moore mirrors this same passionless and conniving character in Sally, playing the bad girl up to an extreme while Golzari steals the show with his animated and hilarious portrayal of the forced-into-terrorism Omer.

Be warned, this film is only a satire, but it gives a biting criticism of American life. Perhaps at times Weitz tells it truer than we'd like to hear, but regardless you'll be thoroughly entertained as long as you can stop and laugh not only at the staunch similarities between *American Dreamz* and real life, but take a step back and laugh at yourself in the process as well.



Overall Rating:
For a entertaining satire of real life backed by a stellar, star-studded cast

B+

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Hugh Grant Dennis Quaid Mandy Moore Marcia Gay Harden
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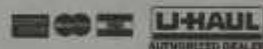
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This Week's Topic: Open Topic Parties Bordering on Botching the Border Deal

With an immigration deal in the future, policy makers are missing the true meaning of this issue.

Jami Furo
the sandspur



The issue of immigration pervades newspapers, television, and radio. The government has realized that this country has a problem with illegal immigration, but they are not quite sure what to do about it.

Obviously, there is no easy solution. It will take a complex and well thought out system, and it will take fortitude to implement it. The question is which system should be used.

There are two main ideas on the table. The first suggests that all illegal immigrants should be taken back to the countries from which they came. It suggests that they should be exported—and yes, I mean, exported like objects rather than deported like people—back to their nations.

There are several fundamental flaws with this problem. One is that it's cruel. Many of these people have lived in this country illegally for so long that they have raised families here, and it is not the fault of the children born in this country that their parents are criminals. While criminals are not guaranteed the many of the rights of law-abiding citizens, their children broke no laws and should not have to suffer that fate.

Also, it is completely impractical. They will hide even more than they do now to avoid being

caught, so the search will be extremely difficult. Also, once they are found, they must be taken back to their home countries. If this applied to a mere several dozen or even several hundred people, this process would be possible, though still difficult. However, with the thousands upon thousands of illegal immigrants in this country, it would be an impossible process to find all of them and take them back to their places of origin.

The other concept that is being passed around more closely resembles a good idea. This is a system in which the government offers amnesty to those illegal immigrants who turn themselves in, offering them limited rights until they have gained their status as a legal citizen. This amnesty draws illegal immigrants out of hiding and gives them an incentive to turn themselves in. Furthermore, it creates citizens out of criminals.

However, the plan cannot stop there. If it stops there, it simply shows that we are condoning criminal activity. Several more steps must be taken before that plan would be a success.

First of all, those who do not turn themselves in must be found, and it is those individuals that should be sent back to their countries of origin. If they tear up their get out of jail free card despite the fact that they landed on the "go to jail" space, they must be treat-



ed as criminals.

For those who do accept the amnesty, they should be required to learn English within a certain time frame. Despite the fact that this nation has never specifically defined an official language, that is simply a formality. English is the language that we speak here. Therefore, it is absurd that some people live in this nation for 30 years or more without ever learning English.

Granted, the government should make this process much easier. They should offer free classes at convenient times and locations. However, it should be a requirement to learn the language of this nation. Immigrants should absolutely be free to maintain their cultures,

religions, and customs, and they should of course be willing to maintain their languages, as well. But they should be required to at least speak a functional amount of English as their second language.

It should also be a priority, which I know in the proposed plan it will be, to increase the border patrol to prevent this problem from happening again.

If we do not take measures to prevent mass numbers of illegal immigrants from living in our country in the future, we will need to continuously address this problem every few decades. Not only is this inefficient, but it shows the message to the rest of the world that the United States is weak

and soft on illegal immigration.

Immigration is an important aspect of American culture. Other than those who are purely Native American, which are few, all things considered, we as Americans are all the descendants of immigrants—some legal, some not. It is our diversity of culture that defines the United States. However, while the United States should welcome people of other countries, it is important to stress that that immigrants must enter this nation through legal channels in order to find the freedom that they seek.

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Hu's Visit to the United States

An analysis of Chinese President Hu's visit to these United States

Tom
Trasente



I would like to offer my assessment of President Hu's visit to the United States, and more specifically point out pertinent information by sifting through the diplomatic code, cultural differences, and preconceptions that may not be fully apparent. I hope to translate what Hu has said, so that we can understand the Chinese point of view in their desire to get what they want as well as understand where they are coming from.

