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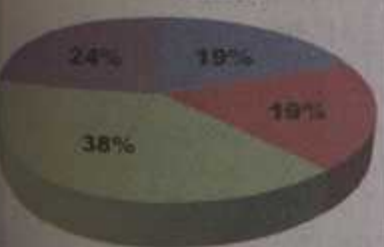
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"I think China is well on
its way to leading the
world economically with
a small caveat."

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Street Market Returns

Organic Gardeners of Rollins Aid Haiti and Local Businesses



TRAVIS RAY
the sandspur

Last Thursday the area in front of the Olin Library was the site of the second Rollins Market, as hosted by the student group Organic Gardeners of Rollins.

Different local businesses were invited by the OGRs (pronounced "ogres") to both raise money for Haiti and provide a way for struggling businesses to earn money. 32 businesses,

artisans, and student organizations paid the upfront cost of five dollars for a spot at the market, and in so doing raised \$160 for Haiti relief. Different vendors included "Serendipity Sweets", who sold gourmet sweets, "The Pottery Syndicate" with their hand-made ceramics, and Olen Christiansen selling his candied apples that can also be purchased at the Winter Park Farmer's Market.

Brendan O'Connor, the OGR who was principally in-

CHRISTIAN KEBBEL / the sandspur

involved in organizing the event, articulated their mission for the market, "We want to introduce students/faculty to small business owners, artisans, blogs, and organizations from our neighborhood in a fun, engaging atmosphere." By and large, the attempt seems to have worked. Many of the vendors spoke of wanting to return to Rollins, where they had a positive experience interacting with students.

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New Program Comes to Crummer

GREG GOLDEN
the sandspur

Rollins' Crummer Business School will launch its Key Executive MBA program on Aug. 25, 2010, joining Pepperdine University's Graziadio School of Business and Management as one of the only KEMBA programs in the nation.

According to "Business Wire," Crummer's KEMBA curriculum, which is internationally accredited by the AACSB, will be "team-taught and integrates various business disciplines to give executives a deep understanding of all aspects of business, from accounting and finance to marketing and the global environment, in a way that enables graduates to effect change in organizations and society." It is intended for senior executives.

Ten terms comprise the two-year program, with both online components and in-class meetings, most of which span six days spread out over three month periods.

Rollins is hosting information sessions for potential applicants, the next of which will occur Wednesday, Mar. 10 from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. at the Citrus Club in Downtown Orlando. More opportunities for info sessions and information are listed on www.rollins.edu/crummer/kemba/index.html.

Blizzards Bring Record Snowfall



PETER TRAVIS
the sandspur

A blistering cold spell has produced several blizzards and record snowfall in the mid-Atlantic. Washington D.C. was among the cities hit hardest and as a result the federal government shut down for several days. Road conditions were extremely dangerous and thousands of flights were canceled. Reagan National and Dulles International, the capital's two largest airports, shut down operations all of last Wednesday.

Last Wednesday's snowfall was the fourth of its kind in two weeks for the mid-Atlantic and with record-breaking snowfall in the nation's capital. Washington D.C. has now accumulated over 56 inches of snow for the season, marking the snowiest winter in the city's history. The winter

storms certainly have not been all fun and games for people experiencing days off from work and school. Thousands of homes have gone without power and 20 deaths have been attributed to the blizzards.

Many have also speculated about the potential cost of shutting down the federal government for the storm. One study has estimated that every day Congress is shut down, \$100 million dollars in productivity is lost. Republican Sen. Tom Coburn of Oklahoma seems to think otherwise though, saying of the shut down: "The best thing is we're not passing any legislation, which ultimately will save the government a lot of money."

Washington was not the only city hit with the mid-week blizzard. Northern Virginia and New York saw totals of over 12 inches of snow as well. Pennsylvania Governor Ed Rendell

was forced to shut down several interstate highways as the snow piled on his region. Even the Deep South was hit with snowfall later on in the week. It took much less snow to bring things to a halt in cities where they're not used to winter weather.

Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson Airport had to cancel hundreds of flights due to only four inches of snow in the area. Snowfall also made rare appearances in states like Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi, and even North Florida last week and brought joy to many Southern residents who had never seen snow before. In one of the most memorable images of the blizzard of 2010, there was a 30-plus car pileup accident in Wyandotte County, Kansas. One sign of the significance of this season's incredible snowfall came at the end of last week when it was confirmed that all 50 states had snow on the ground.

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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 400-700 words in length and must be submitted no later than noon on the Monday prior to the corresponding issue's publication. Submissions will be e-mailed to TClinger@rollins.edu and AObernauer@rollins.edu.

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?

Sandspur meetings are held on Wednesday of every week at 6pm in the Sandspur office on the 2nd floor of the Mills Building. 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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Street Market Returns



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The OGRs themselves are an eclectic band, with a membership consisting of A&S students, Holt students, and members of the local community. Their mission is wide ranging, and Rollins Markets are not the only thing the OGRs are planning in the remainder of the semester. The funds raised at their booth will be used in different "Guerilla Gardening" campaigns, and in

managing their garden beds on campus. Other events the OGRs are involved in are the "Spore Project" and the "Sit Project," both of which are urban art events that will be happening in the Orlando/Winter Park area. More information about the OGRs and how to become one is available by e-mailing [Brendan O'Connor at campocor@gmail.com](mailto:Brendan.O'Connor@gmail.com) or by joining the facebook group "Organic Gardeners of Rollins."

FL's AP Program Shows Promise

LUCAS HERNANDEZ
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The selectivity of college admissions is becoming progressively more stringent. Colleges are constantly looking for ways to "boost their stats" for the various college ranking systems (cue the "Number 1 in the South" plug). The natural progression of practices performed by higher educational institutions such as Rollins to accumulate as many applications

as possible changes the lives of thousands of high school students across the country. One of the most notable changes, besides increased course loads, concerns the usage of Advanced Placement (AP) courses.

College Board, the non-profit association that runs the Advanced Placement program, has been expanding in influence at an astounding rate in high schools across the United States. Twenty six and a half percent of last year's high school graduating class (now the Class of 2013) took an AP exam at some point in high school, nearly doubling the number of graduates who took AP exams in 2001. The effects of these exams on Florida high school students have been heralded as largely positive.

College Board exam results of 2009 graduating seniors show that

Florida is tied for fifth place in the percentage of students who passed an AP exam with a score of three out of five or higher. With these most recent rankings, Florida jumped up five spots from last year, increasing its passing rate by 3.1 percent.

"I applaud these dedicated Floridians for their continuing improvements and hard work to better themselves and our state. This achievement is exciting news for the future of Florida, and teachers of college-level courses like Advanced Place-

ment should be rewarded for their extra effort, just as their students are," Governor Charlie Crist said in a statement regarding the results.

Before regarding this as a complete success, however, different angles of the results should be looked at more closely. It is true that more and more students are taking the tests, but it is also true that Florida students are passing a smaller percentage of tests. These two statistics have raised a heated debate in Florida over AP classes. These classes were once reserved for the best and brightest of high school students, but now many more students are enrolled in AP classes. These students, according to the College Board ranking, are doing very well, but Florida's overall pass rates are decreasing. In 2009, Florida high school students passed only 42.9 percent of their AP exams (the national average is 56.7 percent).

It is uncertain whether an increasing number of AP exams and AP exam takers is a net positive for students. AP testing, however, can be a great opportunity for high school students to learn critical skills that they will need later on down their educational roads, as the tests and courses ideally provide for students an classroom environment and workload similar to that of college courses.

