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First year students, this issue is for you. Get to know Rollins and the community with advice from upper classmen. see pages 1-4

First years adventure with Little

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Welcome first-years to one of the busiest weeks of your college experience! Orientation leaves little room to sleep, relax, watch TV, hang out or grow homesick.

Be prepared to be submerged and drowned in information about Rollins College, learn to repeat "We are Rollins College" in your sleep, and meet so many new people whose names you will probably forget in thirty minutes.

Although you may be sleep-deprived and drained by all of the changes going on around you, know that the memories you create this first week will last for years to come.

Nightly activities such as casino night and watching the hypnotist are always great times to loosen up and meet new people outside of your RCC without all

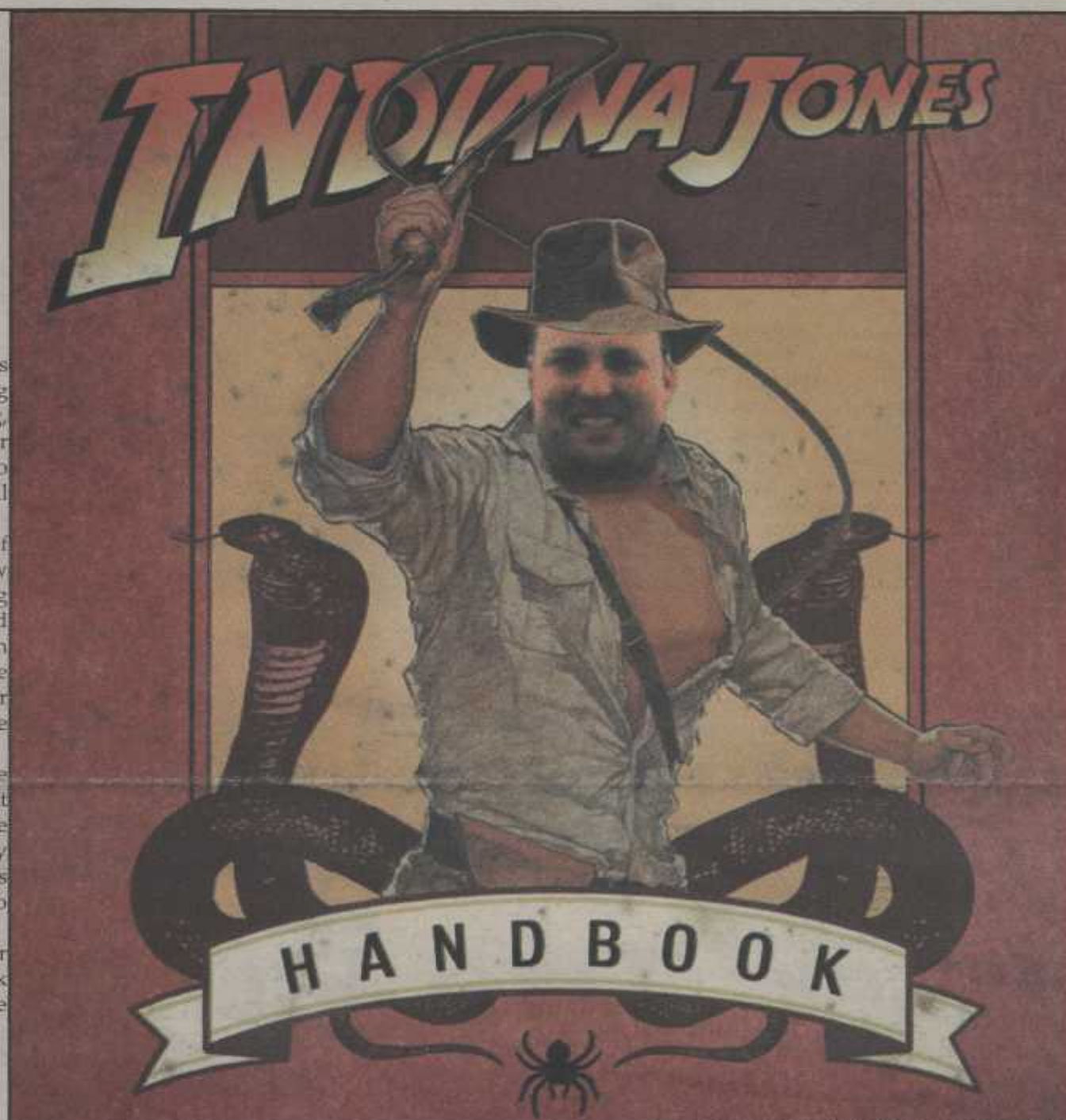
of those icebreaker games.