From Hu's White House Speech:

"In mid 19th century, several dozen thousand Chinese workers, working side-by-side with American workers and braving harsh conditions, built the great railway linking the East and the West of the American continent."

Hu is speaking directly to Americans here as Chinese are not familiar that they "built the railroads." In this example he is eager to point out that Chinese and

Americans can work together and build something impressive.

"In our common struggle against fascist aggression over 60 years ago, several thousand American soldiers lost their lives in battlefields in China. Their heroic sacrifice still remains fresh in the minds of the Chinese people."

This is an excellent example of the Chinese point of view; and the genuine Chinese desire to be friendly with the United States. The war against the Japanese is still "fresh in the minds of the Chinese people," and they love to point out how both our countries fought together against a brutal enemy who launched sneak attacks against us both.

"The Americans are optimistic, full of enterprising drive, down to earth, and innovative. In just over 200 years, they have turned the United States into the most developed country in the world, and made phenomenal achievements in economic development and science and technology."

The first sentence sums

up the positive stereotype that Chinese have of Americans. The 200 years comment can be interpreted as a slight to Americans since the Chinese are incredibly proud of their "5,000 years of history" which you will hear them repeat ad nauseam. They do not intend it to be an insult *per se*, but it does end up being that way. However, Chinese are very impressed with American technical achievements and hope to copy our success.

"They created the splendid ancient Chinese civilization."

As I said already, Chinese are incredibly proud of their history, civilization, and culture.

"And today, they're firmly committed to the path of peaceful development and are making continuous progress in the modernization drive by carrying out the reform and opening up program."

In other words, "We want to get rich, very rich."

"Both China and the United States are countries of significant influence in the world."

Chinese love to frame the relationship between China and the United States as that between equals. I do not believe they realize how far development has progressed here and that they will need several more generations to be able to see a similar level of development.

The Falun Gong Heckler:

I find it interesting that this White House, which loves to set up "Free Speech Zones," arrest people who show up to protest, and vet audience members at Bush's speeches and public events allowed a person who even remotely could possibly cause a scene as this lady did. Then it took them three minutes to drag her away; interesting, very interesting. It also could be that the White House is simply stupid—nothing new there, really. From Hu's point of view, he is losing face, and I consider this episode to be a disaster.

Why was Hu so stiff?

Several Western sources have stated that President Hu was stiff, or expressionless. This may be an indica-

tion of his unhappiness, personality, or displeasure. However, I think it is more likely a reflection of the Chinese belief that a leader should not show emotion when in public in order to show his personal strength and power.

The message Hu brought:

1. Our trade is win-win. Let free markets work.

2. We are much more interested with our development than in competing with you.

3. We are much more concerned about internal social, environmental, and economic problems than with world problems.

4. We will not allow you to make Taiwan the fifty-first state.

What Hu wanted:

1. A deal. Any kind of deal.

2. Realization that China is wracked with massive internal issues and should not be pushed hard on matters such as RMB valuation, political reform, and the like.

Tom Trasente lived in Beijing, China for two years as an English teacher.

The Executive Board on Academic Honor Council

To Whom It May Concern:

In the interest of public knowledge and the continuation of transparency and legitimacy throughout Rollins governing bodies and organizations, the Executive Board of "The Sandspur" feels compelled discuss the Academic Honor Council and utilize "The Sandspur" as a public forum to inform our readers and the Rollins community.

It has come to our attention that the Academic Honor Council, the organization charged with the implementation and execution of the Rollins Honor Code, has recently elected its officers.

Elements of the council have selected Brooke Roberts as the Chairman of the council, a position that represents incredible power and has the potential to impact the student body in broad and significant ways.

Ms. Roberts was formerly employed as a graphic designer with "The Sandspur." During her probationary period she was assigned with the task of creating several images that were to be incorporated into various articles in an upcoming edition.

Ms. Roberts submitted several works that exceeded our expectations. She submitted

these works citing herself as the creator of such works. In doing so, she sought monetary compensation from "The Sandspur" for her time and effort. This payment was based on the conception that Ms. Roberts had generated the images.

