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“WHEREAS, the auguries and the winds foretell that May the second will be a day of sunlight and beauty . . .”

How Fox Day Began

Fox Day is one result of students telling me they wanted "to do something as a college." I thought they had a point. Living in a nice little community dedicated to learning is an important part of a Rollins education. But it is not easy to plan something hundreds of young people will enjoy doing together.

As I thought the matter over, my mind kept returning to a 19th Century garden figure, a fox, that had at one time been on the campus. Originally there was a cat as well. When vandals destroyed the cat, I put the fox in storage.

I have always liked foxes. When I was a small boy, my father often drove our family through the western Pennsylvania hills in his red E.M.F. (the headlights and the coach lights on the side burned acetylene gas). When the evening mists rose in the valleys, he would say, "the foxes are cooking their supper." Foxes to me have always suggested a family gathering.

One day in the spring of 1956, I put the Fox out on the Horseshoe, cancelled all classes, and invited everyone to spend the day "doing things as a college." At the end of the day, many students had a new and warm feeling for their college.

That is why and how Fox Day began. The excerpts from a chronology prepared by Evelyn Draper in 1969 give some idea of how and why the day changed in character.

I began writing proclamations in 1963, after it had become clear many students would rather go to the Pelican (the beach house the college had in those years), than play baseball, hunt treasures, and square dance on the campus. I did want everyone back by dinner time and I wanted the whole college to hear its own choir in beautiful Knowles Memorial Chapel. The proclamations refer to events of the year, and I did use the last one to say goodbye to the college, but they were essentially attempts to get the peripatetic members of my family back on campus by dinner time.

I am putting the proclamations together at the gentle insistence of my darling wife who thinks some alumni might like to see them again. I realize that if they are read by anyone who knows little about Rollins College, he or she may think they sound rather unacademic.

Perhaps I should add that we Rollins Alumni consider campus life a valued part of the college years; that the proclamations were written for a purpose, not to be read years later; that since its founding as a coeducational institution of higher learning more than a hundred years ago, Rollins itself has a long tradition of doing things its own way; and that the education I received from Rollins College has been a welcome influence every day of my life.

Hugh F. McKean

Chronology of Fox Day

The following excerpts from a memorandum prepared by Evelyn Draper, October 23, 1969, give a fairly clear picture of how Fox Day began and how it changed through the years.

- May 17, 1956 The first Fox Day ... began after lunch and culminated that evening in the Chapel. President McKean broke the news to students who took a welcome break from scheduled plans. (Sandspur, Thursday, May 24, 1956, p. 1, 3)
- May 20, 1957 At 1:30 last Monday, students, faculty, and staff assembled in the Horeseshoe to hear President Hugh McKean pass on the message of the Fox.
... President McKean ordered that no classes or meetings be held the remainder of the day and outlawed tests and papers due the next day. (Sandspur, Friday, May 24, 1957, p. 1)
- Feb. 18, 1958 Photograph: President Hugh McKean greeted the "Fox" last Monday (February 17) night in the Chapel ... classes were called off on Tuesday (February 18). The Rollins family enjoyed a quiet day by "just taking it easy." (Sandspur, Friday, February 21, 1958, p. 8)
- March 13, 1959 The Fox arrived on campus bright and early Friday, the 13th. President Hugh McKean was at the Beanery for breakfast. He explained some of today's activities to the students. First on the agenda is a Treasure Hunt ... (Sandspur, Friday, March 13, 1959, p. 1)
- May 13, 1960 FALSE FOX DAY
Last Friday (May 13) morning, Rollins' favorite visitor, the Fox, gave the campus what was probably the biggest surprise of his career, appearing in his traditional position in front of the library, despite dire prophecies that Fox Day was a thing of the past due to lack of student participation.
Mimeographed sheets of Fox Day programs and treasure hunt clues were on hand at breakfast in the Beanery, and Student Council president Robert Fleming read to the students a letter proclaiming the holiday which "the Fox" had delivered under his door the preceding night. With President Hugh McKean enroute to California from New York City, confusion reigned in the Ad Building "A" period ... inquiries were referred to the president's office, where no one knew what was happening either. At 9:30 Dean Schiller Scroggs declared the hoax Fox Day to be official.
The student-faculty softball game took place as scheduled on the fake programs ... an informal Fox Day dance was held at 7:30 in the Center Patio. The Fox Day celebrations were brought to a close with a candlelight procession to Knowles Memorial Chapel where a short Vespers Service was held at 10:00 p.m. There the college drew a sigh of pleased relief as Dean Theodore S. Darrah read:

"Chicago, Illinois

May 13, 1960

The Fox c/o Dean T.S. Darrah
Rollins College, Winter Park, Florida

Delighted to hear of your surprise visit and that the College is all together as a family. There is nothing anywhere in the world like Rollins College.