At Rollins there is no such thing as going hungry, not participating, not meeting people or having nothing to do during orientation. You will definitely always be busy.

Orientation is one of the best times to meet new people. Everyone is looking to make new friends, and nothing is better than finding a group of people that you can share your next four years of college experiences with.

So although some may not want to hear it and others rejoice at the liberation: it is time to say good-bye to your parents and stand on your own two feet.

Here is a look at your schedule for your first week here at Rollins College, the #1 school in the South.



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BLAZING THE TRAIL: Rollins Explorations Director Doug Little leads the first year students through Fall 2008 Orientation, whipping them into shape for the upcoming year.

DAY 1
9-4pm Check-In & Resource Fair
Your R-Card is for all four years (if you don't lose it) so try not to take your picture after you look a mess from moving in.
Residence Halls and Cornell Campus Center
4-5pm Hall Meetings
Residence Halls
4-5pm Off-Campus Student Association Meeting
Off Campus Student Lounge
5-7pm Dinner on your own
Cornell Campus Center or Off Campus
7-7:45pm President's Welcome
Alfond Sports Center
7:45-9pm RCC Class Meetings
Alfond Sports Center
9-10pm Candlewish Ceremony
May seem strange at first but enjoy the moment
10pm ACE Presents: Alexandra McHale Comedy
Dave's Down Under
ACE= All Campus Events, provides campus programming throughout the year

DAY 2
9-9:45pm RCC Meetings
RCC Classrooms
9:45-11:45am Convocation
Mills Lawn & Alfond Sports Center
Provost Roger Casey's speech is a crowd favorite
12:00-1:00pm Lunch
Cornell Campus Center
12:30-5pm Individual Advising Appointments
Olin Library
1-4pm IT Sessions
Olin Library 24 Hour Lab
2-3pm Pre-Med Sessions
Cornell Social Sciences (CSS) 167
12:30pm Pre-Law Session
CSS 167
2-30, 3 & 3:30pm Study Abroad CSS 121
5-8pm Dinner and Good-bye to Parents
8-Midnight Laser Tag and Casino Night
Mills Lawn & Galloway
It may get a little crowded but definitely a lot of fun

DAY 4
9-11am Presentation
Alfond Sports Center
11am-12pm Discussion
RCC Classrooms
12:30-1:30pm Honors Lunch
Dave's Down Under
12:30-1:30pm Lunch
Cornell Campus Center (CCC)
1:30-4:30pm Modules 1-4
5-7pm Dinner at CCC
5:30-7pm Sabbath

Dinner
Galloway Room
5-7pm Off Campus Student Association (OCSA) Dinner
OCSA Lounge
7-9pm Campus Security and Office of Community Standards and Responsibility
Bush Auditorium & Tiedtke Concert Hall
9-10pm ACE, Fraternity, and Sorority Life Present: Cold Stone Creamery Creations

Cornell Campus Center
What other college gives everyone free Cold Stone? Take advantage.
10-11:30pm ACE: Hypnotist Mark Maverick
Dave's Down Under
Hypnotized people are hilarious. Try not to be late, seats run out quickly so grab the ice cream and head downstairs

DAY 6
9-Noon Brunch
Cornell Campus Center
Bagel bar on Sundays is a must. Ms. Juana who makes the omelettes is awesome!
9:30-10:30am Christian Worship Service
Knowles Chapel
11am-3:30pm Modules 13-18
3:30-5:30pm Involvement Fair
Alfond Sports Center

The Sandspur will be HERE! Check us out!
5-7pm Dinner
Cornell Campus Center
8-9pm RCC Class Meetings
9pm SGA and ACE Present: Expedition Talent Show
Cornell Campus Center
Actual talent not required.

DAY 3
9-9:30am RCC Meetings
9:30am-2:30pm SPARC
Depart from Alfond Sports Center Parking Lot
It is very hot! If you are

outside remember sunscreen and breathable clothing.
2:30-4pm SPARC Celebration
Mills Lawn
Great chance to meet other first years NOT in your RCC! Try to remember names; it will be difficult

4-5pm RCC Class Meetings:
SPARC Debrief and Values
5-7pm Dinner
Cornell Campus Center
6-9pm IKEA Shopping Trip
Depart from Mills Lawn
7-9pm Sex Signals

Bush Auditorium
Always a good time!
9-Midnight IKEA Trip
Depart from Mills Lawn
9:30-11:30pm Sex Signals
Bush Auditorium

11:30pm Pancake Flip
Cornell Campus Center
This may require some hand-eye coordination, especially with the hard to catch breakfast sausages. There is nothing better than breakfast late at night.