Upon closer examination, the quality of the work, in the opinion of our production staff members, came under suspect for several reasons; the most important of which included that the art submitted exceeded what could have been accomplished in the timeframe and programming limitations that were provided. It was concluded that a suspicion of plagiarism was strong enough to necessitate a conversation with Ms. Roberts in regard to this manner.

From the discussion it was learned that the images did in fact come from a commercial clipart software program and were submitted under the false pretense of being of Ms. Roberts own creation. Ms. Roberts was informed of "The Sandspur's" perception that this was in fact an attempt to defraud the organization and fundamentally violate the rules that define plagiarism. Following this occurrence, Ms. Roberts parted company with "The Sandspur."

While this infraction is limited to the sphere of "The Sandspur," it demonstrates a major infraction of the rules that govern both academe and the world of business. It is the goal of "The Sandspur" to make such matters known to the Rollins community in order to ensure the legitimacy of the Academic Honor Code. This infraction, as far as "The Sandspur" is aware,

has not been made public to members of the council or the Rollins community.

The Executive Board of "The Sandspur" fully supports the implementation of the Academic Honor Code and the actions of the Academic Honor Council, if they are carried out in a fully legitimate manner. It is up to the community, as a fully informed gathering of individ-

ual minds, to ensure that it best serves its interests and maintains the very standards in its actions and past actions to which others will be held. To not do so would be to deprive the very voice of representation and delegitimize the code and council that the community has worked so hard to achieve.



Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Normally I browse the "Ask the Fox!" column purely for kicks, and I understand its not intended to be the most serious bit of the publication. But sometimes the Rollins Fox's savvy romance tips leave me feeling seriously ill. Such was the case with last weeks 'edition.

Way to promote unhealthy relationships! So a gender-based communication barrier is inevitable? What's with the blanket assertion that girls who really care about a guy will not share their real feelings with them?

Those in committed relationships will tell you that some level of emotional openness and shared feelings is absolutely necessary. If you're unhappy about something and too scared of being hurt to tell your significant other, then you should seriously consider re-evaluating the trust level of your relationship. And if disclosure isn't happening be-

cause of a history of having those feelings taken advantage of, please look into healthy ways to heal that damage.

If our bushy-tailed love columnist is only interested in spreading around the best way to go about scoring 'hook ups', its little wonder some female readers of The Sandspur may be suppressing their emotions.

But claiming that "if she really wanted to be with you she would be afraid to let you into her world"? Please! Give me a break, and acknowledge that women are perfectly capable of having spines and willing to share 'their world' with people they're interested in. And men, if you're seriously into someone, don't flee for your fox holes at the first sign of their 'emotional chaos'.

Reality-CheckZone,

*Kelly
Welch*



BUT IT IS TRADITIONAL

Alan Nordstrom
faculty contributor

Two common reasons we give for letting our world go to hell are:

(1) that we humans are just essentially evil, living under the sway of the devil and thus are programmed to self-destruct and to take down the rest of creation with us, as the Bible prophesies; and

(2) that even if obliteration is not fated metaphysically, we're just too stupid as a species to handle responsibly the powers that our amazing intellect is birthing in the world; thus our narrow-minded collective idiocy will prevail over the better wisdom of an ineffectual minority who will cry in the wilderness till Doomsday.

Because we allow one or the other of these traditional assumptions to possess us, we do not rouse ourselves from the stupor that befuddles us to imagine a plan for our awakening. Could we awake to wisdom, we would recognize the folly of our errant course as the subduers and dominators of this tortured planet.

Rightly awakened, we would recognize our ravenous habits to be barbaric, marauding, rapacious and ruinous, and we would peer beyond the beguiling billboards set up by commerce inducing us to consume and consume until the planet itself perishes of consumption.

Yet we remain benighted,

like the hidebound villagers in Shirley Jackson's story "The Lottery," or like the "stone age savage" neighbor of Robert Frost's in "Mending Wall" who kept repeating his father's ancient pointless saying: "Good fences make good neighbors."

Likewise saith we: "Good billboards sell more stuff," and then we chant the venerable mantra of General Electric: "Progress Is Our Most Important Product," never asking wither we're progressing or what the final cost.

Frightened as we are now about what the avian flu will do to us, we yet ignore the terminal threat of our pandemic Affluenza.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Sorry, Kelsey, you don't wait until the last three weeks to prepare for your finals. Your preparation starts the first week, or, depending upon the subject, may have started

years before. As one who has been there, and done that, you must take a scientific approach to the problem. Figuring that the speed of light, compressed by a finite goal, will contract into a mere

speck of eternity, you read the book or your notes (?) three minutes before you get to class.