Hugh McKean"

May 5, 1961

Early risers hoping to catch the astronaut's smoke trail over Lake Virginia were the first to see the evidence in front of Mills Memorial Library Friday (May 5) morning...

President Hugh McKean began the annual holiday with his traditional message in the Beanery at breakfast... started day by watching astronaut Alan B. Shepard become the first American to enter outer space.

President McKean and his wife were hosts at 8:30 for a dance at the Union Patio... Traditional Fox Day Candlelight service in Chapel was called off. (*Sandspur*, May 12, 1961, Friday, p. 1)

Spring, 1962

No Fox Day

'*Spur* Editorial: Pul-e-eze, Mr. President --Give us another try, huh?... Nobody sticks around to participate - or even to watch, it seems... What probably DOES concern him (the President) most of all... is that nobody comes to Fox Day. It seems that everybody goes elsewhere... that IS an exaggeration. Some people do stay, and we'll have to admit that it is somewhat unrealistic to expect everybody... We just want to offer one simple solution, on Thought For the Day, a Quick and Easy Remedy for all ills of the Fox department. It's just this: Put yourself in the President's place. What would YOU do? (*Sandspur*, May 18, 1962)

May 2, 1963

PROCLAMATION (1st) students free for the day. To assemble for a luau at 8:30 p.m. Followed by candlelight service in the Chapel.

May 6, 1964

PROCLAMATION (2nd) students free for the day. Luau from 6 to 9... students... at ten o'clock... are to assemble with no exception in the Chapel as a family, this being their way of making certain the THE FOX will visit Rollins next year...

May 11, 1965

PROCLAMATION (3rd) students free for the day... dinner will be served Hawaiian style... from 7 o'clock... the students if they wish to continue the tradition of Fox Day will assemble in the Chapel at ten o'clock...

May 18, 1966

PROCLAMATION (4th) students free for the day... they return to the campus by 6:30 for the picnic on the Horse-shoe... And I do hereby remind the students of our understanding that at the end of each FOX DAY, if they wish another, they will gather in the Chapel at 10:00 p.m. ...

Herr Fox . . . arrived on campus via Helicopter shortly after 8 a.m. Wednesday . . .

Old as he is, being an antique from France, Wednesday's arrival in the contemporary whirlybird must have been quite a shock to his 300-pound frame. (By Fran Conklin, Wed., May 18, 1966, *Orlando Evening Star*, p. 15C)

May 18, 1967

PROCLAMATION (5th) students free for the day . . . all students . . . to gather in the Chapel at ten o'clock . . . if they value this tradition.

May 14, 1968

PROCLAMATION (6th) students free for the day . . . picnic will be served at seven in the evening on the Horseshoe and all the college is welcome, and after that a meeting in the Chapel "as is our custom at ten or thereabouts" . . .

May 13, 1969

PROCLAMATION (7th) students free for the day . . . reminding all that supper will be served on the Horseshoe from six to eight or later, urging all to bring their families and reminding students of "our meeting in the Chapel at ten o'clock this night."



May 2, 1963

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the auguries and the winds foretell that May the second will be a day of sunlight and beauty;

AND WHEREAS, the students of Rollins College have covenanted with me that on the next Fox Day, even though they may disperse, they will reassemble in Rollins' magnificent Chapel, a building of great beauty designed by the world-renowned Ralph Adams Cram, and given to Rollins College by Frances Knowles Warren;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, the FOX, do declare and proclaim that the said Thursday, May 2, will be FOX DAY.

