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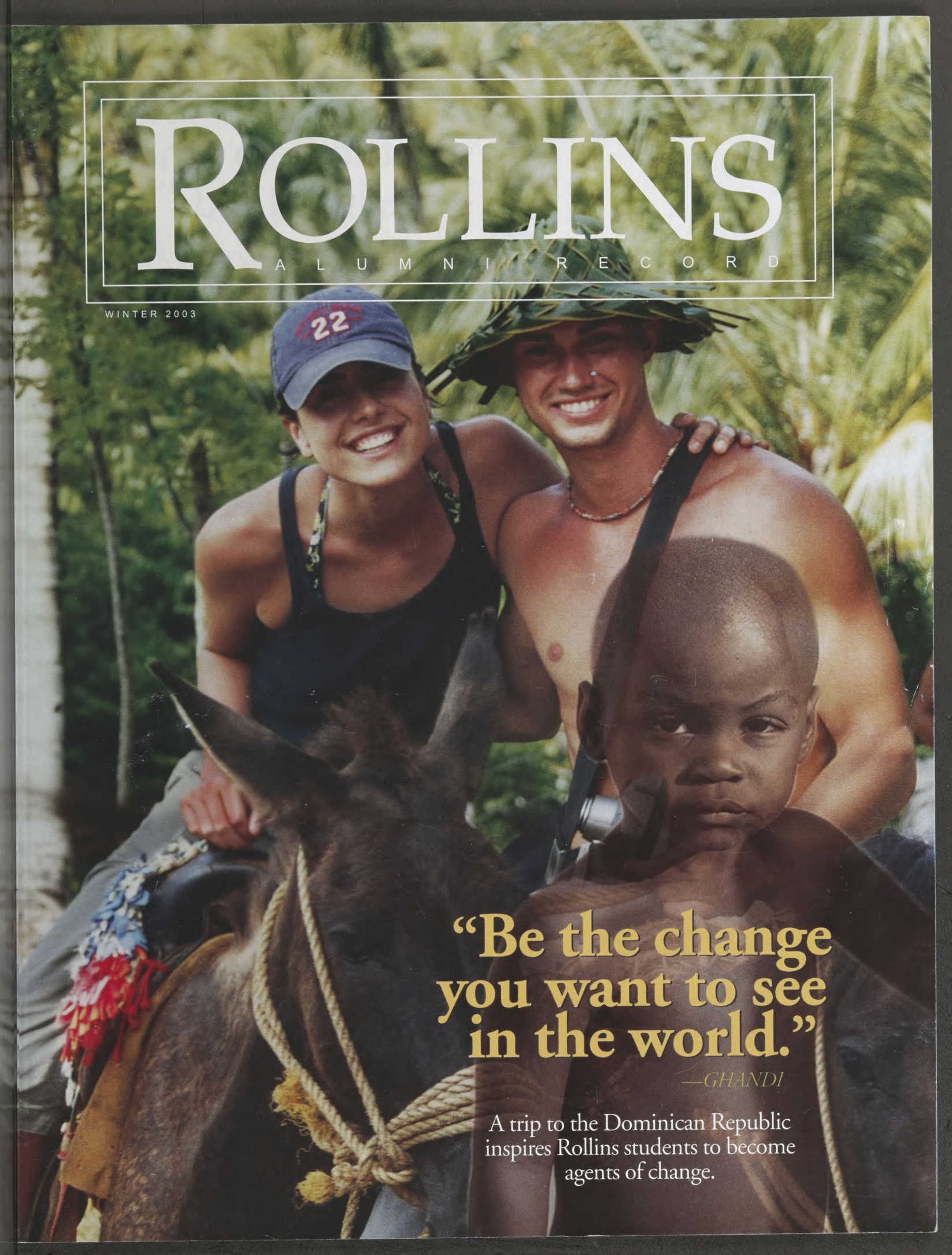

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"Be the change you want to see in the world."

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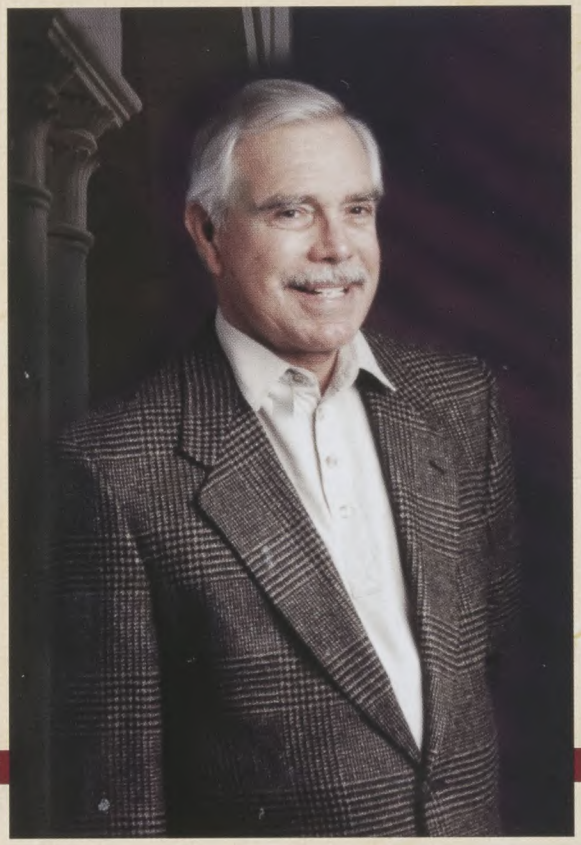
A trip to the Dominican Republic inspires Rollins students to become agents of change.

"I want to help others benefit as I did."

—Samuel A. Burchers, Jr. '49



Sam Burchers hasn't forgotten the great education, lifelong friendships, and special memories Rollins gave him. So throughout his life, he has felt compelled to give something back to Rollins.

In his college days, he was the epitome of a well-rounded liberal arts student: human resources major, active in the Delta Chi fraternity, successful student-athlete who lettered in both football and crew, active with the Annie Russell Theatre, member of Omicron Delta Kappa. Upon graduation, in recognition of his character and contribution to the Rollins community, Burchers was named an Algernon Sydney Sullivan Scholar and awarded the prestigious Algernon Sydney Sullivan Medallion.

His list of post-college activities is equally impressive. In the 1950s, he worked for the CIA as an intelligence officer stationed in Asia during the Korean War, and later in Latin America. He left the CIA to marry Marta Hernandez, a Mexican national tennis champion, and settled in Punta Gorda, Florida, where he spent the next few decades engaged in land development. He and his two sons, Sam III '82 and Bryan, are writers and publishers of a highly successful series of educational books titled *Vocabulary Cartoons*, designed to enhance vocabulary through the tools of mnemonics methods, rhymes, and cartoons.

In addition to his career achievements, Burchers has had lifelong avocational interests in writing, tennis, and treasure hunting in Florida waters. He is particularly proud of his 21-year record as a volunteer football coach at Charlotte High School in Punta Gorda.

Burchers attributes much of his success in life to the foundation and life skills established at Rollins, and he has remained tightly connected to the College through the years by keeping in touch with friends, attending reunions, and supporting Rollins as a volunteer and financial supporter.

When Burchers was considering a planned gift for Rollins that would be mutually beneficial, he found that a charitable remainder trust would bring him quarterly lifetime income while benefiting the College at the time of maturity. Through this gift, he obtained a significant charitable income-tax benefit, avoided capital gains on the appreciated property conveyed to the trust, and has continued to receive a significant annual income. His planned gift also qualified him as a member of the Rollins College Cloverleaf Society in grateful recognition of his support.

Burchers encourages others to follow his example. "The unique student experience found at Rollins is rarely duplicated, and I am pleased to be able to help Rollins in any way I can to help ensure that others in the future can benefit as I did."

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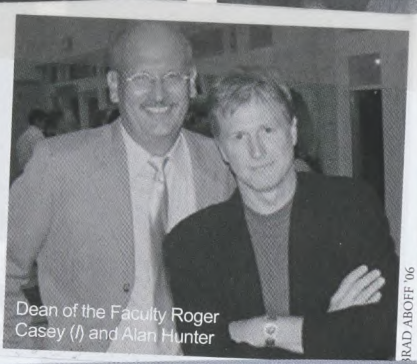

Dean of the Faculty Roger Casey (*l*) and Alan Hunter

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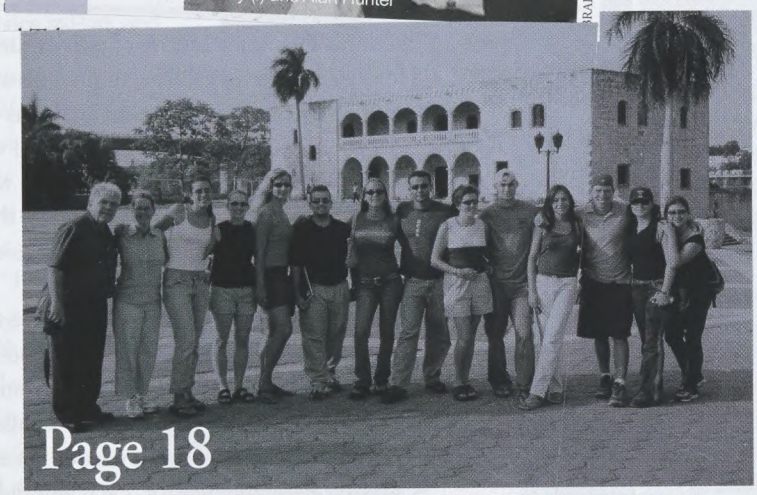

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Professor Pedro Pequeño (*l*) and *Alumni Record* assistant editor Suzanne Beranek (*2nd from l*) with Rollins students in the Dominican Republic, May 2002

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Since Last Time...