Florida's educational system is improving, at least slightly, from previous years. The funding is still not there for the educational system, but student achievement is improving overall. Recent budget cuts may play a negative role in future progress, but until that point, it is very difficult to gauge the improvement of the state system and the education level of high school students across the state.

Taliban Head Suspected Dead

TJ FISHER
the sandspur

A senior Pakistani official said on Wednesday, Feb. 10, that there is credible evidence which suggests that the head of the Pakistani Taliban, Hakimullah Mehsud, is dead. The official said he had credible information about the death, but this is yet to be confirmed.

The possible death of Mehsud is said to be attributed to a U.S. missile attack that took place in January. A U.S. pilotless drone discovered his hideout located between North and South Waziristan, and delivered the strike. Reports say that Mehsud was hit and wounded.

Pakistani television stations have reported his death, but all of those claims have been denied by the Taliban's spokespeople. Although there is credibility to the report, there is a lack of ground intelligence from Mehsud's area that makes it difficult to make a firm claim

as to whether or not Mehsud is dead or alive. One serious point of contingency is why Mehsud, after being so involved in terrorist activity, would shy away at such a critical time. If he were alive, it seems that the Taliban would be encouraging him to make appearances in order to debunk rumors and reports of his death.

An investigation is also being conducted on the whereabouts of Qari Hussain, one of Mehsud's deputies in charge of suicide bombers and their training.

In his apparent absence, another member of the Taliban, Noor Jamal, has taken steps to gain power within the organization. He has historically been seen as close to Mehsud and also has a reputation for brutality, two factors which support his rise in the order. If Mehsud's death is true, the ensuing power struggle could seriously throw off the political balance within the organization, which would be beneficial to American forces.

Overview of the AP Program

- * Since 1955, the AP Program has enabled millions of students to take college-level courses and exams to earn college credit or placement while still in high school.

- * The AP Program offers more than 30 courses and exams.

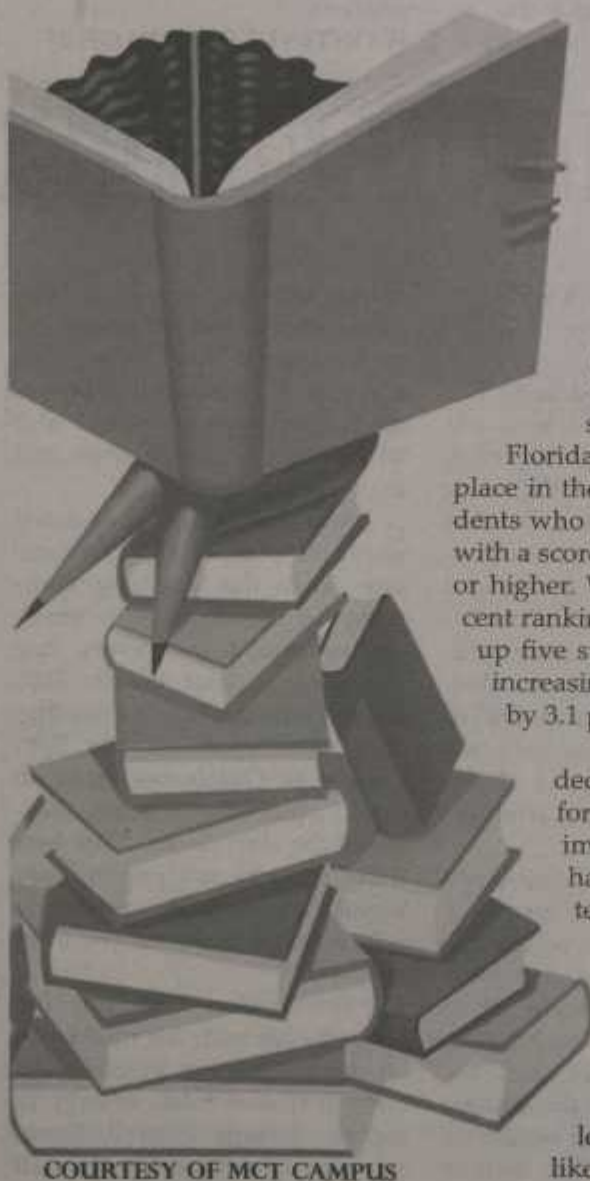
- * More than 17,000 schools worldwide participate in the AP Program.

- * 26.5 percent of U.S. public high school students in the class of 2009 took an AP Exam at some point in high school. In 2009, nearly 1.7 million students worldwide took more than 2.9 million AP Exams.

- * More than 90 percent of the nation's four-year colleges and universities, and institutions in more than 45 countries, have an AP policy that grants incoming students credit, placement or both for qualifying AP Exam grades. In 2009, more than 3,600 colleges and universities accepted qualifying AP Exam grades for credit and/or placement.

- * The composite score for each AP Exam is converted to a grade of 5, 4, 3, 2 or 1. An AP Exam grade of 5 is equivalent to an A in the corresponding college course, a grade of 4 is equivalent to grades of A-, B+ and B; and a grade of 3 is equivalent to grades of B-, C+ and C.

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The Beagle's Nose

Yoni's take on the political environment of the nation and the world.

YONI BINSTOCK
columnist



Pointing the finger at someone is no way to solve a problem, especially in times of a crisis like the one we are in today. Yet, we cannot continue allowing the Republicans to continue their current trend of irresponsible behavior. At the end of the Bush administration our economy was in shambles, our ability to exert leadership in the world community had diminished, and our national reputation had been tarnished.

The budget surplus under the Democrats had been lost due to tax cuts for the rich and the costs of two wars under the Republican leadership of President Bush. It seems to Republicans that only Democratic deficits can hurt the nation. If anything, this should have shown us that the Republican way of war over diplomacy, deregulation, and U.S. Unilateralism does not work. Unfortunately, the Republican minority does still not comprehend this and is fighting tooth and nail to hold on to its false idols.

Actions such as those of Senator Shelby, Republican of Alabama, who had placed a hold on 70 of the president's nominees, delaying the Senate from acting on them are clear examples of the current Republican game plan. He refused to yield until he got his earmarks, including an Air Force tanker and a counterterrorism center in Alabama to be built in his home state. Another example of inappropriate Republican behavior was seen at President Obama's State of the Union speech.

It is customary for the opposing party to the standing president to not applaud at all of his remarks, but it was clear the Republicans would only applaud when Obama was laying out plans specifically to appease them. Not only was it rude, but it showed that Obama does not have a problem with the GOP, the GOP has a problem with Obama.

There are a few Republican senators like Judd Gregg and Lindsey Graham who are ready to meet Obama somewhere in the middle on deficit reduction, energy, health care and banking reform, but the vast majority is staunchly opposed to anything that the president brings up.

In addition, Mr. Obama's scuffle with Wall Street began last year with his plans for greater oversight of compensation and a consumer financial protection commission escalated with verbal attacks this year on what he called Wall Street's "obscene bonuses." It reached a new intensity when he called for policies Wall Street finds even more infuriating, a

"financial crisis responsibility" tax aimed at the biggest banks and a restraint on "proprietary trading" that banks do with their own money for their own profit. Industry executives and lobbyists are warning Democrats that if Mr. Obama keeps attacking Wall Street "fat cats," they may fight back by withholding their cash.