AND I DO HEREBY postpone any and all class meetings, seminars, conferences, or gatherings large or small, for any academic purpose whatsoever;

AND I DO HEREBY change the dinner hour from the usual one to the more suitable hour of 8:30 p.m.,

AT WHICH TIME, a luau will be served complete with roasted pig, fruits, flowers, and other surprises and delights, complete with music and dancing by those who know the dances commonly performed in the islands of the Pacific;

AND I DO HEREBY charge any and all who have mumus, holokus, lavalavas, or any other suitable clothes to wear such clothes to the said luau, reserving at the same time the right for those unfortunates who do not possess such clothes to wear other clothing suitable to such an occasion;

AND I DO HEREBY charge the Dean of the Chapel, Theodore Stanley Darrah, to be ready to receive all the College into his lair, having lighted it carefully beforehand with candles, rather than his customary incandescent fashion, and to have his organist and his choir, both of whom do produce such music that would rouse envy among the angels if such were possible, which it most certainly is not, assembled in the said Chapel to delight and elevate the entire College with several selections;

AND I DO FURTHER charge the students of Rollins College upon leaving the said Chapel to repair to their customary places of abode and to retire forthwith to their beds, reflecting — before the blessing of sleep overtakes them — on the beauties and glories of Rollins College.

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the FOX

May 6, 1964

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the tradewinds now add softness to the nights and freshness to the days; and phlox, that glorious flower of May, is ablaze in the Parsonage garden; and mocking birds are adding special magic to it all; and

WHEREAS, the time has come to put the College back on the track, it having been diverted by studies, tests, assignments, and other irritating measures devised by faculties throughout the years to drain the joy from college life; and

WHEREAS, on last year's FOX DAY, the students did all assemble in the Chapel, thereby making FOX DAY this year a certainty; and

WHEREAS, it is spring for foxes as well as students, and therefore time for THE FOX to be relieved from the routine which ensnares him;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE FOX, do hereby cancel all classes, meetings, conferences, appointments, or gatherings previously scheduled for Wednesday, May 6, and do declare that day FOX DAY;

THEREBY giving the students of Rollins College an opportunity to assemble in their cars and to proceed with dispatch to the beaches, springs, or other places, driving with care, and to enjoy themselves in conversation, sports, games, or other diversions of a noble and elevating nature, reminding them, however, that a

LUAU will be served in Rose Skillman Hall, complete with roast pig and other dishes having their origin in the islands, from the hours of six to nine, together with dances and music from Hawaii, a joy to eye and ear; and

I DO ALSO HEREBY give the faculty a day of freedom on which to read or rest, according to their needs or inclinations;

BUT I DO ALSO solemnly remind the students that at ten o'clock in the evening of that day, they are to assemble with no exception in the Chapel as a family, this being their way of making certain that THE FOX will visit Rollins next year, and there it is my fervent wish that the choir will sing, giving their customary attention to rhythm and harmony, thereby revealing to the students a kind of beauty not often achieved by choirs — college or not; and

I DO ALSO charge the President to speak to the College, neither reading nor rambling, but giving due consideration to a point or points, and omitting all humor, or what might pass for humor, or what might be intended to pass for humor;

AFTER WHICH, I charge the students to weigh in their minds the several implications of what he might say — and then to bed, letting their thoughts dwell for a while on the quality of Rollins College, it being a special kind not found everywhere;

AND, FINALLY, a sly wink to Flora for reasons which she knows quite well, but cannot tell — Alas!

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the fox

May 11, 1965

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Rollins' fame and fortune have been extended this year in many ways, to wit:

- By winning national reknown in the Dad Vail Regatta,
- By winning the State championship in golf,
- By placing second in the Florida Intercollegiate Conference in tennis,
- And by making impressive records in baseball and other sports;

all of which give further evidence of the skill, vigor, and will to win of Rollins' athletes;

AND, through the award of a Fulbright Fellowship to Irvin Stock, thereby adding new distinction to the English Department;

AND, by the fact that Rhea Smith's new book, SPAIN: A NEW HISTORY, is soon to be published by the University of Michigan Press;

AND, by a magnificent grant from A.G. Bush which will bring a new Science Center to Rollins' campus (and which followed closely the establishment of a graduate School of Finance and Business Administration by Roy E. Crummer last spring — both being men of character and vision);

AND WHEREAS, the faculty and students are working together to order the social life of the college, a mature approach to a problem not easy to resolve, and one which over the years will give Rollins new stature as an institution;

AND WHEREAS, spring has once again brought fresh green beauty to the cypress trees, and fragrant white beauty to the magnolias — but restlessness to the freshmen, eager to pack and be gone, and to plunge into sun-tan lotion, sand in the sandwich, lost passport, new job, new romance, and generally happy confusion of summer vacations;