• **Former Rollins president Hamilton Holt** was featured in a *New York Times* article. The story shared Holt's beliefs regarding small classroom sizes and the Conference Plan he instituted at Rollins in the 1930s, which gained national attention.

• **Professor of English Alan Nordstrom** did summer research at the Dartmouth College and Middlebury College libraries for a first-ever fall course on Robert Frost. He also recently had a Frost-like poem accepted for publication by *The Formalist*.

• **Artist-in-Residence Alan Morrison** was the featured recitalist last summer at the National Convention of the American Guild of Organists, where he played four recitals at the Princeton University Chapel. Morrison was also appointed head of the organ department at the prestigious Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

• **Professor of Communication Marvin Newman** was appointed by Governor Jeb Bush and confirmed by the Supreme Court of Florida for a four-year term as chair of the Student Education and Admissions Committee.

• **Associate Professor of Biology Judy Schmalstig** published an article that won the "Outstanding Vegetable Publication" award by the American Society of Horticultural Sciences. The article, "Developmental Anatomy of Zucchini Leaves with Silverleaf Disorder Caused by the Silverleaf Whitefly," was co-authored by Schmalstig and Heather J. McAuslane. ■

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2 Number of people who graduated with B.A. degrees in Rollins' first graduating class in 1890.

782 Number of people who graduated from Rollins in the spring of 2002 with associate's, bachelor's, and master's degrees.

America Still Wants Its MTV

"I want my MTV" became the catchphrase of the eighties as the music-video channel took a stronghold on the American pop-culture scene. As MTV became an icon, so did its hosts. One of those original VJ's, Alan Hunter, visited the campus in October and offered a first-hand perspective on how MTV and the eighties changed America. His visit kicked off the new Dean's Lecture Series on Popular Culture.

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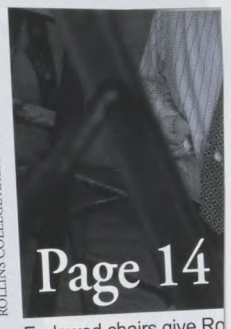
A look at Rollins golf through the years



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Endowed chairs give Ro

Dean of the Faculty Roger Casey introduced his longtime friend to the audience and said, "I could think of no one I would rather be introducing. When it comes to MTV and the zeitgeist of the eighties, Alan was there, and helped make it what it was."

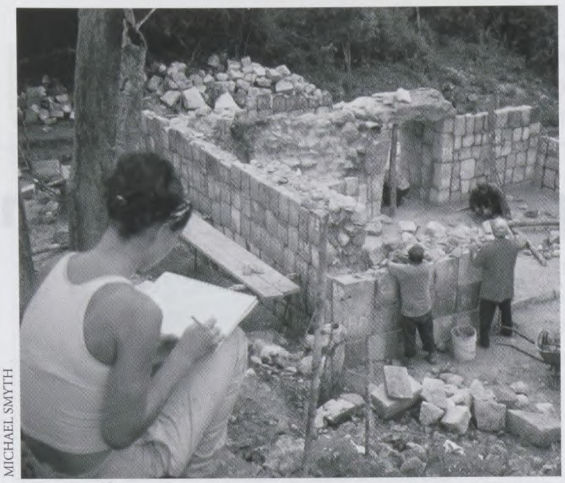
Hunter enthusiastically talked about his role in the history of pop culture and how MTV changed his life. He explained that in the beginning, no one realized just how powerful the cutting-edge music-video channel was or what a powerhouse it would become. "Those of us in the MTV world who interfaced with rock music on a regular basis didn't really know what was going on," he said. "We were isolated in a bubble and didn't yet realize the magnificence of MTV. It was so powerful that it pushed everything else aside, and its popularity was brought to the forefront."

Hunter recalled stories about the people he interviewed along the way and said the celebrity he most enjoyed meeting was Walter Cronkite. He also interviewed Madonna before she came into fame, and other such notables as Ozzy Osbourne, Billy Joel, and Tom Cruise.

Hunter has remained a part of the entertainment industry as both a successful actor and director. He is also the founder and executive director of the annual Sidewalk Moving Picture Festival, which just completed its fourth and most successful year. He and his brother created Hunter Films, Inc., a film-development company focused on the development of independent film projects for theatrical release, original television and Internet programming, and commercials. ■

Other Fall Visitors of Note

- Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Charles Wright, author of *Black Zodiac*
- U.S. Senator Bob Graham and three other intelligence experts, who spoke on "Intelligence Requirements for the 21st Century"
- *Miami Herald* columnist Dr. Edward Wasserman
- Homer Hickam, Jr., author of the best-selling autobiography *Rocket Boys* (also published as *October Sky*)
- Award-winning environmental journalist and author Bill Belleville
- Independent film producer Amy Hobby



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This past summer, a group of Rollins students learned about life in the trenches of Turkey and the Yucatan as participants in several archaeological field schools. Here, **Jane Wurzelbacher '04** does a scale drawing at the site of the excavation of a 7th-century Maya stone building at Chac in the Yucatan. The project was co-sponsored by the National Geographic Society and Rollins College. Other Rollins students worked on excavations at a nearby site in the Yucatan and as participants in the ACS Archaeology Program at Hacimusalar, Turkey.

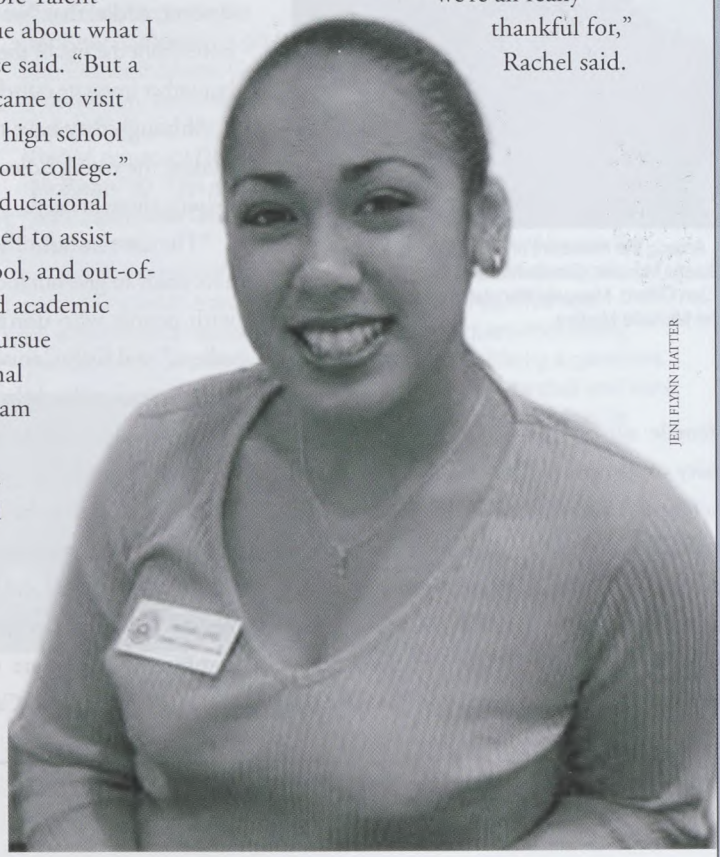
Finding Talent in Our Own Backyard

When **Rachel Luce '03** was a student at Poinciana High School in Central Florida's Osceola County, she had no idea she would end up studying anthropology at Rollins College. Then, her older sister, Belinda, introduced her to the Rollins College Educational Talent Search Program, and her life changed. Thanks to Talent Search, Luce, like her older sister, was able to figure out how to get to college and what she wants to be when she grows up. "Before Talent Search, I didn't have a clue about what I wanted to major in," Luce said. "But a Talent Search counselor came to visit me once a month during high school and gave me guidance about college."

Talent Search is an educational guidance program designed to assist middle-school, high-school, and out-of-school students who need academic advisement in order to pursue post-secondary educational opportunities. The program helps about 800 young Central Floridians a year.

Following a national competition for funding, the U.S. Department of Education offered the Rollins College Educational Talent Search Program continued support for the 2002-2003 school year. This is the fourth time Rollins has been selected for funding.

Luce now knows exactly what she wants to be when she grows up: an anthropologist who works in the film industry doing research for big-screen movies. Her younger brother Adam is following in his older sisters' footsteps: he is currently in the Talent Search Program at Poinciana High School. "Talent Search is a family tradition with us. It's one that we're all really thankful for," Rachel said.