Fiat Lux,
Tom

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For Love of the Game: Rollins Hockey Team Takes to the Ice Despite Hardships

■ After completing two seasons, the Rollins hockey team looks to build recognition for the future.

Brian LeMay
the sandspur

At a school where many athletes receive substantial scholarships to play their respective sports, the Rollins College hockey team is strictly participant-funded, showcasing just how much the players love the game.

"Hockey is infectious—once it gets in your system you can't get it out," said Coach David Erdmann in an e-mail response. "There's an artistry to skating that combines with the physical demands and finesse of the sport."

The Rollins College hockey team was founded in 2004 by alumnus Steve Cahill. By gathering 15 in-

team began playing in the Orlando men's hockey league at the city's RDV Sportsplex. Not only did Rollins make the playoffs this year, but they also gained valuable competition experience. This season, however, the team no longer played in the league, electing to compete against other colleges instead. While this year's games only included opponents of Florida State University, the Florida Institute of Technology, and the University of Central Florida, they are hoping to add several more schools to the schedule next season.

Similar to any organization starting from scratch, the hockey team is facing several obstacles that make the program's success difficult. Their top priority is to become an official member of the American Collegiate Hockey Association, which will elevate them to club status and make future scheduling much

team is an independent organization. "If we join the ACHA, it will be a big boost to our program," said sophomore and Providence, Rhode Island native, Jonathan Mousseau. Team captain, senior Evan Gallo of Marblehead, Massachusetts, further indicated that while this year was a building season, next year has great potential should they join the league.

Financial funding is another challenge for the team. Since renting ice time at the local rink costs \$200 per hour, each player must contribute \$350 to cover all expenses throughout the season. Furthermore, practices are usually after 10 p.m. on school nights, so often times players are busy and cannot attend. As a result, preparing for games is not an easy task. "The guys get



PASSING THE PUCK: Last year's captain, Evan Gallo (left) passes on his position and all of its responsibilities onto next year's captain, Jonathan Mousseau (right).

really excited about the games, but practices are hard on us," remarked coach Erdmann. But this year's squad did not let the lack of practice time effect their game play.

"When we had games this year, it was a great experience to see us play together after only one year," explained Evan Gallo in an e-mail response. While the team's record was a disappointing 1-4, their highlight of the season was an emotional and hard-fought 9-0 victory over FIT in front of nearly 200 supporters. "We definitely went out with a bang," added Gallo. By advertising the game through a campus wide e-mail, the team saw more fans than ever. Gallo suggests that in addition to e-mails, a team website will also prove beneficial in gaining fan support. And even while it is still lacking, at least people are beginning to recog-

nize that Rollins has a hockey team.

The Rollins hockey team has certainly made great progress in developing a solid program. As schools such as UCF and FSU have proven, it is definitely possible to have a successful club hockey team. While obstacles such as financial funding and fan support remain concerns, the players' love for the game cannot be denied and is the driving force behind the program's future success.

The hockey team will be taking to the ice for their third season next semester. For more information on the Rollins College hockey team and future game times, you can contact Coach David Erdmann by email at derdman@rollins.edu or captain Jonathan Mousseau by email at jmousseau@rollins.edu.



LAST LINE OF DEFENSE: Rollins goalie, Matthew Moore flawlessly defended the home ice in the season finale against the Florida Institute of Technology.

dividuals, including two goalies, with previous hockey backgrounds, the

easier. But as of now, finding opponents to play is very difficult since the

tend. As a result, preparing for games is not an easy task. "The guys get

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FRI 28

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SAT 29

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MON 1

W. Golf @ NCAA S. Region Tourney - 8 AM

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South Region Tourney - 8 AM

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FRI 5

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SUN 7

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WED 10

M & W Tennis @ NCAA Final 16 - 8 AM
W. Golf @ NCAA Tourney - 8 AM
Baseball @ Florida Southern - 7 PM

Rollins Golf Receives More Honors and Looks for More NCAA Victories

Angela Gonzalez
the sandspur

The Rollins College men's and women's golf teams ended their seasons with a bang earning multiple post-season honors.