AND WHEREAS, the closing of the year brings something else to the seniors; namely, a touch of uneasiness on leaving Rollins which most see at last as a friend and counselor eager to show them how to find satisfaction, honor and happiness in life;

AND WHEREAS, the last days in the enchanted world of a college senior are of especial importance since they are full of suspense, happiness, and hope, and since they can never be revisited except by the magic of memories — which inevitably fade, alter and slip away in spite of TOMOKANS, letters, vows of eternal friendship, and souvenirs;

AND WHEREAS, the students did honor the FOX DAY covenant by assembling in the Chapel at the close of last year's Fox Day;

NOW, THEREFORE, I THE FOX, DECLARE Tuesday, May the eleventh, to be FOX DAY, the day I will sit on the Horseshoe as long as the sun is up — and perhaps a little longer —

AND I DO HEREBY cancel all classes and other kinds of formal education for that day to give both students and faculty an opportunity to disperse to the beaches or other suitable places, singly or in groups, to disport themselves according to their whims and financial resources, and of course, to the state of the weather, giving each an opportunity to escape his routine, and to relax, and perchance to reflect upon those things which cannot be learned from books, and which Rollins teaches in so many ways; and especially through the spirit of the campus and the friendships between the faculty and students which this spirit makes possible;

Proclamation (Continued)

BUT I DO ALSO CHARGE the students to be alert as they drive and to bear in mind that dinner will be served Hawaiian style (Hawaiian dress encouraged) — roast pig and all — on the Horseshoe from seven o'clock until a later and suitable hour, at which the faculty are also most welcome (but not their children, a charming group which increases in number each year);

AFTER WHICH, the students if they wish to continue the tradition of Fox Day will all assemble in the Chapel at ten o'clock, or at the ringing of the Chapel bell, to hear Rollins' choir make such music that will soothe the mind and nourish the soul and to sense that warm spirit of the college so evident when it is assembled in the evening as a family;

AND FINALLY, and especially to the seniors, I send my last greetings and hopes that in the years to come they will think on Rollins with affection and that they will find those good things all men need and wise men seek, and so to each — FAREWELL.

WITNESS MY PAW AND SEAL, this eleventh day of May, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Sixty-Five; and in the years after the Founding of Rollins College, the Eightieth.

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The Fox



May 18, 1966

Proclamation

TO THE members of our victorious Baseball, Tennis and Golf teams, who have made this spring one long to be remembered because of their many triumphs, greetings;

AND TO the members of the Crews, the Soccer and Basketball teams, who have brought renown to the College throughout the year, greetings;

AND TO all others, who in so many ways — some conspicuous, some unnoticed — have added to the prestige of the College this year, greetings;

WHEREAS it has been my custom to visit the Campus in the spring so students and faculty alike can escape from the cage of routine and think on new things and possibly join in casual discussion, but thoughtful, on matters sometimes overlooked in formal education;

AND WHEREAS some seniors whose college days are rushing to their close may wish a few hours for those words of quiet conversation which can form a friendship, of which there are too few, or revive one waning through neglect;

AND WHEREAS in any life, too few days record themselves so clearly that they can be recalled in all their complex beauty;

AND WHEREAS FOX DAY has sometimes been such a day for at least a few;

I PROCLAIM Wednesday the eighteenth of May as FOX DAY for this year, and hereby cancel every class, meeting, conference, gathering, examination, test, seminar and assembly of the undergraduate college and the Crummer School of Finance and Business Administration;

AND I urge all faculty to read this proclamation (they seldom do and sometimes in dismay) noting well the invitation, and that they then if they care to gather with their wives and children, or others, and journey to nearby beaches or springs, taking with them suntan oil, and there amuse themselves as they see fit, mindful of course, of the decorum appropriate to all persons in high estate;

AND I recommend to all students that they assemble in congenial groups to discuss education or other matters, and that they, too, or at least some of them, drive to the beaches where sandpipers run on invisible legs to pounce on minute creatures in the sand, and that on the way they notice the white herons standing motionless in Florida's glorious ditches waiting for fish to come within range, taking care to drive with caution, and that they return to the campus by 6:30 for the picnic on the Horseshoe, weather permitting;