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SportsScene

TARS ON TOP OF THEIR GAME

• **Father-Son Duo Claims Trophy**—Last summer, **Rob Oppenheim '03**, who last year led the Tars to the NCAA Championship title, teamed up with his father, alumnus **Jim Oppenheim '68**, to win the 26th Annual Massachusetts Father & Son Championship. The pair shot a two-under-par 67 to claim the trophy in the event that was named in memory of Jim's father and brother, Lester and Peter Oppenheim. Jim said the win was a great honor that they will forever cherish.

• **Men's Golf Coach Named Coach of the Year**—In August, Kyle Frakes was honored as the *Golfweek* and Golf Coaches Association of America "Coach of the Year" for NCAA Division II. Last season, Frakes led the Rollins men's golf team to victory in the NCAA Division II Championships and to the Sunshine State Conference Championship. The national championship was the first for men's golf at Rollins in 32 years and the conference championship was their first since 1982. Frakes was also named Central Florida Amateur Coach of the Year at the Central Florida Sports Awards Program in November.

• **New Rollins Men's Tennis Coach**—Ron Bohrnstedt was named the College's new head men's tennis coach this fall, replacing Jim Poling, who resigned to accept a similar position at the U.S. Military Academy. Bohrnstedt served as assistant coach for the Tars during the 2001-2002 season. "I am thrilled to be taking over a program with such a rich history," he said. "The team has the talent and experience that should make them a national contender again this season."

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These Latin Women Are Making Themselves Known

They established the first Hispanic sorority at Rollins College

Orlando Sentinel

BY WALTER PACHECO,
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For the first time, Rollins College has a Latin female sorority that is looking to promote the Hispanic culture and the role of the young Latin females in the community.

Chi Upsilon Sigma becomes the third Latin female sorority in Central Florida—the University of Central Florida (UCF) already has two, including Lambda Theta Alpha, founded in 1975, which was the first Latin sorority in the United States. "We want to demonstrate to the Latin community, where you encounter a lot of male dominance, that Latin women can be independent, professional, and needed in the development of the community," said Michelle Medina, 21 years old and of Dominican descent, and founder of the group.

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UNITED. Among the members of the Chi Upsilon Sigma are *(l-r)* Giselle Morales, Ginelle Morales, Madelyn Santana, Jen Gillard, Manuela Maculet, Itzia Rivera, Lisa Reyes, and Michelle Medina.

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—Michelle Medina '03

Chi Upsilon Sigma consists of eight members of Puerto Rican, Dominican, and Peruvian descent; there are also natives of Puerto Rico and Brazil.

The small sorority can't compete with the Latin sororities of UCF, including Sigma Lambda Gamma, because they are larger, with more than 30 members.

Despite this, their mission is ambitious. Among their principal themes are education, political awareness, and Hispanic culture. **Giselle Morales**, 21 years old and of Puerto Rican descent, said that the themes attracted them to the group. "Through this group, we can promote our interests to the rest of the school," Morales said.

Madelyn Santana, 21 years old and of Dominican descent, added that "we don't want to separate ourselves from the rest of the school and the community, but rather integrate ourselves."

Although they have to accomplish their college studies, the young ladies dedicate some weekends to helping those in need.

"They are in our office on some Saturdays at 8 a.m. ready to give out food and clothing, and to chat with people who don't have social contact with others," said Kelly Caruso, president of Ripple Effect, an organization that helps those in need in Orlando.

The youths recently helped to paint the walls of the PACE Center for young women in Orlando.

Caruso adds that the efforts of the sorority sisters promote the development of women.

"They are women and Latin, two minorities in our society, and still they give their time to better the community…they are excellent examples for all young, Latin women," Caruso said. ■

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A BANNER YEAR IN GOLF

Rollins' 2002 NCAA Division II National Championship men's golf team is currently being recognized along with other 2001-02 championship winners at the NCAA Hall of Champions at the NCAA Headquarters in Indianapolis. Banners of all national championship teams are displayed at the facility for one year before being returned to the respective schools. Rollins recently received back from NCAA the banner recognizing the 2001 men's tennis national champions, and it is now on display in the Alfond Sports Center.

A New View

Construction changes the face of Rollins

Rollins College continues to build for the future, and the most visible changes can be seen at the campus's main entrance at Park and Fairbanks Avenues.

The Board of Trustees, along with 200 community leaders and friends of the College, gathered during a special ceremony in October to officially dedicate the **McKean Gateway**. A gift from the Elizabeth Morse Genius Foundation, the Gateway was built in memory of former Rollins president **Dr. Hugh F. McKean '30 '72H** and his wife, **Jeannette Genius McKean '62**.

Just to the east of the beautiful marble entranceway is what will soon become a new soccer complex featuring **Cahall-Sandspur Field** and **Barker Stadium**. Work on the project began last summer with the construction of a beautiful wrought-iron fence around the College's only on-campus playing field. During a special celebration in September, President Rita Bornstein introduced the "dream team" of donors who are making the soccer complex a reality, including **Peter Cahall '71**, for whom the field will be named, and **Frank '52** and **Daryl Stamm Barker '53**, who gave the lead gift for the stadium. The project is slated for completion before the start of the fall 2003 soccer season.

(l-r) Athletic Director Phil Roach, Frank Barker '52, President Rita Bornstein, Daryl Stamm Barker '53, and Peter Cahall '71

Under construction to the west side of the McKean Gateway is the new **Rinker Building** that will house the offices of Admission and Financial Aid. This new 10,700-square-foot facility, made possible by a generous gift from the Marshall and Vera Lea Rinker Foundation, is scheduled for completion during the summer of 2003.

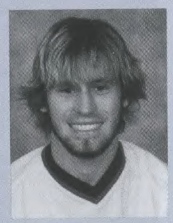
These new additions will enhance an already beautiful campus that has earned national recognition for its architecture and landscaping in recent years, including designation by *Princeton Review* as the fourth most beautiful campus in the nation.■

—Ann Marie Varga '82

SportsScene

Fall Sports Wrap-Up

• Rollins' waterski team claimed the Division I Championship at the Collegiate National Championships in Santa Fe, Texas. Freshman **Tarah Benzel** was the overall women's champion while winning the trick and jump events. Freshman **Michelle Simpson** claimed the women's slalom title, while sophomore **Ty Oppenlander** won the men's slalom.



• Senior soccer standout **Clayton Chesarek** became the 23rd Verizon Academic All-American in school history as he was named to the Verizon College Division Academic All-America second team for men's soccer. Chesarek finished third on the team in scoring with 19 points, including eight goals.

• A total of 11 players from the men's and women's soccer teams were named to the All-Sunshine State Conference team. The men's team finished third in the league with a 13-6-1 overall record. **Matthew Camacho** earned first team All-SSC honors while **Justin Corrado**, **Ben Munson** and **David Dwyer** were named to the second team. **David Pitt** and **Daniell Robertson** were honorable-mention selections. The women's team also placed third in the conference with an 11-7-1 overall mark. **Dana Wilcox** and **Keri Dye** received first team All-SSC recognition, while **Jennifer Odebrecht**, **Kate Moran**, and **Ali Wool** were second team all-conference selections.

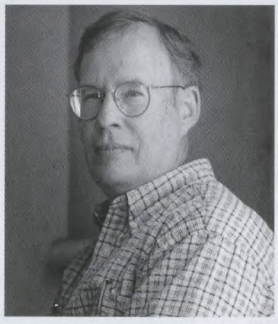
• Senior volleyball standout **Noelle Moore** completed her career as Rollins' career leader in kills and was recognized as a second team All-SSC selection. Senior **Tammara Sanchez** finished up second in Rollins history in kills and first in digs. Freshmen **Julia Caner** and **Allison North** were named to the SSC All-Freshman team. The volleyball team's 23-14 record was its best record since 1995.

• **Alumni Sports News:** Former men's soccer standout **John Smith '97**, the career scoring leader in Rollins men's soccer history, has been selected to the Sunshine State Conference Hall of Fame. He will be one of seven individuals inducted into the Hall of Fame at the annual Hall of Fame Banquet on February 27 in Lakeland, Florida.

ViewPOINTS

As the Rollins community paused to reflect on September 11, we asked members of the faculty to share their views on terrorism and the current state of affairs.

Michael Cipollaro, Visiting Associate Professor, Crummer Graduate School of Business—"9/11 and the threat of additional terrorist acts have exacerbated an already-weakened global economic situation. The most obvious result is a significant decrease in international travel, both business and tourism, with its impact on a host of travel-related industries. The longer-term consequences include a redirection of government spending away from education, health care, and other such areas, and toward military defense and security industries. A decline in consumer confidence about economic growth prospects is an important part of the equation, and a decline in consumer spending could result in a self-fulfilling prophecy of a weak economy for the next several years."



Tom Lairson, Professor of Politics—"One of the major threats posed by terrorists is the combination of a physical attack with a cyber attack that would disrupt the ability of police, fire, and rescue workers to respond, along with a cyber attack on a key infrastructure such as the electric grid. This would create much greater havoc and have the consequence of increasing the terror effect."

Yudit Greenberg, Professor of Religion and Director of Jewish Studies—"There has been increased interest in the study of religion among our students since 9/11. More important is our students' need to reflect and share their thoughts and experiences of faith and spirituality."