The Republicans have moved on to this turn of events by receiving additional money from the banks to continue the deregulation that got us into our current fiscal crisis.

The president said he was looking forward to the bipartisan health care session on Feb. 25, an opportunity for Republicans and Democrats to come together – in a televised session – and share ideas on health care.

He said he would be willing to start from scratch, but only if the goals of the legislation remained the same including: cracking down on insurance industry practices, lowering health care costs and expanding access to coverage. Not surprisingly, House Minority Leader John Boehner (R-Ohio) criticized President Obama's proposed bipartisan health care summit today, arguing "it will be more akin to political theater than true bipartisanship."

As well, their obsession over having the 9/11 terrorists suspects being tried in New York is without reason. Many claim that since they are not Prisoners of War and not U.S. citizens they do not deserve to be tried in civil court.

In December of 2001 Richard Reid "the shoe bomber" was tried in a federal court. He too was a member of Al Qaeda and a British citizen. It is curious then why Republicans at the time were not screaming national security.

Finally, it is ironic that the RNC recently had its conference in the state of Hawaii. Since 1974, Hawaii require all employers to provide generous health care benefits to any employee who works 20 hours a week or more. According to the New York Times, Hawaii has the nation's highest incidence of breast cancer, but the lowest death rate from the disease.

Republicans must realize that their systems are not working and they must work with the president and the rest of the Democrats to get us out of the mess they put us in.

Luge Accident was an Unfortunate Certainty

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the sandspur

Tragedy struck the 2010 Winter Olympics last Friday when Georgian luger Nodar Kumaritashvili died during a practice run. On what many have been calling the fastest track in the history of the sport, the 21-year-old Olympian flew off the track at 90 mph and collided with a steel pole.

The incident has produced an outpouring of media outrage against the International Olympic Committee (IOC). First, there came complaints that the steel pole that caused Kumaritashvili's death was not padded, while the majority of other steel poles surrounding the course are padded. Then, the IOC stated that the crash was the luger's fault, creating more uproar.

The fact is that luge is a very dangerous sport, and like in any high-speed, adrenaline-pumping venture, accidents and tragedies happen. This is a harsh reality, but it is one that IOC haters have to understand.

No plausible precautions on the part of the IOC could have prevented this fatal crash. It is ridiculous to believe that a little padding on any surface would prevent someone from dying if he was flying into it at 90 mph. Although it sounds somewhat cruel, most fellow luge competitors agree with the IOC's sentiment that the young

"No plausible precautions on the part of the IOC could have prevented this fatal crash."

luger was at fault in the crash. After examining the video footage of the accident, officials determined that Kumaritashvili came out of the turn 15 too late and did not compensate for that mistake going into turn 16, where he flew off the track and collided with the steel pole.

Although it is in a completely different realm of competition, this fatal accident is reminiscent of the death of NASCAR legend Dale Earnhardt. During the 2001 Daytona 500, Earnhardt crashed nose first

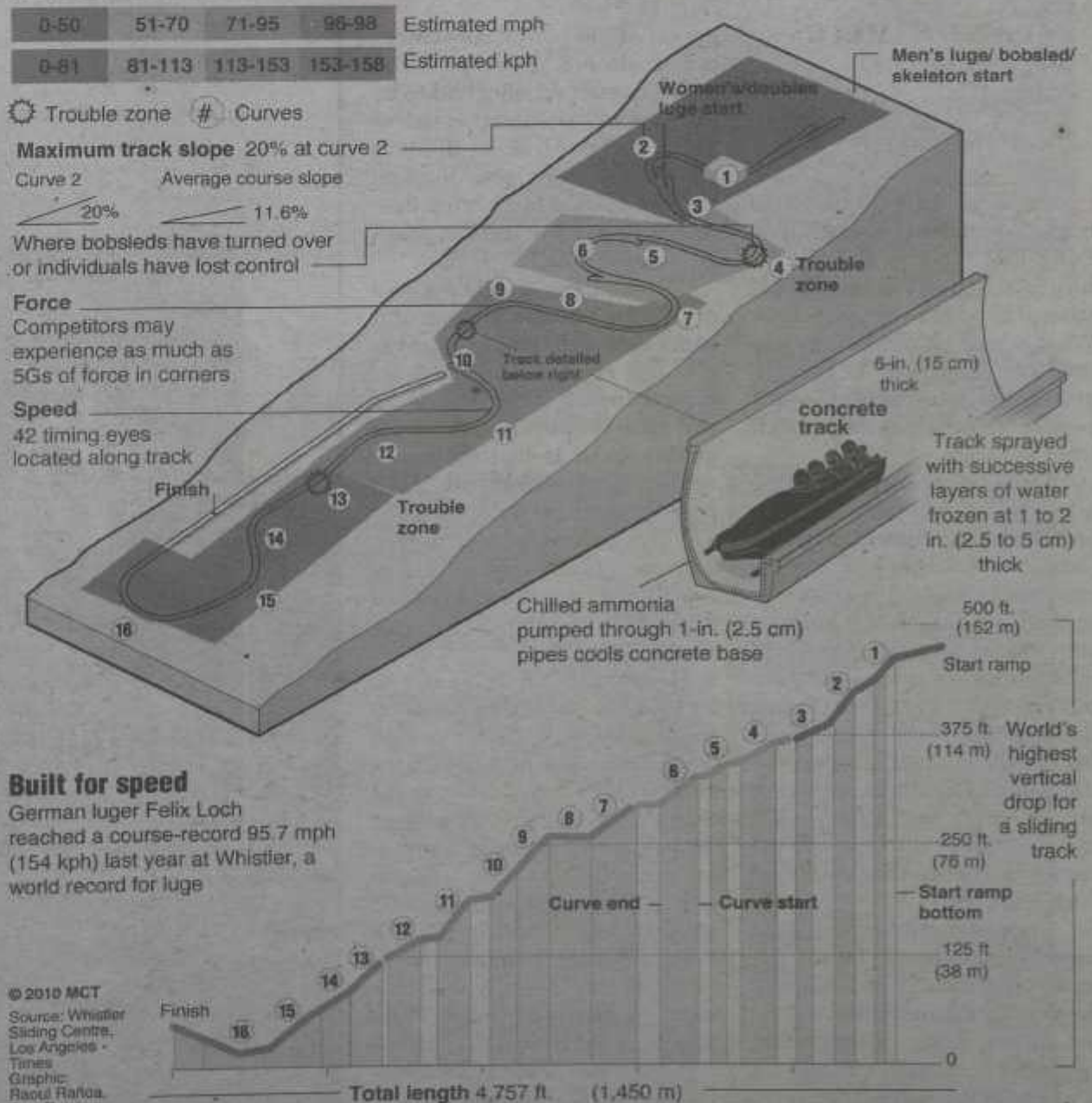
into a wall and was declared dead soon after. The crash instigated many questions of car and track safety, many of which were acted upon and continue to change for the better. However, the general sentiment is the same as in the case of Nodar Kumaritashvili: High-speed sports are very dangerous and accidents happen all the time. And in some tragic cases, these accidents can be fatal.

After Kumaritashvili's death, the Georgian Olympic team decided to stay in Vancouver and compete despite the tragedy. However, the only other Georgian luger, Levan Gureshidze, elected not to race in this year's Olympics after his teammate's crash.