AND I do hereby remind the students of our understanding that at the end of each FOX DAY, if they wish another, they will gather in the Chapel at 10:00 p.m. or near 10:00 p.m. to hear Rollins' choir and perhaps a few words on some topic of general interest by the President whose words will be heard by some but not by others because he is not a trained public speaker and because the public-address system will not be installed, or if it is--will not be turned on, or if it is turned on--will not be functioning, a condition which causes amusement to some and dismay to the President, even though it recurs so frequently that by this time one would think he would be used to it, but which he most certainly is not, but enough of that;

AND I hereby invite all the College to a picnic on the Horseshoe starting at 6:30 p.m. today and continuing until 8:30 or perhaps even 9 but no later;

AND FINALLY to Flora, you were good to remember;

AND TO the Seniors, farewell;

GIVEN ON this day of May, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen-Hundred and Sixty-Six and in the years after Rollins' founding the Eighty-First;

WITNESS MY PAW AND SEAL.

0000 the FOX

May 18, 1967

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Florida's skies are blue and filled with winds and clouds, and spring is here, a time when chuck-wills' widows call their name at night for reasons known alone to them, but good, no doubt, and jasmine stars give fragrant beauty to the evening air, and

WHEREAS, Charles DuBois has added new and useful beauty to the campus, and the Enyart-Alumni Field House will soon follow, a symbol of the loyalty of Rollins sons and daughters, and

WHEREAS, A science center will soon rise on Rollins campus honoring Archibald Granville Bush, a man of great integrity, and vision, who embodied those ideals which build fine men and nations, and which alone will fortify this country against its enemies, and will protect it from the erosion of indifference to ancient values, and who was loved by one as fine as he, and

WHEREAS, The teams (baseball 22-11, crew 9-1, golf 12-3, and tennis 17-5) have made this year a tribute to the men and coaches, and especially to Joe Justice, a Rollins man himself and superior in every way, and "Coach of the Year" in the NCAA college baseball division, and

WHEREAS, The women's golf team has great skill, but what is more important, beauty, and

WHEREAS, The students gathered in the Chapel at ten o'clock in the evening on Fox Day last year, keeping faith with our agreement,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, The Rollins Fox, do proclaim Thursday, the eighteenth of May to be FOX DAY, and do hereby cancel all meetings, conferences, classes, seminars, and other events of an academic or learned nature scheduled for the undergraduate college of arts and sciences on that day,

AND, I DO HEREBY Grant the students permission to repair to the beaches or springs, and there to sun themselves and rest, taking care to apply suntan lotion, and to engage one another in conversation on suitable and appropriate topics, and to exchange from time to time bits of humor and clever observations, all in appropriate good taste, as is their invariable custom. And I do also release the faculty from all commitments for that day to the college of liberal arts, and I hereby suggest that they too find some meaningful and rewarding way to entertain themselves and theirs, and I hereby request Mr. Thiel, than whom there is no finer, to prepare his traditional repast and serve it on the Horseshoe to all the Rollins Family, including wives and children, from 6 to 8 p.m., or later,

AND a word to Jani - this might be the day, and

I HEREBY Remind all students that they are to gather in the Chapel at ten o'clock in the evening to hear the Rollins Choir make such music that it must be heard to be believed, and perhaps a message from the President, if they value this tradition.

Proclamation (Continued)

AND NOW, A last word to the seniors. Look well at Rollins College. If the lawns are green and the flowers bright, and if the pine trees glisten in the sun, and the faces are friendly, that is good. You see nothing but yourself.

AND listen carefully to the sounds of Rollins, and enjoy them while you may. The palm fronds rattling in the wind, the peacocks calling on the drive, the words of teachers sharing knowledge and urging wisdom, the blend of voices in the halls, the "Dinky" screeching on rusty curves, the shrill protest of speeding cars stopped suddenly, the trains sounding chord on chord as they wind through town, the Chapel bell which rang good news in 1885 and which has called you many times to think on values which will show you where all roads lead - you may strain to hear them in your memories as the years rush on, but they will never - never - never sound the same. Even that ubiquitous child who calls those few faint syllables on sunny afternoons, always far away, even he may never sound the same to you,

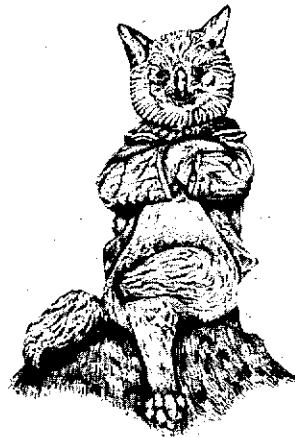
AND, As the chapters close, turn a page and then read on, but do not hurry; what you read is written by yourself,

AND, SO, Farewell.