Rollins Remembers September 11

People all over the world mourned the anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attacks, and the Rollins community remembered those who were lost that day by dedicating a memorial stone that contains a World Trade Center fragment. The stone sits in front of the Warren Administration Building and reads simply, "In Memoriam –September 11, 2001—WTC." Rollins alumnus **Manny Papir '89**, who served as deputy chief of staff to former New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, gave the fragment to the College.

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The Knowles Memorial Chapel was standing-room-only for the commemoration, and more than 80 Winter Park police officers and firefighters attended. "The sacrifice and heroism of those who died and those they left behind serve as models of virtuous behavior for our students and for all of us," President Rita Bornstein said. The emotional ceremony concluded with a bagpipe rendition of "Amazing Grace."

Campus events concluded with a candlelight vigil on the Mills Lawn. Students, faculty, and staff lit candles in memory of the men and women who lost their lives during the attacks, while representatives from various campus religious organizations offered thoughts and prayers. Following the vigil, two large spotlights lit the sky in remembrance of the World Trade Center buildings as the movie *America: A Tribute to Heroes* played on a big screen. ■

Rollins Reaches Out

"I've done a lot of community service, but this project was extra special for me," said **Alyssa Williamson '06**, who spent one of her first days at Rollins working with Green-Up Orlando to landscape an area that will soon provide public housing. Williamson was one of 460 incoming Rollins freshmen who got to know Central Florida by taking part in "Reach Out," a new community-service outreach project coordinated by the Office of Community Engagement. The project, which was the culmination of Orientation, was launched this year in an effort to immediately engage new students in community service. "We want students to know from the time they arrive on campus that community involvement is an important part of the Rollins experience," said program coordinator Lauren Smith.

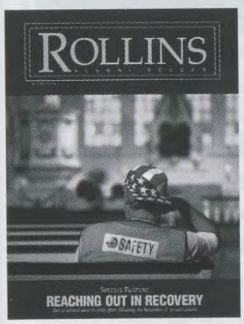
"Reach Out" united new students with local community organizations to take part in various renovation and clean-up projects at 14 Central Florida locations. About 60 Rollins students worked with the House of Hope to renovate the space that will eventually become a Teen Center. Others spruced up schools, sorted food at a food bank, and built houses for Habitat for Humanity.

Williamson said the experience was one she won't soon forget. "I moved here from Atlanta and it was a great experience for me to get into the community and be part of something tangible," she said. "Rollins has a very active student body, and I'm looking forward to more opportunities like this in the future." ■

Freshman Fast FACTS

- 460 students in the class of 2006
- Selected from applicant pool 46 percent larger than four years ago
- 44 percent are from Florida, 33 from additional states
- 60 percent are women
- Represent 10 countries
- Represent 325 high schools from across the country and the world

Magazine Earns Writing Award for Sept. 11 Feature



The *Rollins Alumni Record* received a first-place "Charlie Award" for writing excellence at the Florida Magazine Association's annual magazine awards ceremony in August. The winning entry for best feature article, "Reaching Out in Recovery," by free-lance writer Ann W. Mikell, featured Rollins alumni who played major roles in the recovery efforts following the September 11 terrorist attacks on America. The article ran in the magazine's Winter 2002 issue. ■

Rollins Report Card

- For the eighth consecutive year, Rollins College has been ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* as one of "America's Best Colleges." Rollins ranked second among regional universities in the South and first in Florida in the magazine's annual rankings. Rollins was also ranked first in Florida in the "Great Schools at Great Prices" category for offering the best value, which relates academic quality with the net cost of attendance for a student who receives the average level of financial aid.
- An article entitled "Redefining Presidential Leadership in the 21st Century" by Rollins College President Rita Bornstein was published in the Fall 2002 issue of *The Presidency*, a monthly magazine for higher education leaders published by the American Council on Education.
- *The Princeton Review* ranked Rollins the fourth most beautiful college campus for 2003. The ranking is included in the "Best 345 College Rankings" book.
- In July, Rollins College received a Circle of Excellence award in Educational Fund-Raising from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) for overall performance in fund-raising.
- *Orlando Leisure* magazine voted Rollins College the best place in Central Florida to "Expand Your Mind." The ranking was listed in the magazine's September issue in the "100 Hot Spots" feature section. The Bach Festival was also listed in the "Gotta be in town for these 15" category. ■

Body Language

JUDY WATSON TRACY

In Barbara Carson's English classes, actions speak louder than words. Carson hopes her passion for teaching will make a difference in her students' lives.

BY SUZANNE BERANEK

Years ago when 7-year-old Ashley Carson was not feeling well, her mom brought her to her *Introduction to Literature* class. Professor Barbara Carson conducted the class in her usual manner, pacing around the room and gesturing as she conversed with her students. At the end of class, Carson's daughter handed her mother a note that read, "Mommy, you move too much." It's become a family joke.

But it's no joke to Carson's students and colleagues at Rollins. In fact, they couldn't imagine her any other way. Those signature gestures are symbolic of Carson's intense passion for teaching.

"How can anyone slouch or resist being drawn in when there you are, pacing around, arms flailing, and excitement building?" commented English majors from the fall 2001 Senior Assessment class in a 500-word letter to their professor. "Even when you can't quite understand what we're trying to say… you always find some significant point in our attempts. Then there are the times when it becomes clear to you—the times when you clap your hands so loudly the entire class jumps, or when an unsuspecting student accidentally takes a blow to the head."

This kind of appreciation for such enthusiasm in their professors was echoed by hundreds of Rollins alumni in their responses to a survey Carson conducted in 1995 concerning the characteristics of effective teachers. "They remembered their professors who felt passionate about them as students and about their subject matter, who were effective at communicating those two things," Carson said. "They remembered their professors' engagement, respect, commitment. They recalled professors

who connected with them both in and out of the classroom. And high standards were seen as signs of respect. 'He demanded a lot of me, but of himself, too' was an underlying characteristic. They remembered professors whose actions said, 'I value you; I think you have a good mind you can use,' which empowered the students to learn self respect and esteem."

The survey results indicated without question that teaching really *does* matter. "We're reminded that lives are changed here; pay attention," she said. For Carson, no one has described more movingly the kind of teacher she'd like to be than Walt Whitman, whose thoughts from *Song of Myself* she likes to quote:

I am the teacher of athletes,
He that by me spreads a wider breast than my own proves the width of my own,
He most honors my style who learns under it to destroy the teacher...
I teach straying from me, yet who can stray from me?
I follow you whoever you are from the present hour,
My words itch at your ears till you understand them.

"When I hear those words, I can just picture a teacher thinking, 'you're not going to escape,'" Carson said. She believes that Whitman's words demonstrate the "reciprocal helping that's so much a part of what Rollins is."

No doubt Carson, who began teaching at Rollins in 1979 as an assistant professor of English and has offered courses ranging from *Women Writers* to *Death in the American Novel*, knew the qualities of an excellent teacher before the survey was conducted. Her 33-year teaching career has been sprinkled with awards and accolades: She was twice selected by the students for the Hugh F. McKean Award, twice named an Arthur Vining Davis Fellow by her peers, received the Hamilton Holt School's Distinguished Teacher Award, and was selected by the students and administration to deliver the commencement address in 1986. She was one of eight national finalists in the Council For Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) Professor of the Year Competition in 1984. And, in 1994, the ultimate honor in academia was bestowed on her when President Bornstein named her to the Theodore Bruce and Barbara Lawrence Alfond Chair of English. In addition to these achievements, Carson has completed 30 articles and presentations over the years, and her research into the characteristics of good teachers has garnered national attention. Currently, she is among a group of faculty who are taking the lead to boost Rollins to the next level of academic excellence.

Much of Carson's inspiration comes from one of her favorite writers, Eudora Welty, a southern writer who "has the ability to peel back the layers of people," she said. "In *Losing Battles,* Welty sees in simple people the same value we might see in heroes." For both Welty and another subject of Carson's research and writing, novelist Anne Tyler, a common theme is that heroism is a part of ordinary life. "They remind me to look for the good, the complicated, where it's least expected," Carson said. "Even in the classroom, Welty's sense of the human mystery reminds me that I can't figure out the students and shouldn't wish to."

Carson's study of Welty—reflected in three national conference presentations, four academic articles, and a book *(Eudora Welty: Two Pictures at Once in Her Frame)*— actually began with an essay on the author that she wrote when she was an English major at Florida State. "She has been part of my life for many years, and she has helped with one of my crucial challenges: to find balance and reconcile apparent opposites. Welty started as a photographer, capturing moments, but she encouraged us to look at what is *behind* the snapshot."

Another of Carson's passions, children's literature, surfaced in later years when Carson's daughters had grown and were going off to college. "We teach what we need," she said. At that point in her life, Carson needed to understand the transitions of children, and did so by looking at the classics of children's literature from an adult perspective. "It's great fun to introduce students to the psychological implications of fairy tales and works like *Bambi, Peter Pan,* and *Treasure Island,*" she said. "And my students' closeness to childhood gives them a perspective that teaches me things I've forgotten."