A private memorial service was held for Kumaritashvili on Monday before his body was flown back to his home country. His fellow Georgian Athletes wore black armbands to show their remorse and respect. Although the 2010 Vancouver Games will be remembered for this tragedy, the IOC cannot be completely blamed for what was simply a driver's mistake, fast track or not.

Whistling down the mountain

The Whistler Sliding Center will host bobsled, luge and skeleton. It's the only outdoor ice surface at the Games. One of only 15 sliding tracks in the world that host international competition, it has been described as an elevator shaft with ice.



DANGERS ON THE SLOPE: Due to the death of a young Georgian luger Nodar Kumaritashvili, judges reviewed the safety of the course as well as the safety of the athletes.

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MN Billboard Asks: Do We Miss Bush?

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Good ole W is back! My previous theories have been confirmed. The Secret Service had finally extracted the former president from under the desk in the Oval Office where he had been hiding since last year when he was asked to leave the White House. But, alas, my theory was incorrect. Georgey Boy was not under a desk at all, but blown up on a billboard.

That is right, last week Mr. Bush popped up on a billboard in Minnesota with his usual smirk and a caption which read, "Miss Me Yet?" The billboard was funded by a group of small business owners who apparently do not approve of the job President Obama is doing and would rather see the triumphant return of that overwhelmingly successful and popular Commander-in-Chief that preceded him. Wait... what? That cannot be right, I thought. You want him BACK? Really? But then, I slowed down to reflect on the eight-year reign of the Decider, and I realized that there are a lot of things I do miss about George W. Bush.

First, I miss turning on

the news and hearing words like "misunderestimated" and "more better" come from the leader of the free world. Likewise, I long for those inspiring phrases such as "where wings take dream" and provocative questions such as "Is our children learning?" But it is not just Barack Obama's hoighty-toighty commitment to subject-verb agreement that makes me wish the lovable Texan would return to office. There are some policy tendencies that I recall from the Bush presidency that I think we all miss at heart.

Who does not miss the former president's ability to get us into a ridiculously unpopular war in the complete wrong country through practices of unethical pre-emptive warfare? You have got to miss how he lied about Iraq having WMDs and a connection to 9/11. And if not that, you must miss how he went against the recommendation of his commanders and vastly undermanned troops on the ground in Iraq, setting up for one of the worst excuses for nation-building in history. No? You do not miss any of those things?

Well, what about his economic policies? I know I miss the way Bush was able to turn a historic budget surplus into a series of record deficits. And I



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NOSTALGIA FOR BUSH: A group of unhappy Republicans posted a Billboard on the side of the highway with a large photo of George W. Bush and the caption "Miss me yet?"

definitely miss those huge tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans; they earned it, right? I especially miss how relaxed and well-rested he always seemed to be. After all, he did take more vacation days than any other president in the history of the country (approximately 20 percent of his entire time in office). I miss having a president who stayed on vacation while New

Orleans was drowning after Hurricane Katrina; it takes an admirable amount of cajones to pull a stunt like that.

Do you not just long for the days when our president authorized illegal wire-tapping of American citizens? I know I do. I cannot forget torture either. I spend many a night thinking about the good old days when our fearless leader authorized

torture and the creation of secret prisons. But above all else, I miss that great smile of yours Mr. Bush. That dufus-like smirk that says, "Hey, I do not know what those words mean, but I still live in a bigger house than you, so there!" Oh yes, my Minnesotan friends, there are many things I miss about W. However, I think I will stick by my man Barack for now.

Can Obama Tell Us What to Drink?

VERNON MEIGS
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As if we have not learned from Prohibition already, one thing that there is a slight resurgence in news coverage of is talks of a soda tax by politicians. What is heard a great deal more this time, however, is the opposition to it, especially by the people one would least expect it from: doctors.

Doctors and others that advocate a healthier lifestyle and reduced consumption of sodas have expressed skepticism towards a tax on sodas due to their position that it will not stop soda consumption. Will it be too long before we hear talks of a ban? President Obama himself has been open about his views on taxing sodas in the name of healthier lifestyles, etc. However, will it be a smart move for him, and what will the results of the implementation of such a tax be?

Those who think that "the more something is taxed, the more motivated people will be to stop taking or buying it" are truly deluded. Pretty soon, we will be making it illegal on a whim in the name of governmentally and socially provided mores describing the ideal citizen of the state. It is what everybody enthusiastically jumped in back in the 20's to try and

get rid of the "sinful substance" called alcohol. How well did that turn out? Alcohol had to be bootlegged, consumed at risk of being caught breaking the law, and worse, was something to kill or be killed for. It turned so bad that the lift of the ban was a no-brainer; it had to be done.

If anything, a soda tax will drive people to drink more, and worst case scenario, if soda ever gets less accessible and not far behind from a complete ban, it will force people to drink lower-quality soda. Is that the result we want to achieve to make people live healthier?

The underlying point is that a person's health cannot be legislated. If a person wants something, then chances are he will go through great lengths to get it. He must find it in himself to try and take a hold of the facts about soda and choose not to drink it. Taxing, or worse, banning it is going to only make things worse. If I drink a great deal of sodas without tempering myself, if I pay for it in the end, it is my responsibility and my own, and nobody else's, not even the soda manufacturer's. What about those who drink soda on rare occasions? Must they be taxed too?

I'm not against Obama's views to look after one's self, if that is even his view and not just political rhetoric to keep close his sycophants who voted for him. Government is not the answer to one's own business.

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PINKED OUT!

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On Saturday, Feb. 13, everyone's favorite bar, O'Boys, hosted the Rollins event "Pinked Out." Non Compis Mentis, Chi Psi, and Tau Kappa Epsilon organized the event, during which these three organizations raised money for Susan G. Komen for the Cure, a charity supporting breast cancer research.

In order to attend the event, guests needed to be wear pink and pay a \$5 cover fee, \$3 of which went directly to the research fund. It was a great cause, and the party attracted quite the turnout. Over 150 people attended the event, and overall the fraternities and sorority did a great job promoting attendance and raising money.

The night was a huge success, and over \$800 was donated to the foundation. This money not only came from the cover charge for the event, but also from the Date Auction that was held at midnight. Over eight boys were auctioned off from both TKE and Chi Psi, with the highest bid being \$75 for Will Bruce (Class of 2010), a brother from TKE. The Date Auction was by far the most successful and entertaining part of the night, with the men of

Rollins strutting their stuff to the fullest.

The event was also a great testament to the collaboration and sense of community that can be seen in the Rollins student body. Not only did three different Greek organizations come together and put on a highly successful charity event, but there was also a large turnout from those who are not involved in the Greek system. The sense of community was very refreshing; it was a genuinely good time, a great way to socialize outside the classroom, and for a good cause.

Siobhan Philbin (Class of 2011), vice president of NCM, offered this comment about the night:

"We were thrilled to see the turnout for this event. It was great to see so many people coming out to show their support, not only for finding a cure for breast cancer, but also for Chi Psi, TKE and NCM. The night was a huge success and we can't wait to do it again next spring!"

I think the whole campus can agree that they are looking forward to next Spring, and hopefully can raise even more money toward such a great cause.



COLLEEN MAHONEY (left)
PRETTY IN PINK: Attendees of the benefit event show some support by donning their pink.



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If the fun filled Mardi Gras activities are not enough, all of the rides are also open, including the new "Hollywood Rip Ride Rockit." These are a lot of fun, and are not terribly crowded.