GIVEN on this eighteenth day of May, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Sixty Seven and in the years after Rollins' founding the Eighty Second;

WITNESS MY PAW AND SEAL.

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the fox



May 14, 1968

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the mockingbirds are singing in the night, and jasmine stars are falling in our gardens, and dogwood blossoms in the woods, and mallard ducks are trailing soft flotillas, and the oak trees are green - green - green, and spring is here;

AND WHEREAS, Rollins' teams have gloriously humbled their neighbor to the north — the wearer of the green and white — in soccer, basketball, baseball, tennis, and golf — a splendid lot but less in stamina and skills than Rollins' stalwarts who have so gladdened the spirits of the college and the Fox this year;

AND WHEREAS, Rollins' noble Field House is now a fact, and stately evidence of alumni loyalty;

AND WHEREAS, the students last year gathered in the Chapel as agreed on;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, The Fox, do proclaim the fourteenth day of May to be that special day when no classes will convene in the college or the Crummer School, or meetings or seminars, this being that day when all are free to discuss important matters or while away the time in entertaining chatter, or games, or reveries, or study, remembering that a picnic will be served at seven in the evening on the Horseshoe and all the college is welcome, and after that a meeting in the Chapel as is our custom at ten or thereabouts;

BUT here, a special word to those lovely messengers in white — delay a while — a half hour or so — and then proceed with your mission;

AND NOW, a final word of greeting to the seniors who will leave the college and their friends, vowing that the passing years will not diminish ties with either — which is sadly not the case — if you have seen that college only points the way, you have learned your lessons well;

AND NOW, a special word of greeting and farewell to the geometric monster which has rumbled through the campus eighty years or so, screeching on its rusty curves and frequently denying us the solace of our dreams, and shaking dressers, beds, and bottles, and headed now for wherever old trains go, but destined to linger on in song and memory — the Dinky; we will sleep more now, but when you go you close an era, and some of us will follow soon, and all of us in time;

AND FINALLY, to those whose paths will lead them far away and never bring them back, something good from your Rollins' years is now part of you — a stroll around the Horseshoe, a well played game, a seagull on the docks, a car door closing with that well known sound, a loving glance, a whispered word and these, at least, will never change, and part of you will stay behind, and so farewell.

GIVEN in my lair on the fourteenth day of May.

WITNESS MY PAW AND SEAL.

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The Fox

May 13, 1969

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the clouds are high, and the air is soft, and turtles are lumbering out of the lakes for a high purpose, and fireflies are darting tender messages on the blackboard of the night to glow worms below, and elderberry blossoms are adding lacy elegance to the woods, and the ducks are gone except our Florida mallards, and spring has come to this great state, and

WHEREAS, our soccer, golf, tennis, basketball and baseball teams and our crew have made this a year of glory, and to be remembered, and

WHEREAS, Rollins is the kind of college which can gather in this way for gentle pleasure,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, the Rollins Fox do hereby cancel all classes, meetings, seminars and other gatherings of the residential college scheduled for this day, and urge the students to spend these hours in those pursuits which strengthen friendships and banish discord and add to memories which give pleasure and urge all others in the college to do the same, remembering that college services must be maintained and office telephones guarded, and reminding all that supper will be served on the Horseshoe from six to eight or later, urging all to bring their families and reminding the students of our meeting in the Chapel at ten o'clock this night.

And, now, a special word of greeting to our seniors, a noble class and firm in high resolve. Some of you will follow paths which lead relentlessly away. Others will return seeking talismans to banish years and bring back what is gone or never was. You will find new vistas, different sounds, eyes which glance and move away.

Then remember this. Some things do defy the years. The campus sand will be the same. The squirrels will never go. The sky will roll with the same rhythm, blue, white and blue, gray, darkness splashed with stars. And more important still, the Rollins each of you has made within himself will never change. It is forever yours. No one will tear its buildings down, or take away its friendships, its adventures, or its victories. And, also, think of this. Spring will always come, and always with it hope and that will last as long as time; and that is well.

AND, FINALLY, that quiet word of friends which heralds change and hints at feelings deep and difficult to say - farewell.

GIVEN in my lair on the thirteenth day of May, 1969.

WITNESS MY PAW AND SEAL.

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The FOX