Her newest interest is researching the "good life" in 19th-century American literature. "In America, we tend to give lip service to the simple in discussing the good life," she said. "And yet, what I'm finding is the value of an emotionally complex life in relationships." She's studying Thoreau, Hawthorne, Melville, Henry Adams, and Mark Twain.

By far the greatest passion in Carson's life is her children—Ashley, now 27, and Bethany, 26. "They serve as sources of strength and inspiration to me," she said. "They've given me so many gifts."

Teaching holds a close second, however, and she credits childhood teachers with showing that learning can be a source of happiness. "I was the daughter of sharecroppers," Carson said. "No one in my family had even gone to college. But early teachers—especially two from junior high—recognized the untapped hunger for growth in a young life. That lingering influence of a teacher—I know it personally, and I hope something I do will be remembered by my students, too." ■

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Rollins Golfers Provide Links to the Past

By Bobby Davis '82

Perhaps inevitably at an institution known for its lush 67-acre lakeside campus, and located in a town that sports a golf course at its center, golf has a rich tradition at Rollins College. Although Rollins players have hit a few "foozlers" along the way, they have also racked up an impressive number of team and individual championship honors.

Those enterprising students who painstakingly lay out frisbee golf courses across the Rollins campus and surrounding area do so unwitting of the fact that the Winter Park golf course once was part of the campus. Charles Hosmer Morse built the original Winter Park golf course, which opened in 1899. The nine-hole course stretched from the present Winter Park Woman's Club, west to the Dinky Line, south to Lake Virginia, and ending near the corner of French and Holt avenues. The Winter Park Golf Club opened in 1900, and on May 4, 1901 hosted a scratch tournament of 36 Rollins students. The top scorer, in 36 holes of play, was **Edward Brewer** with a 202, and he was followed by **Colly Pinkerton** with a 208 and **Arthur Maxson** with a 215. "These scores, while very large, were as low as one could expect when the poor condition of the course is considered," commented the *Orlando Evening Star* after the match." This situation was rectified somewhat that summer, when Bermuda grass was sown to provide a fine turf.

Women's golf also began early at Rollins, at the very same Winter Park Golf Club tournament. **Edna Brewer** won the women's scratch tournament the next day, shooting a 148 on 18 holes.

After the original course closed down in 1912, Rollins players made their home at Dubsdread in College Park, the Tuscawilla, Country Club, Orlando Country Club, and other local courses that would have them. The first golf team at Rollins appears to have been a "golf club" established in 1923 by **John Bostwick '28** and **Ted McCown '26**, who offered golf lessons to anyone else interested in joining. Rollins began playing golf on an intercollegiate schedule in 1931, coached by Sanlando pro Art Miles, and the team won its first intercollegiate men's match on March 6, 1931 against the University of Florida. That first team was composed of **Carl Dann, Jr. '34** (national golf club champion before entering Rollins and future co-owner of Dubsdread), **Fred Newton '34**, **Logan Jenkins '31**, **Robert James '31**, **Chet Brown '34**, and longtime Rollins trustee **Bill Miller '33**. Rollins played in the South-eastern Conference against the University of Florida, the University of Miami, the University of Georgia, North Carolina State University, the University of North Carolina, Davidson University, and other large schools.

In the same year the men began intercollegiate play, a women's team was also established, although without a coach or intercollegiate schedule. Indeed, for many years, into the 1970s, the genius of the Rollins women's golf program was that a succession of star Rollins players won tournaments and built the College's athletic reputation without officially having a women's golf team or a true coach. Year after year, club, city, and state women's amateur champions attended Rollins College, got their degrees, and played golf at a remarkably high level despite little coaching or institutional support. Priscilla Hanks served as the first coach in 1933, and by the next year, 12 women played intramural golf.

By the 1940s, however, women's golf both at Rollins and as an intercollegiate sport began coming of age. The 1942 team of **Peggy Kirk '43** (now Bell, a legendary player and teacher, and one of the original pioneers of the Ladies Professional Golf Association), **Georgia Tainter '46**, **Mary Jayne Garman '46**, and **Sally Mendelson '45** all won club championships in Florida and the Southeast. The Women's Intercollegiate Golf (WIG) Tourney began in 1945. In the fourth annual WIG Tourney in 1948, the team of **Rosann Shaffer '49**, **Clara Jane Mosack '50**, **Judy Baker '51**, and **Alice O'Neal '48** (now Dye, who met husband and fellow star golfer **Pete Dye '50** at Rollins) took the team championship with a 346 on 18 holes, beating runner-up Ohio State University by a whopping 21 strokes. O'Neal also upset the defending champion in an individual match.

The 1940s began a golden age for men's and women's golf at Rollins that ran into the early 1960s, as superb players like Peggy Kirk, Alice

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O'Neal, **Lee Bongart '48**, **Betty Rowland '51** (later Probasco), **Jane Mosack '50**, Pete Dye, **Billy Key '52**, and **Clyde Kelly '51** flourished in state and national competition. Rollins women won national team championships in 1948, 1950, and 1956, while the men won the Florida Intercollegiate State Championship in 1949 and 1950, with Kelly and Key leading the team to an undefeated season in 1950. Rowland and Mosack won the 1951 Women's Intercollegiate Championship. In 1948, Pete Dye finished second in the Southeastern Conference championship, finishing one stroke ahead of one Arnold Palmer of Wake Forest.

(According to legend, Palmer had wanted badly to come to Rollins and was offered a scholarship, but Rollins would not grant a scholarship to Palmer's best friend, so both attended Wake Forest instead. Palmer seems not to have harbored hard feelings, however; his daughter attended Rollins for a year, and he spoke at the Rollins Centennial in 1985.)

1948 over the second-place Rollins pairing of Dye and O'Neal. The tournament drew 100 teams at its height.

Great players kept coming to Rollins through the 1950s and early '60s, coached from 1953-62 by Dan Nyimicz of Rahway, New Jersey. **Anne Richardson '58**, **Barbara McIntire '58**, and **Ann Rutherford '58** teamed with **Marlene Stewart '56** to form one of the strongest women's teams in the United States at that time. The women won their third national championship in 1956. McIntyre enjoyed tremendous success on the amateur level. She was the low amateur in the U.S. Women's Open in 1956 and 1957 and won two Women's Amateur titles.

For the men, **Frank Boynton '58** won the Florida Intercollegiate Championship in 1955 and 1956. The 1957 team went 13-1-2 and won the 1957 NAIA national Small College Championship. This led *Golf World* to run a feature story in 1958 proclaiming that "never has [Rollins] had a squad of greater depth or

The run of success continued under Nyimicz through 1962. The 1959 team went 10-0-1, finished second to the University of Georgia in the Southern Intercollegiate Championship, and went to the NCAA tournament. In 1960, the Tars tied with Florida Southern for the first Florida Intercollegiate Conference Championship. Jay Dolan won the University of Miami-Coral Gables Tournament that year with a record score.

Nyimicz left Rollins suddenly just before the 1963 season to become a club pro in Georgia, leaving the team without a coach that year. Nevertheless, they finished 12-5, went to the first NCAA College Division Tournament, and won the Florida Intercollegiate title for the second consecutive year. **Bob Kirouac, Jr. '64** (who later briefly coached golf at Rollins), **Bob Reagan '65**, **Todd Read '65**, and **Steve Probst '66** starred for that team, whose six best players never played in the same match.

Golf received little institutional support in

1948-49: (*l-r*) National Intercollegiate Golf Champions Rosann Shaffer '49, Clara Mosack '50, Cookie Swift, Judy Baker '51

1955-56: (*l-r*) Joe Sladkus '57, Dennis Folken '56, Robert Craig '59, Dick Sucher '58, Ed Dinga '57, Les Sladkus '59

1968-69: (*l-r, front*) Mary Pritchett '70, Doll Story '72, Preston Alexius '69; (*rear*) Laurie Cohen '71, Anne Heath '71, Connie Hirschman '69

Billy Key was perhaps the finest men's golfer of his era at Rollins, accumulating more points in a single season (1951) than anyone before him, losing only two matches, and finishing as high as fourth individually in the Southern Intercollegiate Championship. He lost to the famed Don January in the 1952 Southern Intercollegiate.

Apart from intercollegiate tournaments, Rollins men and women played in several club tourneys that drew top golfers from across the country. One of the best was the International Mixed Two-Ball Open, which began in 1941 at Dubsdread and lasted well into the 1950s. The 1951 Open included a "who's who from a golfing hall of Fame," enthused the *Orlando Evening Star*—the superlative Babe Didricksen Zaharias, Gene Sarazen, and Rollins' own Carl Dann '34 and Peggy Kirk, who teamed up to win the tournament three times. They won in

balance" and touting them as a favorite to win the national championship again. The team was led by the Ohio State Amateur Champion **Bob Ross '59**, Pennsylvania State Junior Champion **Jim Curti '59**, New York Junior Champion **Ronnie Terpak '59**, five-time Maine State Amateur Champion **Dick Diversi '60**, and Massachusetts Junior Champion **Jay Dolan '61**. That team went 13-0 in match play and finished sixth in the NCAA Championship.