Universal's Mardi Gras happens each Saturday from now until April 17. Mardi Gras is an evening event and there is no additional cost to attend – a person just needs to have a ticket to the park for that day and he or she can stay for Mardi Gras. A one day one park ticket currently costs \$54.99. Another option is to just buy a ticket for the Mardi Gras event, for a price of \$49.99.



GET DOWN TONIGHT: K. C. and the Sunshine Band rock the stage at Universal Studios. GREG GOLDEN / the sandspur



DUELING DRAGONS: Students partake in the celebration in the Cornell Campus Center. CHRISTIAN KEBBEL / the sandspur

Making Rollins a Safe Zone

MEGHAN THOMAS
the sandspur

Feb. 13 marked the second annual Safe Zone Ally training for students at Rollins. Safe Zone is a training program originally designed by AT&T, but the Office of Multicultural Affairs adopted it at Rollins several years ago. The program helps students, faculty and staff learn about GLBT (gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender) topics and issues. Dean Powers and Assistant Director of CAPS Nadine Clark led the training, which was attended by both A&S and Holt School students.

The training teaches students to facilitate discussion, helps create a safe and comfortable environment and a better understanding of differences, and helps students learn more

about the GLBT community.

The training began with an introduction and an exercise that explained terms and topics central to the GLBT community, including "queer," "heterosexism," and "homophobia." There was a discussion of the difference between sexual identity and sexual orientation. This was followed by an activity that required the participants to share a time when they felt excluded so they could understand the prejudice and exclusion that many people in the GLBT community go through every day. The program was wrapped up with action planning and the signing of a pledge to become a dedicated ally by each person who attended the training.

A Safe Zone ally is someone who supports, advocates for, and accepts people of the GLBT community. Safe Zone members work closely with Spectrum, the

GLBT student group on campus. Both organizations work very hard in order to make Rollins a safer and inclusive place.

"Safe Zone really helps promote understanding and teaches students the tools needed for greater acceptance and unity at Rollins," said Sarah Mills (Class of 2012), a student who attended the training.

Another student, Clark Hall (Class of 2012), stated, "The reason I chose Rollins is because of Spectrum and programs like Safe Zone."

Safe Zone and other GLBT awareness programs give students better opportunities to learn, promote diversity, and make Rollins a safer and more inclusive school for all of its students. A list of Safe Zone-trained allies is posted on the Office of Multicultural Affairs' website so that students can contact an ally if they are ever in need. For

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Multicultural Affairs, or Ally Green (Class of 2010), president of Spectrum, at agreen@rollins.edu.

Chang Discusses China

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I must admit that upon first hearing about Gordon Chang, I was somewhat unreceptive to his beliefs on the supposed "fragility" of the Chinese economy. Every giant, whether commercial or governmental, comes with its detractors whose main role seems to oppose the popular belief. The purpose of these detractors often seems to be to gain notoriety merely by opposing something that is seen as too "fool-proof" to sensibly oppose.

China is unquestionably one of these giants that, in the last several years, has come to be regarded by those in the global community as an entity too big to oppose; the popular view on China stating that the communist country will soon be the world's largest economically. That I first regarded Chang as a mere "detractor" was a mistake on my part, one that I realized upon hearing the author speak in the SunTrust Auditorium last Monday night.

The self-confident way in which Chang spoke was a part of it, but in reality it was altogether more than that. The statistics Chang cited for his set of beliefs regarding the imminent decline of China was steeped in claims from previous would-be economic giants. In the lecture and in his writings, Chang cites Dubai as an economy that was said to have been on the rise to eventual world domination. Chang makes the link to China by citing the increasing belief that both "suffer from overexpansion."

I found much of interest in Chang's lecture and he most certainly seemed to know what he was talking about. He began by stating his awareness that "99

percent of Google hits" on his name would "disagree" with his position, but then eloquently laid out the reasons why his position is in fact valid. Listening to him speak, I quickly became a believer that, as he says, "however fast the [Chinese] economy is growing, China's policies are unsustainable." His claim that "Beijing's flooding of state enterprises with government cash will undermine their competitiveness" makes perfect economic sense, and he uses the example of Japan in the 80s to back his assertion up.

I take Gordon Chang's argument with a grain of salt, and I think China is well on its way to leading the world economically—with a small caveat. That China will be able to maintain its estimated growth projected over the next 15-30 years is an altogether different question. With as much political turbulence as there has been in China the last two decades I find it increasingly likely that something will happen internally that will disrupt the remarkable volume of growth that China has experienced over the last several years.

Chang touched on this himself last Monday, saying that if the Tiananmen Square protests of 1989 were to happen today, that the result would in fact not be a bloody massacre. This is certainly good for humanity and the people of China, but bad for the Communist regime.

Without the ever-present threat of violence against dissidents that the Communist government has so effectively wielded to keep control of the largely disapproving population, the Communist regime's stranglehold on its own populace would crumble. Unlike the similarly bloody dissident crackdown in Iran over flawed election results last summer, the world for the most part has

overlooked China's atrocious human rights record.

When Chinese military suppressed a political uprising in Tibet two years ago it was only a minority of countries, such as France and Germany, that issued strong denouncements of the Chinese Governments. In word only, the U.S. might have acted the part, but the following summer Bush was sharing jokes with Chinese Premier Hu Jintao as the two sat side by side at the Opening Ceremony of the 2008 Summer Olympic Games, exposing the U.S. position on China as joking jester to brooding beast.

In contrast, the U.S. and the rest of the world (except of course for China) strongly condemned the Iranian crackdown for what it most certainly was — an abomination — and reacted not in word only but in action, issuing a new level of economic sanctions on the country. This abhorrent double standard reveals the biggest thing China has going for it, namely, the United States.

If we are to believe that China has "significant challenges" on the road ahead, then I for one am very relieved. But questions remain about the extent of these "challenges" because the U.S.

plays such a large role in maintaining, whether they realize it or not, China's dominance in the world.

Regardless of who occupies the White House, U.S. policy towards China has remained the same — speak softly to true allies and Human Rights advocates about China's true nature while at the same time scratching the Communist regime back — our sole intent not to anger those who can harm us with the truth. So long as China is the United States, the world's current largest economy, under its control they will be sure to fall: we will not let them.



China's growing economy

Selected results of a recent OECD study:

The big picture

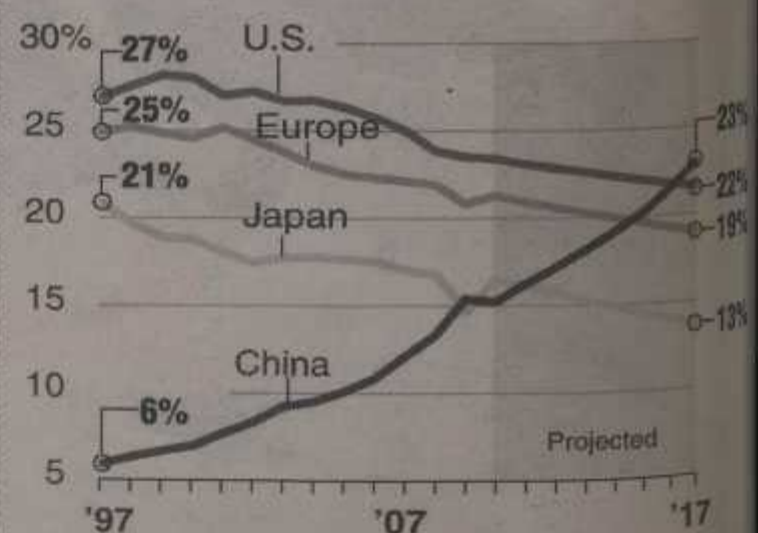
Projected for 2010, except where indicated

GDP growth	10.2%
Inflation	1.8%
Surplus/deficit % GDP	-0.9%
Trade* % GDP	5.4%
Jobless rate (2008)	5.7%
Personal savings rate (2007)	38%
*Current account balance	

Source: Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development
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Manufacturing forecast

China is on track to become the world's top manufacturer; world market share, at 2000 prices



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BY THE NUMBERS: Results of a recent Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development study on China's economy, with a chart of manufacturing compared with the U.S., Europe and Japan.