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Becoming familiar with the Rollins campus can be almost as difficult as getting used to your new roommate's snoring. Lucky for you, the Rollins campus only covers 70 acres. Therefore, by the time you are finished reading this article, you will be more than well-equipped to find your way to class come Monday morning.



Mills Building

The Mills building is quite possibly the most versatile building on campus. Although it is most commonly used by students to retrieve their mail each week, the Mills building also houses Rollins' very own radio station, WPRK (better known as "the best in basement radio"), and the Galloway Room where Rollins likes to host their more prim and proper events.

After climbing a sometimes overwhelming flight of stairs, you might find yourself on the steps of our beloved Sandspur office (on the third floor) and also R-TV's studio/headquarters (on the fifth floor).

Also, the Mills Building houses TJ's Student Resource Center, where students can sign up for individual tutoring sessions and writing center appointments. Think you are pretty hardcore and don't need a tutor? Just wait until your first college exam, and you will be surprised how much a one hour appointment will help!



Cornell Campus Center

The most often visited building by the Rollins community, the Cornell Campus Center not only houses the cafeteria (a.k.a. "Skillman Dining Hall" and "Beans") but also Dave's Down Under and the often-mispronounced Bieberbach Room, where many student organizations hold interest meetings.

Dave's Down Under's hip and laid-back setting makes it the most enjoyed space on campus which could even make all of the state universities jealous. A popular late-night hangout, Dave's Down Under houses Rollins' beloved Grill which is open until 1:30

a.m. most days, and the always convenient C-Store contains anything from skim milk to frozen lobster.

Another valued commodity of Dave's Down Under is the spacious stage which is often used to host open-mic nights, Curtis Earth trivia, and local bands and comedians.

Orlando Hall



Shakespeare, Dickens, and Dumas...oh my! Located a few yards away from Ward Residence Hall, Orlando Hall (a.k.a. the English building) is the home to all literature and writing classes.

Created to enhance class discussion, each room is set up in "conference-style" seating with large oval tables and chairs facing each other.

Cornell Hall for the Social Sciences (CSS)

If you are a political science, business, or anthropology major, chances are that you will be spending

a large portion of your Rollins College life in this building. CSS is home to more than a dozen classrooms and also has a beautiful courtyard where one can sit and enjoy their fresh bagels and iced lattes from the Cornell Café while reading their copy of The Sandspur before class.



Diane's Café

The pride and joy of both Ward and Elizabeth Hall residents, Diane's Café provides freshly brewed Starbucks coffee, fresh Panera Bagels, and an assortment of other random pastries and snacks that could only be found in an artsy café. So anytime you need a pick-me-up before class or a change of pace from Beans, just head over to Diane's and enjoy their soup of the day in their always laid-back environment.

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Explore Your The Buildings

Can you find them?

Beans- the Campus Center Hall

Bush Babies- Sports classes that are predominantly in the Center building

Club Olin- Olin E. Ross Hall

Common House- Open on Mondays and Thursdays, during scheduled and student study, or just hang out

Dave's- Dave's Down Under Center which is home to the

Dinky Dock- Located between the Alford and the

Dom's- Domino's Pizza

Fid's- Fiddler's Pub for locals and Rollins upper

Jack's- Jack Roger's in Palm Beach and is located over campus

Sevy's- the 7-11 at the corner of Park and



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Education Leadership: Student Personnel Administration at UCF in May of 2007. Her office is located in Chase Hall.



Lewis M. Duncan

Elected in 2004 as the 14th president of Rollins College, Dr. Duncan holds a doctorate in space physics from Rice University in Houston. He has worked as a research scientist at the Los Alamos National Laboratory and was founding director of the South Carolina Space Grant Consortium. Dr. Duncan's office is in the Warren Administration Building located next to the soccer field. Students are invited to visit the office on Fox Day for orange juice and doughnuts, compliments of President Duncan.



Doug Little

Doug is the Director of Rollins Explorations, the program designed to integrate first-year students into the Rollins College experience. He has worked as the Assistant Director of the Office of Student Involvement and Leadership (OSIL) and is also currently the contact for the 3/2 Accelerated Management Program. Doug's office is located in the Mills Building next to TJ's (the tutoring center).