Curti won the 1957 individual NAIA National Small College title over Butch Baird, who had a long PGA career and played on the PGA Senior Tour. "Golf is such a wonderful game," Curti said. "It's amazing the people I've met because of golf." Those luminaries include President Dwight Eisenhower, a renowned golf enthusiast, and golf legends Ben Hogan, Walter Hagen, Tommy Armour, and Gene Sarazen.

the 1960s, with coaching being rather informal and financial support haphazard. Yet several notable women's players emerged at that time and the team had a skein of unparalleled success. **Martha Page '64** outdid Diversi by winning nine consecutive state amateur championships in Maine. She and Kirouac teamed to play Sam Snead (who played at the Winter Park Country Club for many years) and Ginger George in February 1964. The 1966 women's team finished fourth in the National Intercollegiate Championship and won the Florida Intercollegiate. The women dominated the Florida Intercollegiate Tournament, placing first in 1964, 1965, 1966, and 1969, and finishing second in 1965 and 1968. They also finished second in the National Intercollegiate Tournament in 1968 and 1973, losing the latter title to the University of North Carolina by one stroke.

Marlene Stewart Streit '56:

A Player for the Ages

Perhaps the greatest individual player to attend Rollins was Marlene Stewart Streit '56, the 11-time Canadian National Women's Champion. She was the first woman to win the Canadian, British, U.S., and Australian titles in a career, and was named Canada's female athlete of the year five times. Still going strong, she won the 1994 Senior Amateur Championship. She played on the men's team at Rollins in addition to playing against women, and was undefeated in men's play. She abandoned a plan to attend McGill University in Montreal and enrolled instead at Rollins, where she could golf year-round.

"It was the best thing that happened to me," she said. "That's where I got the competition." She played against top U.S. collegians during the winter and won Canadian and international titles during her summers. In 1953, she was 19 when she won the British Open amateur championship, the first Canadian to win the title.

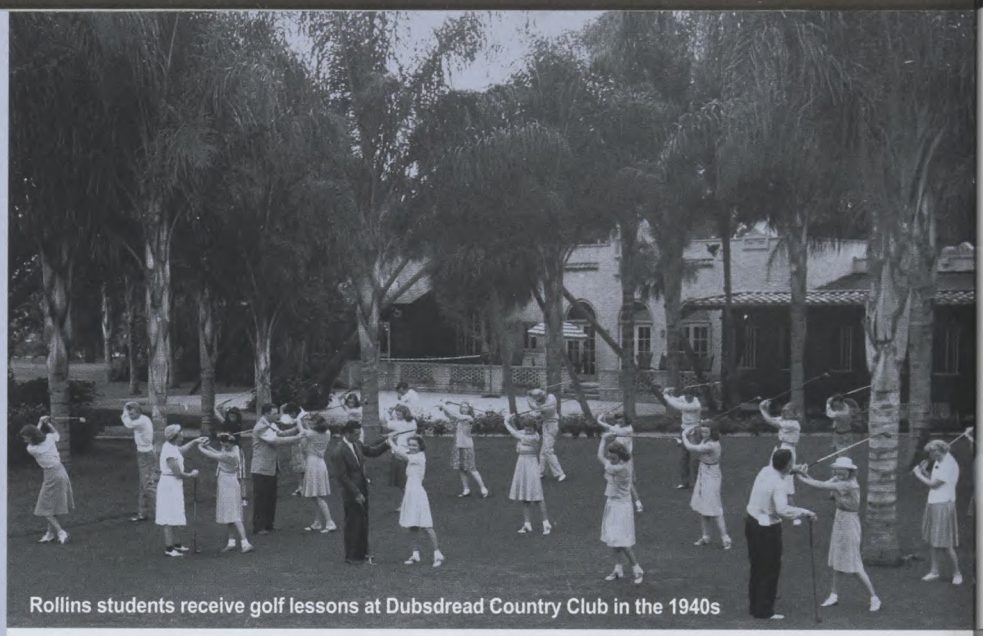
The Rollins experience helped her believe in herself, she said. "I didn't really play that well in the States until my graduating year," she recalled. "It was about being a Canadian competitor. You know—'I'm not supposed to be that good.' It's such a Canadianism. I hate it. Never build anybody up, for heaven's sake! Isn't that too bad? That's what our kids have to get over fast. We are just as good. You have to believe in yourself."

In 1956, at the age of 22, she won eight tournaments including the U.S. Collegiate, the U.S. Amateur (the first Canadian to do so), and the Canadian Open, and closed amateur titles yet again. She won the Lou Marsh Trophy for the second time, and for the third time was named Canada's Female Athlete of the Year. At one point, she had an incredible streak of 34 consecutive event victories.

She married in 1957 and continued competing in top amateur tournaments while raising a family.

"I'm not sorry I didn't turn pro," she said. "I don't look back and say, 'Gosh, if I'd turned pro, what would I have done?' I know what I would have done. I would have been great out there."

LPGA star JoAnne Carner (whom Streit defeated in the U.S. Amateur Championship in 1956) once said of her, "If she had turned pro, she would've needed a truck to take her money to the bank. I've never seen a more competitive golfer."



Rollins students receive golf lessons at Dubsdread Country Club in the 1940s

To compete in the 1966 national championship, **Jane Blalock** '67 had to make a special appeal to President Hugh McKean. With his typical puckish humor, McKean agreed to provide $1,200 for traveling expenses for Blalock, **Debbie Austin** '70, **Preston Alexius** '69, and **Mary Pritchett** '70 upon one condition: He made a "formal proposal" that he play three of the women at Dubsdread, "and if you win every hole, you get the money." McKean also warned her that "I played golf fairly well until the war, and I have played two or three times since, but I might be very lucky on one hole."

Blalock's delighted response was, in effect, "You're on!" Scheduling conflicts apparently scuttled the challenge match, but McKean authorized the money anyway.

"Where else but Rollins would such an event take place?" Blalock wrote to McKean after the tournament.

Blalock and Austin went on to star on the LPGA circuit, Blalock winning 29 tour victories and ranking among the top 10 on the money list 10 times. She was named the LPGA Rookie of the Year in 1969 and then Most Improved Player the next year, the first time that had ever happened. At one stretch during her career, Blalock went 12 years without missing a single cut. Austin posted seven tour victories and was ranked among the top 30 on the LPGA all-time career money list at the time of her retirement.

The Rollins women got a full-time coach finally in **Peg Jarnigan** '70, who also played golf for Rollins. Under her guidance, the 1974 team of **Cindy Patterson** '77, **Pam Clark** '76, **Pat Williams** '76, and **Vicki Walker** '77 won the AIAW National Intercollegiate Championship, besting a field of 146 teams. They won without the services of **Hollis Stacy** '76, who turned pro after one year at Rollins, in 1973. Stacy went on to a stellar professional career. In 1977, she became the youngest winner of the United States Open. She finished fifth in overall earnings that year ($89,155), preceded by Blalock ($90,808) and followed by Austin ($86,392). All three were named to the Women's All-America team that year.

Still a member of the tour, Stacy has claimed 18 tour titles and has won over $2 million during her career. She is one of only four women to win the U.S. Open Championship three times (1977, 1978, 1984). She has ranked among the top 10 in earnings five times and placed in the top 10 in at least one event almost every year of her nearly three-decade career. She also designed Blackhawk Golf Course in Austin, Texas and works with the Scleraderma Research Foundation. During the LPGA's 50th Anniversary in 2000, the LPGA recognized her as one of its top 50 players and teachers. The Stacy family was honored as Family of the Year by the Golf Writers Association of America.

Two other players of the era turned pro and did well. **Kay Kennedy** '76 played on several mini-tours, while **Muffin Spencer-Devlin** '76 won three tournament titles and over $900,000 during her career. She also tried her hand at acting and modeling in New York City before joining the Tour. She made a cameo appearance in the feature film *Star Trek: Generations* (1994) and made a brief appearance in an episode of *Star Trek: Voyager*. Currently, no other former Tar is enjoying more success on the LPGA Tour than **Julie Larsen Piers** '84. Piers ranked 35th on the tour money list in 1996 after finishing 22nd in 1995. She earned her first LPGA Tour victory in the 1995 Edina Realty LPGA Classic.

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The men's team had its share of success in the '70s and early '80s, and featured several excellent players, principally **Mike Nicolette '78**, **Scott Cooke '80**, and **Mark Diamond '83**. After finishing as tournament runner-up in 1969, the Tars claimed their first NCAA men's golf championship during the 1970 season. Rollins also earned a second-place finish during the 1977 championships. The team enjoyed a streak of 14 consecutive appearances in NCAA or NAIA national championships from 1969 to 1983. Since 1970, Rollins has competed in the national tournament 18 times and finished out of the top 10 only once (14th in 1983).