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Love, Heartache and Airplanes

DODIE O'KEEFE
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Valentine's Day is a day that often encompasses feelings of happiness, sadness, stress, hearted and hilarity. These are usually expectations waiting to be met. The recently released film, "Valentine's Day," including just about every actor ever known, portrays almost every emotion that might be felt on this non-national, yet highly celebrated, holiday.

To expand upon the immense amount of well-known celebrities in this film, here is the list: Jessica Alba, Kathy Bates, Jessica Biel, Bradley Cooper, Eric Dane, Patrick Dempsey, Hector Elizondo, Jamie Foxx, Jennifer Garner, Topher Grace, Anne Hathaway, Carter Jenkins, Ashton Kutcher, Queen Latifah, Taylor Lautner, George Lopez, Shirley MacLaine, Emma Roberts, Julia Roberts, Bryce Robinson, and Taylor Swift. Wow! How will they ever pay all of them?

"Valentine's Day" displays the lives of several different people, some entwined together, in order to depict their experiences of the holiday. Reed Bennett (Ashton Kutcher) pro-



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IN AND OUT OF LOVE: "Valentine's Day" boasts a long list of A-name actors, including from left to right Victoria Secret's Sexiest Woman celebrity of 2007 Jessica Alba, Oscar winner Julia Roberts, the multi-talented Anne Hathaway and, appearing in her first acting role, country star Taylor Swift. The list of actors may have been poison for the critics, but it has become a hit with the everyday movie-goer.

poses to his longtime girlfriend, Morley Clarkson (Jessica Alba), and is overjoyed at her acceptance. That is, however, until he is left heartbroken later in the day when she revokes her answer and moves out. Reed's disappointment is further increased because of his job at a floral company where he sees happy couples on a daily basis.

Simultaneously, Reed's best friend, Julia Fitzpatrick (Jennifer Garner), has a secret admirer (one of her students) while also

trying to save her relationship with her current boyfriend, Dr. Harrison Copeland (Patrick Dempsey). Copeland is leaving for a business meeting in San Francisco and will not be able to spend this love-filled day with her.

Meanwhile, Liz (Anne Hathaway) is dating Jason (Topher Grace) in a new and complicated relationship. The two juxtapose the older relationships with their teenage romance, filled with all the neces-

sary teenage drama.

Finally, Holden (Bradley Cooper) is on a thirteen-hour flight sitting next to Captain Kate Hazeltine (Julia Roberts) in what turns out to be one interesting journey.

"Valentine's Day" is full of wonderful twists and is definitely worth seeing. Most critics do not agree, however. Rotten Tomatoes only gave it a 15 percent on the "Tomatometer," saying that it was rushed, overcrowded, and "skits-ophrenic."

Other critics argue that "Valentine's Day" was simply a celebrity spotting rather than a movie, yet they did say that it is a good choice for a date night if you want to put a smile on your and your significant other's face. So, apparently, if you are looking for a "quality" film, "Valentine's Day" is not for you. If you are just looking to have a good time with some laughs, then it would be a great choice. Especially with that special someone.

"Diamond" in the Rough Ellen Power

SHELBY PHILLIPS
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This time last year, Diamond, the only major comic book distributor, raised its threshold from \$1500 to \$2500. The threshold is the number of sales required by Diamond for all comic book publishers to sell. Last year, this news elicited thousands of mixed reviews, loads of questions, and many raised eyebrows.

One of the many downsides to Diamond's new threshold is that it will put the squeeze on already struggling small independent comic book publishers,

snuffing out the small companies and recent start-ups. For companies like DC and Marvel Comics, this will enable them to further dominate the stands. While I enjoy DC and Marvel Comics, I love to see new material out there, too—someone's pride and joy that is just begging to be read.

With Diamond's \$2500 threshold, that will not be happening any time soon. This threshold supports its more constant consumers and the general all around "big boys" of the industry, and begins the painful process of alienating the small press publisher—something this industry was founded on which. While there are other small distributors such as Ha-

ven Distributors (formally Cold Cut), some of the independent publishers have taken on distributing their own material, as Diamond has the right to decide whether or not they will sell or even distribute that book in the first place.

This new threshold means that a publisher must consistently meet \$2500 in sales a month or else they will be dropped from Diamond's advertising book, "Previews." "Previews" is used not only by comic book retailers across America, but by vendors worldwide.

The fact that Diamond has such power—some have called it a monopoly—frightens me; I am not alone in this sentiment, as there are many in the comic book publishing world who hold similar, if not the same, opinions. Diamond seems to virtually control the industry through their choices of what ends up in the "Previews" book. Diamond is the largest comic book distributor in our nation at this time with clients such as DC, Marvel, Image, Devils Due, and others, so their impact is huge.

After Diamond takes its share of the money from distributing, and they retailer their share from selling the book, what does that leave the publisher? Or, for that matter, the talent behind the comic book? Looks like Diamond is making more money than it knows what to do with and ruling the roost a little more each year while everyone else is making less. Just something to think about in these sad days.

TJ FISHER
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As many of us know, Paula Abdul left "American Idol" this season. Her replacement is none other than Ellen DeGeneres. I was personally very skeptical of this announcement at first, and although I think I only watched the first season of "American Idol" and therefore certainly do not qualify as an avid viewer, I thought for sure it would be a terrible failure.

But it seems the show was far more successful than I expected. Critics are raving about DeGeneres, everyone from MTV bloggers to The Washington Post. Her debut brought in nearly 28 million viewers, the show's biggest viewing audi-



COURTESY OF MCT CAMPUS

MUSIC MASH-UP: The addition of Ellen DeGeneres seems to have revitalized the show that stole America's heart, which has been lagging in recent years.

ence since its season debut, and even more impressively, the biggest non-finale, non-debut Tuesday audience in nearly two years. Does this mean that the aging show is back on the rise all due to Ellen DeGeneres?

Seems crazy to me, but it might just make sense. Although DeGeneres knows nothing about music or singing, she does bring enough life and comedy to the show that the program may even be able to survive after Simon Cowell leaves.

Another entertaining portion of the show was the palpable tension between DeGeneres and Cowell regarding the producer and creator's decision to leave the show and jump on board with a new program called "The X Factor." Although the tension was there, DeGeneres joked and made little jabs at Cowell in the nicest way possible.

Although many reviews were positive, some viewers had mixed feelings about DeGeneres' comedic presence on the show. Granted, the majority of the bad comments had to do with the fact that Ryan Seacrest and DeGeneres have the same haircut, which looks dashing on both of them, if I do say so myself.