Dr. Barry Levis

A professor and the Chair of the College's Department of History, Dr. Levis came to Florida after receiving his doctorate from Penn State and has been here ever since. Though he teaches a variety of courses, his main interests are English and Church history. Dr. Levis is currently the Honors Degree Program Coordinator. His office is located on the second floor of the Cornell Social Science Building.

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James W. Small, Ph.D.

A professor in the Department of Biology, Dr. Small teaches a variety of classes ranging from General Biology and Human Physiology to Biostatistics. Dr. Small also heads the Health Professions Advising Program at Rollins, which offers an interdisciplinary liberal arts approach to preparing students for a health professional school. His office is located in Room 209 of the Bush Science Center.



Meredith Hein

As the Assistant Director for the Office of Community Engagement (OCE) at Rollins, Meredith plays an important role in overseeing both the SPARC program as well as the J.U.M.P. initiative. She is also a co-advisor for the LEAD team which plans a number of student programs on campus. Meredith completed her Master's degree in

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Dr. Michael Gunter

An Associate Professor of Politics, Dr. Gunter serves as Director of the International Relations Program as well as the Director of the Living and Learning Communities. He is also the advisor for the Washington Semester Program and Model UN student organization.

Dr. Gunter's office is located on the second floor of the Cornell Social Science Building in room 212. He is currently living with his wife and two young children in Rollins' first-ever faculty apartment, located on the first floor of Ward Hall.



Laurie M. Joyner

A professor of sociology, Dean Joyner assumed responsibilities as the Dean of Faculty at Rollins on July 1, 2007. Both she and the Associate Dean, Debra Wellman, have offices in the Mills Building across from the Galloway Room. Dean Joyner holds a doctorate degree and a master of arts in sociology from Tulane University.



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Where do you fit into the Sandspur?

At the Sandspur, we are constantly looking for more voices, be they involved in editing, writing, or photography. This year we are adding a new Staff Reporter position. Staff Reporters will attend weekly assignments, editings and write articles to be published in the Sandspur.

What do you get for contributing to the Sandspur?

Other than seeing your name and work in print, you will be paid as a correspondent for the Sandspur.

How will I get my written articles into the Sandspur?

Articles for the Sandspur are typically 500-700 words in length and must be submitted no later than 5 p.m. on the Monday prior to the corresponding issue's publication. Submissions will be e-mailed to Editor@thesandspur.org.

Where is the Sandspur?
 The Sandspur office is located on the 2nd floor of the Mills building, two floors above the post office.

How can I get involved with the Sandspur?

The first Sandspur interest meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 26, in the Sandspur office at 5:00 P.M. Any questions can be e-mailed to editor@thesandspur.org, and respective editors can be reached at their Rollins e-mail addresses (first initial, last name@rollins.edu).

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Oh the places you'll go!

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Upon entering your first year at Rollins, you may wonder about the popular places to hang out both on campus and within Winter Park. As part of your local orientation you may want to refer to this list of just a few of the places that Rollins students seem to gravitate towards.

On Campus:

Dave's Down Under: Whether you're stopping by to watch football on the big screen or gorging on cheese sticks at the Grill at 1:00 in the morning, there's always something going on 'down unda.'

The Pool: Even if it's overcast, you can always find students sunning by the pool (and very few actually inside the pool) well into the semester.

Outside of the Campus Center and CSS: If you feed them, they will come. These areas are especially busy during dining hours, more specifically during common hour starting around 12:30 every Tuesday and Thursday.

Outside Ward by Volley Ball Courts: Students can often be seen sitting around the singular round table doing anything from just talking, playing guitar, or studying over a coffee from Diane's.

Dinky Dock: For a change of scenery from the pool, students can lounge, study, tan, etc. both on the dock and the "beach" on the edge of the lake.

Off Campus:

Power House: The foreign owners of this healthy lunch and smoothie spot (located just off of Park Ave. and right after passing the Gap) have perfected their skills of flirting and being chummy with the Rollins students who stop in, and with good reason! Power House's popularity amongst students is comparable to that of a cult following.

Tropical Smoothie Café: For an alternative (and sometimes considered superior) smoothie from those served at Power House, Tropical Smoothie Café's location brazenly screams competition from right across the street.

Starbucks on Park Ave: We all need somewhere to feed our legal addictions.

Urban Flats: Day and night you can usually find someone from Rollins enjoying one of their flatbreads at Urban Flats on the corner of Fairbanks and New York. Just go. It's amazing.

P.R.'s Taco Palace: Rollins students love P.R.'s for their exciting ambience, authentic cuisine, and proximity to campus.