Nicolette won the 1976 NCAA Division II Golf Championship. As a pro, he won the 1983 Bay Hill Classic in Orlando in a playoff against Greg Norman, and also was twice runner-up (1991 and 1992) at the Southern Farm Bureau Classic. Back injuries ended a 10-year PGA Tour career, but not a golf career. Nicolette, who used to tinker with golf clubs in the basement as a youngster, once designed a "roll-face" putter from a copper pipe and a shaft. "It didn't work very well," he said. He started as a club representative at PING in 1989. For the past seven years, he's been a research specialist for the golf club manufacturer. Nicolette's role is to assist in designing and critiquing high-tech clubs, although he personally puts clubs to the test. "I still have the itch to play," he said. "You never lose that. When it's in your blood you want to play."

Cooke was a three-time Division II All-American and All-Sunshine State Conference who helped the Tars to SSC championships in 1977 and 1979 and three top-ten NCAA finishes. Diamond was a four-time first team All-American from 1980-83 for the Tars and led the Tars to the 1982 SSC Championship. He tied for medalist honors at the 1981 SSC Championship and finished ninth individually in the 1982 NCAA Tournament. As a pro, Diamond played in the 1985 U.S. Open and on the South American and Asian tours from 1989-92. Recently, he, Cooke, Nicolette, and **Rob Oppenheim '03** were named to the Sunshine State Conference's Silver Anniversary team.

After a six-year absence, the Rollins men returned to the NCAA Tournament in 1989 and finished 8th out of 17 teams. In his seven years as head coach, Kyle Frakes has led Rollins to the championships five times. Their team was third in the 1994 and 1997 championships, then won both the NCAA Division II and Sunshine State Conference titles in 2002.

The most dominant men's player of the last decade has been Oppenheim of Andover, Massachusetts. Oppenheim began as the 1998-99 Sunshine State Conference Freshman of the Year, then finished by being named the NCAA Division II Player of the Year at the conclusion of his senior season. He was also named a Division II First Team All-American for four years, Sunshine State All-Conference for four years, and to the District III South Team for four years. He was selected by the Golf Coaches Association of America to compete in the U.S.-Japan Collegiate Golf Championship in 2001.

In 1999, Oppenheim qualified for match play in the U.S. Amateur Championship at Pebble Beach and won a pair of elimination battles before being ousted from the prestigious event in the round-of-16. That is, he finished in the top 16 in a field of 312 qualifiers, which had been pared down from an original group of more than 8,000 who tried to earn a trip to the tournament.

The 1980s were something of a downtime in Rollins women's golf, with coaching turnover and undistinguished team play, but players such as **Pam Darmstadt '82**, **Wendy Beerbower '86**, and **Sarah Abplanalp '86** won several tournaments and upheld the Rollins tradition. The 1990s were a particularly fruitful decade for the Lady Tars, however, as Rollins claimed three national championships and finished second on five other occasions.

In 2002, the Tars women came up just short of claiming their eighth national championship, as they finished second. Rollins claimed back-to-back national titles in 1991 and 1992 and regained the championship in 1994. The lady Tars finished second in 1990, 1993, and 1995, then second in the inaugural NCAA Division II/III Championship in 1996. In 1999, the Tars placed second to Florida Southern.

Several Tars have enjoyed individual success at the NCGA and NCAA level. **Debbie Pappas '93,** won three Division II national championships. **Bettina Walker '89** claimed a pair of NCGA titles while at Rollins. **Cherie Hansen '96** was the 1996 NCAA Division II "Golfer-of-the-Year." **Jennifer Tollette '97** posted three second-place and one third-place finish in her four trips to the National Championship. **Shruti Khanna '98** tied for third in the 1997 NCAA Division II/III Championships and earned All-American honors in each of her four collegiate seasons. Last season, the Tars had three players in the top ten: **Freddie Seeholzer '04**, **Jennifer Beames '03**, and **Lena Mathies '01**.

Thanks to strong coaching and scholarship support, Rollins golf is continuing its tradition of above-par performance into the 21st century. No doubt the College will see many more prominent names added to the pantheon of great players who have carried Rollins golf to national prominence. ■

1974: (*l-r*) Cindy Patterson '77, Pam Clark '76, Pat Williams '76, Vicki Walker '77

1975: (*l-r*) Miami Beach Invitational Golf Champions Mike Davino '77, Mike Nicolette '78, Jerry Brown, Jeff Hadley '76, Doc Heusen (Miami), Jim McNamara '76, Fred Hobbs '77, Coach Joe Justice '40

1985-86: (*l-r, standing*) Bettina Walker '89, Coach Julie Garner, Sarah Abplanalp '86; (*sitting*) Charlotte Stone '87, Jannike Nielsen '87, Wendy Beerbower '86

It's more than

By Scott Powers, *Orlando Sentinel*

It may be hard for many people at Rollins College to recall a time when Barbara Carson was not a part of the English department or to imagine the day she won't be.

So, awarding her more job incentives, in the form of an endowed college professor's chair, might look to some people like a $1-million folly.

But, in effect, the award is part of an at least initially successful strategy by the Winter Park college to safeguard its future in an increasingly competitive battle for student market share.

In an effort to compete in an ever-changing academic environment, the liberal arts college of 1,640 students is betting its future on being able to keep together a nucleus of 20 to 30 prominent faculty members.

"Rollins knows I'm here for the duration. There is no threat I would go someplace else," said Carson, who has taught English at the Winter Park college, as a part-time adjunct professor, an assistant professor, an associate professor, a full professor, and now as an endowed professor, since the early 1970s. "I will be carried out of the classroom, probably still clutching my chalk."

When that day comes, Carson might be gone, but Rollins—with all due respect to its award-winning and popular teacher, researcher, and writer—is hoping not to miss a beat.

The key to the Rollins strategy is that the chairs' endowments allow the College to replace top professors with someone of similar credentials because the money is available in perpetuity.

Rollins' reputation rose significantly in the past decade as one of the South's better liberal-arts colleges and small, regional universities, as measured by guidebooks like *U.S. News & World Report*'s annual college edition, and by the school's steadily rising freshmen entrance test scores.

But maintaining that level is another matter, and Rollins faces a daunting challenge from the calendar. Many of the top faculty members, whose personal reputations have been like balloons helping to lift the College's image, are getting older.

In 2001, Rollins wrapped up a $160.2-million fund-raising campaign to pay for new buildings, programs, departments, scholarships, and other wish-list items. While other liberal-arts colleges might have poured nearly all of the donations into bricks or student financial aid, Rollins President Rita Bornstein and the School's board of trustees decided to spend a big chunk of that money on the faculty.

They encouraged donors to support an aggressive strategy to reward—and lock in—as many top professors as possible, by giving them the ultimate honor in academia: endowed chairs. The chairs each are full professor jobs backed by endowments of $1 million or more to assure that certain levels of money and prestige will always be available for the position no matter who occupies it.

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Carson's position, called the Theodore Bruce and Barbara Lawrence Alfond Chair of English, thanks to a gift from that couple, is one of 14 professorships that Rollins has promoted to endowed chairs in the past seven years. That gives the College 23 endowed chairs among 175 professors' jobs.

In recent years, Rollins has more than doubled its number of endowed chairs in a strategy aimed at retaining its prominent educators.

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Winifred M. Warden Professor of Theatre Arts and Dance

Rollins still is behind a handful of highly endowed schools, such as the University of Richmond (Virginia), which has 39 endowed chairs among 250 professors. But, by and large, Rollins has climbed ahead of the most prestigious, comparably sized liberal-arts colleges in the South, such as Furman University in Greenville, South Carolina, Trinity University in San Antonio, or the University of the South, in Sewanee, Tennessee.

The University of Central Florida, by comparison, has 12 endowed chairs sprinkled through a faculty almost five times as large as Rollins'.

At Rollins now, one of every eight full-time professors has an endowed chair, with more in the works.

"That's really remarkable," said John Stohlton, executive director of the American Association of Independent College and University Presidents. "It's a well-thought-through strategy. If you have the resources and the money, that's what faculty look for. You can attract senior faculty. There are a number of universities that try to do that. The Ivy League universities do that. They have the financial support to bring in senior faculty. It's harder to do for the smaller colleges."

Yet an urgency is building.

Rollins' dilemma is one facing all of higher education as the 21st century opens, but especially midlevel private colleges. Growth in higher education was phenomenal in the 1960s and early 1970s because of the Vietnam War, the GI Bill, and the economic evolution that suddenly demanded college degrees for everyone. Colleges everywhere expanded, and many small, liberal-arts colleges like Rollins doubled to absorb student demand. That meant doubling their faculty.