Hopefully Ellen does some great things for the program, as hard times are coming for "American Idol." First with Abdul leaving for personal reasons and now with Cowell heading out soon to produce his own series, the "X-Factor."

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Filmmakers: Start Your Cameras

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This year's Campus Movie Fest will be hosted by ACE, who will be performing the duties for their first time on Feb. 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the Alford Sports Center. Immediately following the screening will be an after party in the courtyard of the Cornell Social Science building. There will be a performance by Rollins Improv Players, along with Mardi Gras themed food. ACE will conclude the evening by announcing their plans for their Spring Concert, which will be their biggest event of the semester, and has brought in such artists as OneRepublic and Gavin Degraw.

On Tuesday Feb. 16, students flocked to the Cornell Campus Center to retrieve their equipment for the ensuing week's filming.

Jennifer Ritter (Class of 2013) signed up with the intention of creating a comedy that "should be accessible to everybody on a college campus, faculty, staff and all." She continued to say that, "it involves a confused alien. Having experience with filmmaking for class projects in high school helped her see the fun of making films, and her hope is to make people laugh at her end result."

Kimberly Brewer (Class of 2013) has no idea what her film will be about, but is excited to get started. She spent last summer helping to make a pirate movie in Bermuda, working on the costumes and make-up for the production. That film will be screened at an English film festival later this year. She hopes to achieve the same success with this venture.

Rebecca Webb (Class of 2010) hopes her film will convey a "trippy-hippy style," and will be about following your dreams. "It's about what you should get from life versus what people tell you you should. It's loosely based on life." She wants to go for it all her senior year, having been inspired by 2008's entry by Travis Ray (Class of 2011), "A Whale of a Tale."

Campus MovieFest is the largest student film festival in the world and, along with sponsor AT&T, kicked off the academic year's season of festivals in September, marking CMF's ninth year. Campus Movie Fest lends students cameras, microphones, Apple computers fitted Final Cut Pro-one of the best editing programs available-and even cell phones, all to create the best five-minute film on campus. But it's not just for bragging rights; the available prizes total over \$400,000.

Over 50 colleges and universities will participate this year, a definite success for Co-Founder of Campus MovieFest David Roemer, who recollected: "We've had an amazing journey since starting CMF as students. Working together with AT&T, we're making this year without a doubt the biggest CMF tour yet, providing masses of stu-

"On Tuesday Feb. 16, students flocked to the Cornell Campus Center to retrieve their equipment for the ensuing week's filming"

dents with unforgettable experiences, exposure, and opportunities."

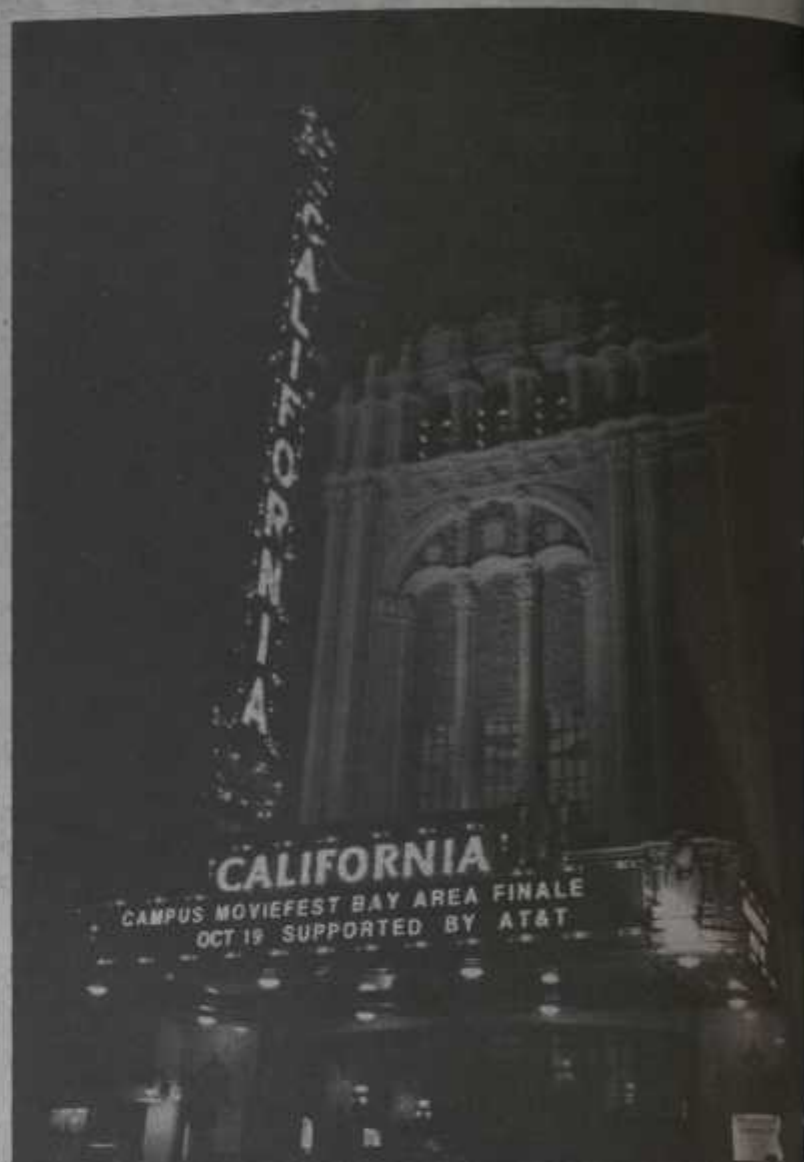
CMF staff seemed as excited, including Mimi Chan, director and Youth Marketing AT&T Mobility and Consumer Markets, who added: "Each year, Campus MovieFest provides a great stage for us to showcase some of our most popular products and services, including our latest Samsung Quick Messaging phones, while providing a vehicle for these talented students to share their unique stories with a global audience."

Each school has a group of students and faculty to view the entries, with the best 16 movies chosen shown at each school's red carpet finale. Each school's top selections-including viewer-voted AT&T Wild Card Picks selected by text voting-advance to the CMF Regional Grand Finale, with selections from these events shown at the CMF Inter-

national Grand Finale in June 2010, held at Paramount Studios in Hollywood. CMF will also award the Golden Mobile Award for students using the AT&T products they provide in innovative ways throughout their films.

Another way to win will be with a sweepstakes that allows winners from three designated regions of the nation-Western, Southern and Northern-the opportunity to attend the world's most heralded film festivals: Sundance, Tribeca or Cannes, with an additional chance to interview famous directors or producers.

For more information about the ever-growing college event visit www.campusmoviefest.com.



CAMPUS CELEBRITIES: Unpronounceable Productions, Nastassia Alayeto, Justin Wright, Travis Ray, David Celis, Merideth Paradis, and Akin Paradis created 2008's memorable film "A Whale of a Tale."



Rollins and Bentley Battle it Out Tragedy at the 2010 Olympics

GREG GOLDEN
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Rollins opened its 2010 season by splitting a three-game series with Bentley on Feb. 13-16 at Alford Stadium. Two close losses bookended two lopsided wins that left the Tars at 4-4 for the season.

A frigid winter night surrounded a tough battle when the Tars lost 4-1 to the Bentley Bruins as the series opened on Feb. 13. Great pitching from Rollins' Stephen Hiscock (Class of 2010) and Bentley's Matt Finneran stifled opposing offenses and maintained a low-scoring game until Bentley's late-inning splurge in late innings won the contest.