On the women's side, senior golfer Charlotte Campbell ended another great season by being named the Sunshine State Conference Golfer of the Year making it the second year in her career that she has earned this honor.

This makes her the first two-time recipient of this award.

Campbell was first named Golfer of the Year unanimously during her freshman year. She also made it on the All-Conference team which was the fourth time in her career. Her stroke average of 74.71 tops the conference. During her three years with the Tars Campbell has also been named first team All-American and national Player of the

Year three times.

Fellow senior golfer Mariana De Biase was also named to the All-Conference team for the fourth time in her career. De Biase won the 2006 Sunshine State Conference Tournament and ended the season with a 75.00 stroke average that placed her second best in the conference.

Women's head coach Julie Garner earned the Sunshine State Conference Coach of the Year for

the fourth time in her ten-season career. She has seen six conference titles including the last three consecutive wins. Coach Garner will look to lead Rollins to their unprecedented fourth straight NCAA Division II National Championship.

On the men's side, senior golfer Dan Walters was also named to the All-Sunshine State Conference team for the second year in a row. His stroke average was 72.83

for the season. During the season, Walters won one tournament and finished runner-up in three different tournaments.

Both teams look to defend their NCAA Division II South Region titles. The men's golf team will be playing on May 1-3 in Duncan, Oklahoma at The Territory and the women's golf team will be playing Pensacola, Florida at Stonebrook Golf Club on May 1-2.

Magic Don Juan's NFL Draft Preview

Juan Bernal
the sandspur

The highly anticipated NFL Draft takes place this Saturday, April 29, beginning at 12 P.M. The Houston Texans getting rights to the first pick, since they finished with an NFL worst 2-14 record in 2005.

Reggie Bush has been the unofficial #1 pick for the last three or four months. However, in the last couple of weeks questions about Bush's situations have led the Texans to field more trade calls than the New Orleans Saints, who have the #2 pick, or the Tennessee Titans, who have the #3 pick. It was discovered recently that Bush and his family had accepted various amounts of illegal gifts that included the

house that Bush lived during the last school year. The house was worth \$757,000 and it is speculated that the man has ties to the agent that Bush signed with. While it is not estimated that it will hurt Bush's draft stock, it puts his future with the Texans in doubt. The Texans already have a solid running back in Domanick Davis who has rushed for 1,000 yards in each of the last two seasons. While Davis is no Bush, the Texans need help at many other positions and could use the first pick to draft DE Mario Williams from NC State or OT D'Brickshaw Ferguson from Virginia. Each of those guys are among the best that have come by at their position in years. However, in the end, Bush is like the Le-

Bron James a football. Never has football seen such an explosive running back that creates matchup problems for any defense. He has the speed, the moves. The Texans could also line him up at wide receiver or kick/punt returner.

The New Orleans Saints, who have had a disastrous season last year, on and off of the football field, hold the #2 pick. The Saints have vowed to re-build their franchise from scratch and make themselves a contender. During the off-season they have already released QB Aaron Brooks and OT LeCharles Bentley which means that they are ready to send the franchise in a new direction. The Saints could go many directions with this pick. With the Saints already signing Drew Brees, another QB is already out of the question. The Saints will likely invest in someone that could protect Brees, and OT D'Brickshaw Ferguson is the best player to fill this position.

It seems like the Tennessee Titans have parted ways with long time QB Steve McNair during the offseason, effectively ending the QB's 10 year tenure as a Titan. The Titans are another team that could use a player at almost any position. The obvious choice would be choosing a player that replaces Mc-



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Nair, and there are many options at the quarterback position. Vince Young, who was MVP of the Rose Bowl is a quick scrambler and has an awkward throwing motion, sort of like Michael Vick. Matt Leinart, a two time na-

tional champion out of Southern California is the best pocket passer and the most ready NFL player available. Jay Cutler, from Vanderbilt is another highly rated quarterback that the Titans can choose.

Thank you Juan for being my wingman this semester.

- Angela Gonzalez, Sports Editor

TOP 10 DRAFT PROSPECTS

1. TEXANS: RB REGGIE BUSH
SOUTHERN CAL
2. SAINTS: OT D'BRICKASHAW FERGUSON
VIRGINIA
3. TITANS: QB MATT LEINART
SOUTHERN CAL
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