Disney World/ Universal Studios: Obviously the happiest places on earth.



The 411 on Rollins' Tars

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Baseball Tars- These guys may play off campus, but they command respect everywhere. Also, if you follow the MLB you will have noticed that former Tar, Ryan Hanigan, has recently been called up to play for the Cincinnati Reds.

Basketball Tars- Men's and women's basketball provides most of the excitement here on campus. During the winter months, Alford Sports Center is always filled with enthusiasm and cheers for the games, especially those against our Sunshine State Conference rivals.

Swimming Tars- The aqua Tars are very excited to have recently joined the Bluegrass Mountain Conference. They are looking forward to the new competition and continued success this season.

Intramural Tars- Even if you might not be varsity sports material or you just don't want all of your time to go towards hours of practice and workouts, you can still participate in your favorite games on campus. Intramurals are a great way to meet new people, and the play can still get pretty intense sometimes.

Lacrosse Tars- After their introductory season last year, the Lacrosse team is looking to improve their record and make their presence known within the region. This will be an exciting and important season as they can set the precedent for improvement.

PARENTS

Want to live vicariously through your college student?

STUDENTS

Want your parents to call you less often?

This year, copies of each week's publication will be available by mail to subscribers; let your parents know! A table will be set up selling The Sandspur subscriptions at the Resource Fair 9am-4pm on Tuesday in Dave's Down Under.

For more information regarding parent subscriptions, contact Yoni Binstock at ybinstock@rollins.edu.

WARNING: peer mentor in training

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Day One: The peer educators arrived on campus. After painlessly moving into my apartment in Sutton, I attended the Peer Mentor Luau. I have never been to a luau before, but I can truly say that that was not a luau. Instead of dancing girls and roasting pigs, we had Doug Little and catered hotdogs. The unfamiliar faces reminded me of my first day of college freshman year. Two years ago, I surveyed a field of new faces eagerly anticipating the yet to be sown seeds of friendship.

Day Two: The luau ended up getting way out of hand, so I was dreading our early morning training sessions. As we gathered in the Galloway room, portraits of Rollins' most esteemed past leaders watched as we forged our initial bonds with one another. The mantle of responsibility fell silently and heavily upon our tanned summer shoulders. Dean Joyner led

us in a conversation about our expectations as ambassadors of the college. We discussed what was to be expected of us by setting standards and guidelines for our behavior. After dinner, we busted out the glue and glitter, toiling over your door decorations. You better like them and respect them.

Day Three: We were treated to an intensive education regarding the ins and outs of campus life. Even the most involved campus leaders learned something new about their home. Rollins may be small, but the many facets of life here and the plethora of opportunities never cease to amaze. A bowling excursion highlighted the evening. I was pleased with my performance, but even more pleased with my countryman Michael Phelps' double gold medal dismantling of all competition which captured everyone's attention as it played on the screens at the bowling alley.

Day Four: Today we received SPARC training as well as our SPARC assignments. The SPARC projects are tailored to

actively engage everyone in making connections with their peers and providing meaningful service in your new community outside of the Rollins College campus. We learned to deal with the problems you may or may not cause us, so the best idea would be to not cause problems at all because we are well equipped and armed to the teeth. Just remember, safety first... and then teamwork.

Day Five: The Thomas P. Johnson Student Resource Center and the Office of Student Involvement and Leadership (OSIL) presented us with the tools that we will need to make sure that you can perform academically and socially to the best of your ability. Being proactive by getting help at TJ's always shows your professors an amount of respect and appreciation for them and the material they have devoted themselves to teaching you. OSIL will be happy to help you find your place and get involved. I did, and look at where I am now, standing tall on the peak of success.

Day Six: Health was the topic of the day. Rollins College provides a high quality of life with the palm trees, beautiful Spanish architecture and lake view. This quality of life can only be appreciated if you take care of yourself, which is hard. For example, this week during training, our sessions were so intensive and brutal that weaker peer mentors were dropping in the heat. They clearly got wrapped up in their duties and failed to nourish themselves. Luckily I am still alive.

Day Seven: We journeyed to Wekiva Springs to find ourselves in the wilderness and live deliberately. The disease carrying mutant mosquitoes only managed to take some of the smaller and slower peer educators. I was not upset by our losses as I saw them only as weak links in the iron chain that we had forged over the past week. I can smell that we are ready and eager. The crackle of the campfires echoed through the quiet base camp. At any moment, you, our new students, will be upon us.