Rollins got on base 11 times with four hits, drawing four walks and in addition to scoring on two Bentley errors. However, getting just one run as the plate failed to earn the victory.

In game two, Rollins defeated Bentley on Feb. 14 to win the series with a 17-3 rout. Right fielder Scott Chase (Class of 2011) went four-for-five and hit a game-high 4 RBI, one of which sparked Rollins' 10-run sixth inning. The Tars chased Bentley's starting pitcher Dan Murphy in the fourth inning, securing the victory for Rollins' pitcher Tim Griffin (Class of 2010).

Game three was highlighted by a good outing from pitcher Alex Blanton (Class of 2012), who would not be called upon, but got the job done. The victory earned praise for the coaching staff from coach Tim Griffin, who said: "[Pitching] coach [Jonathan] Krot's development of our pitchers has been outstanding during his time at Rollins. We've had quality starts in our seven games this season and our bullpen has been solid."

Game four reminded fans of the first game of the series as Rollins fell 3-2 in another loss. Pitcher Marc Hewitt (Class of 2012) kept Bentley to three runs in seven quality innings, but the offense stranded seven runners on base, failing to keep up with Bentley offense.

Rollins' 2010 campaign will see them navigate a recently announced Sunshine State Conference with schools comprising some of the last five Division II national championship teams. The next series will pit them against St. Thomas with a 6-game series on Friday Feb. 19 and a doubleheader starting at 1 p.m. on the following Saturday.



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TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME: The Rollins Baseball team shows off its skills in the Alford Stadium.

DODIE O'KEEFE
the sandspur

Unfortunately, this past weekend the Olympic Games did not open by uplifting spirits. In what came as a complete shock, 21-year-old luger Nodar Kumaritashvili from the Republic of Georgia died a horrifying death within sight of the finish line during his practice round. Traveling at approximately 90 miles per hour out of the sixteenth turn, Kumaritashvili crashed into an unpadded steel pole. Though paramedics attempted to revive him, they were unable to do so. Consequently, the safety of the course has come into question, bringing to light that for months there have been concerns regarding the speed of this course and the level of difficulty. The International Luge Federation and the Vancouver Olympic officials concluded, however, that this crash was the result of human error and that there was no evidence that the track was at fault.

Statements have been made asserting that Kumaritashvili came into the turn too late, and while trying to correct the problem, lost control. To avoid further tragedy, male lugers were given two extra practice runs on Saturday, though they were scheduled to complete their practice round on Friday. Additionally, the women delayed their training for four hours. The unfortunate death brought anguish and misery upon the Olympics and the world. Olympic Committee President Jacques Rogge stated, "I have no words to say what we feel." Latvian luge federation President Atis

Strenga added, "It is a nervous situation. It is a big tragedy for all [of] luge. I hope, we all hope, it is the first accident and the last accident in this race." Aside from this terrible occurrence, the games have continued. This past Saturday, Feb. 13, in the Women's Biathlon, Anastazia Kuzmina of from Slovakia took the gold, Magalena Neuner from Germany took the silver, and Marie Dorin of France held the bronze. Also on Saturday was Women's Freestyle Skiing. Hannah Kearney of the U.S. won gold, Jennifer Heil of Canada took silver, and Shannon Bahrke of the U.S. took bronze.

In Men's Speed Skating, Sven Kramer of the Netherlands took gold, Seung-Hoon Lee of Korea took silver, and Ivan Skobrev of Russia took bronze. In ski jumping, Simon Ammann from Switzerland took the gold, while Adam Malysz of Poland took silver, and Gregor Schlierenzauer of Austria took bronze. Lastly, in the Men's Short Track event, Jung-Su Lee of Korea took the gold, while Apolo Ohno of the U.S. took silver, and J.R. Celski from the U.S. took bronze. To keep up with the Olympic Game's results, go online to nbcolympics.com.



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IN MEMORY OF: On February 12, 2010 Georgian Luge competitor, Nodar Kumaritashvili, died while practicing for the Olympic competition. There was a memorial at the Olympic games to remember him and his accomplishments.

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Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
19 Baseball vs. St. Thomas @ 1 p.m. Paula Vogel's How I Learned to Drive @ 8 p.m. Annie Russell Theatre	20 Men's Lacrosse vs. St. Leo University @ 12 p.m. Showalter Field Paula Vogel's How I Learned to Drive @ 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Annie Russell Theatre	21	22 Men's Tennis vs. Brandeis University @ 2:30 p.m.	23 Softball vs. Flagler @ 2 p.m.	24 Peer Mentor 2010 Information Session	25 Back Festival Series @ 12:30 p.m. Tiedke Concert Hall Campus Music Launch @ 1:30 p.m. Cornell Campus Center
26 Softball vs. Kentucky State @ 5 p.m.	27 Carnival @ 1-4 p.m. Milk Lovers Pepin Carnival @ 5 p.m.	28 Softball vs. Kentucky State @ 10 a.m. Men's Tennis vs. Lynn @ 10 a.m.	1 Peer Mentor Information Session @ 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.	2 Your Music at Midnight @ 11:30 p.m. Tiedke Concert Hall	3 Baseball vs. St. Anselm @ 6 p.m.	4 Music at Midway @ 12:30 p.m. - 1 p.m. Tiedke Concert Hall
5 Men's Tennis vs. West Florida @ 2:30 p.m.	6 SPRING BREAK!!	7 SPRING BREAK!!	8 SPRING BREAK!!	9 SPRING BREAK!!	10 SPRING BREAK!!	11 SPRING BREAK!!
12 SPRING BREAK!!	13 SPRING BREAK!!	14 SPRING BREAK!!	15 Classes Resume	16 Rollins and UCF Perussion @ 7:30 p.m.	17	18 Music at Midway @ 12:30 p.m. How to Write a Career Essay @ 11:30 p.m.
19 Rollins College Career Expo 2010 @ 11:00 a.m. Rollins Dance XXIV @ 7:00 p.m. in the Annie Russell Theatre	20 Rollins Dance XXIV @ 7:00 p.m. in the Annie Russell Theatre	21 "Rebuilding Links to the Museum's Past" @ 4:00 p.m. CFAM	Rollins College www.TheSandspur.org			

Starting off the Season Right

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The Lady Tars secured their second victory of their thus far undefeated season on Feb. 11 against the St. Leo Lions. The Lady Tars, who ranked 11th nationally during the preseason, swept the doubles competition winning two of the three matches by straight shut out.

At number two, Rollins' Roshni Luthra (Class of 2011) and Allie Steele (Class of 2011) beat St. Leo's Gina Schifano and Christine Clyne 8-0, and Holly Fleming (Class of 2012) and Stefania Tkach (Class of 2012) defeated Chloe Andersson and Hannah Beard 8-0 at number three. In the Number One Flight, Margaret Junker (Class of 2011) and Kayli Ragsdale (Class of 2012) beat Shaena Keefe 8-1. The Lady Tars further asserted their dominance during the singles matches, winning each of them in straight sets.

"Our match against St. Leo was a great way to start off the season at home," exclaimed team member Alli Crocker (Class of 2011). "Our hard work seemed to be paying off since everyone played with confidence and was able to win. I can't wait for the rest of the season. I know we are going to do really well since we are so deep and have great team chemistry."



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UNDEFEATED: So far the Women's Tennis team has had an undefeated season and is currently ranked 9th in Division II athletics in the nation.

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