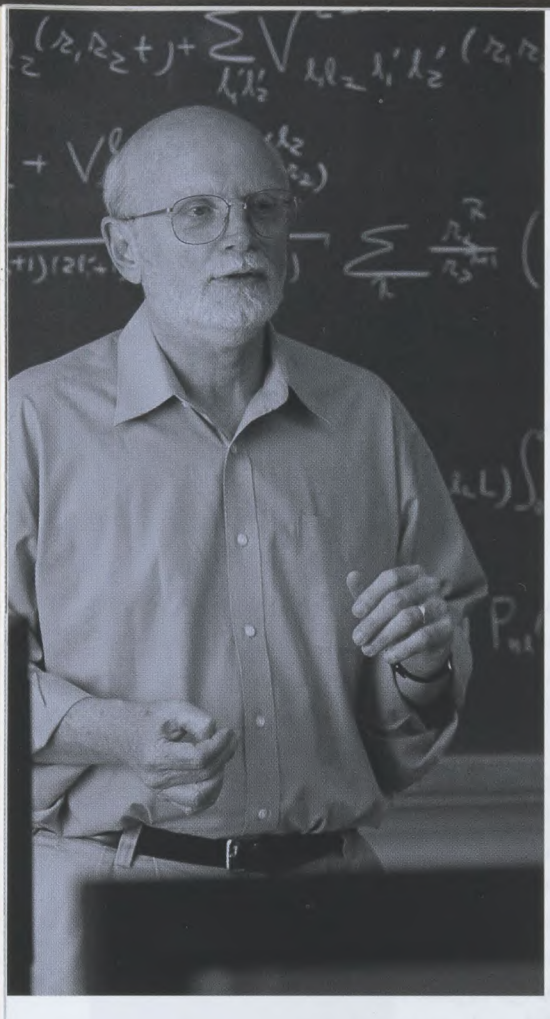
Thirty years later, all those new professors have bubbled to the top. They are now the senior faculty. But the bubble is about to pop, because many of them at Rollins and most other colleges are about to retire. And those who don't will find rapidly increasing demand for their talent and experience.

How can schools like Rollins keep top professors motivated to work harder, teach better, and think deeper? How to keep them from leaving prematurely? How to make sure their talent level and dedication are matched by successors? How to make people believe that the college really is more than a sum of best current generation of professors?

"We are going to be beautifully positioned, because we have these endowed chairs, so when we need to go out and recruit for the very best, accomplished scholar-teachers in the country, this gives us a real competitive advantage," Bornstein said.

So far, almost all of Rollins' newly endowed chairs have gone to professors who were already on the College's faculty.

"This is an extraordinary faculty," Bornstein said. "The reputation that the College has earned over the years rests almost entirely on the work of the faculty. That has not been sufficiently recognized, nor rewarded, so we have been trying to make adjustments to compensations and benefits, and to provide increased support for sabbaticals for research, for study, and for travel, and for the pinnacle of all rewards, the endowed chairs."



"I am fortunate to be a member of an academic community where teaching and learning are the first priority, and where research and scholarship are encouraged and supported. Endowed chairs promote quality teaching and scholarship."

—Donald C. Griffin '64, Archibald Granville Bush Professor of Physics

Bornstein acknowledged that she risks losing some of her top professors to competing colleges as talent and experience become harder for everyone to find. And sometimes the endowments are enticements for professors to consider postponing retirement.

"I agreed to stay longer at Rollins. I'm getting close to retirement," said Linda DeTure, an education professor who said it was her life mission to teach elementary school teachers to teach science. Rollins awarded her the Richard James Mertz Chair of Education last fall. "My husband retired this year. We're living in different cities. We've been commuting for some time. I was thinking of leaving. But because of the chair, I am able to do some things I haven't been able to do in a while, and I'm just going to enjoy it."

Theater professor Joseph Nassif, who has directed Rollins' theater arts and dance department for 20 years, said he also thought about retiring soon. But when he was awarded the Winifred M. Warden Chair in Theatre Arts and Dance in 2000, he decided not only to stay but to look for ways to work even more.

"Every endowed chair has a responsibility. It fires. It triggers. It fuels that person. It accelerates the academy," Nassif said. "An endowed chair isn't just a gratuity. If it is, you're giving it to the wrong person. It has to be given to someone who uses it as a stimulus.

"That worries me," Nassif said. "Because now, I've got to find that 5th gear. I've got to shift into that 5th gear. At my age (63) after 20 years, it's going to be tougher."

Unique among Rollins' newly endowed chairs is one for Bornstein, announced in October 2001 in what she insisted was a complete surprise. A $10-million gift created the Harriet W. Cornell Memorial Chair of Distinguished Presidential Leadership, the first endowed chair for a college president in the country. Bornstein and all her successors may get about $50,000 a year in discretionary funds.

Donors' gifts can help build new classroom buildings, new sports facilities, or new student service centers. They can endow scholarships. They can fund academic programs ranging from science experiments to student travel. It takes a minimum of $1 million to endow a professor's chair.

Bornstein and other Rollins administrators insist they struck a balance. Rollins put almost $27 million from the campaign into scholarship endowments and is spending another $41 million on bricks and mortar. The total from the campaign going into faculty endowments: almost $24 million.

Most also agree with Nassif's contention that they feel pressure—from themselves but also from the administration—to find ways to work harder, teach better, research more and become better, all-around professors.

In the fall, chemistry professor Erich Blossey, who had been at Rollins for 37 years, was awarded the D.J. and J.M. Cram Chair of Chemistry. Now he believes he must live up to the name: Donald Cram, a 1941 Rollins graduate who died last summer, won the Nobel Prize for chemistry in 1987.

"What this does is raise the expectations for me," Blossey said. "I think the general thing is more of a leadership role. The scholarship, I think we're all interested in our fields and we want to do that. We also want to be good teachers. But I think in addition to that the chairs, for most of us, have added, let's say, a more visible responsibility for leadership."

At Rollins the chairs typically include salary increases in the neighborhood of $5,000 per year. The professors say their real appeal, though, is in prestige, recognition, job freedom, and discretionary money for research, travel, and other expenses.

And those create outside opportunities—and consequently marketing opportunities for the College. Endowed professors are typically in more demand at national and international conferences, and their research grant applications and publication queries tend to get warmer receptions.

DeTure parlayed her new chair quickly into a research conference in Panama this month. Philosophy professor Hoyt Edge, awarded the Hugh F. and Jeannette G. McKean Chair in 1997, recalled, "I immediately applied afterwards for an external grant. I think the fact that I could list that I was an endowed professor helped in the success of that grant."

But what can endowed chairs do for students? Would most students even care?

Some might notice the title and have higher expectations. Others, such as DeTure's student Kathryn Cypherd, a

senior from Orlando studying to be an elementary science teacher, say they benefit immediately from materials the professor is able to obtain and opportunities they can create with a name.

But most students probably care less about professors' titles than word-of-mouth opinions of other students. And one of the primary benefits of an endowed chair is that the professors are relieved from teaching as many classes. So fewer students will take their courses. Traditionally, endowed chairs have been the tool of research universities, freeing professors from classrooms. For liberal-arts schools, the purpose gets grayer. "The expectation in each case is that the person should be able to excel in teaching, scholarship, and in service capacities," said Provost James Malek, who is in charge of the faculty. "We're trying to find people who are good at all three." Carson's primary expertise is in Southern women's literature, but she also has done some nationally recognized research into what students think of their professors. "What makes professors happy will make students happy," she argues.

"Students always benefit when faculty members grow," Carson said. "To the extent that this challenges us to be our best, I think the students are bound to benefit."

Ultimately, Carson noted, the professor has freedom to mold the endowed chair position into whatever he or she wants. At schools like Rollins, few, if any professors, value research over teaching.

"If I had my druthers, I would love to see this primarily as a teaching chair, for someone who is active in scholarship, who publishes, but who is known for making a difference in students' lives," she said. ■

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Endowed Chairs at Southern Colleges

Rollins College has endowed 23 professor's chairs. Here is how that compares with a sampling of comparable private colleges throughout the South *(as of Feb. 2002)*.

University	*Location*	*Enrollment*	*Endowed Chairs*
Birmingham-Southern College	Birmingham, Ala.	1,540	14
Davidson University	Davidson, N.C.	1,600	31
Eckerd College	St. Petersburg, Fla.	1,540	4
Furman University	Greenville, S.C.	2,600	27
Jacksonville University	Jacksonville, Fla.	1,400	5
Millsaps College	Jackson, Miss.	1,330	6
Rhodes College	Memphis, Tenn.	1,550	19
Rollins College	Winter Park, Fla.	1,920*	23
Southwestern University	Gerogetown, Tex.	1,300	13
Stetson University	DeLand, Fla.	2,400	15
Trinity University	San Antonio, Tex.	2,600	21
University of Richmond	Richmond, Va.	2,950	39
University of the South	Sewanee, Tenn.	1,400	19

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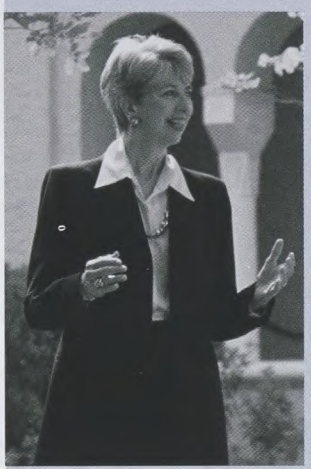

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President and Harriet W. Cornell Memorial Professor of Distinguished Presidential Leadership

Endowed Chairs at Rollins College

- Theodore Bruce and Barbara Lawrence Alfond Chair of English: Dr. Barbara Harrell Carson
- Irving Bacheller Chair of Creative Writing: Connie May Fowler
- Bank of America Chair of Finance: Dr. Edward A. Moses
- Archibald Granville Bush Chair of Mathematics: Dr. J. Douglas Child
- Archibald Granville Bush Chair of Science: Dr. Donald C. Griffin
- George D. and Harriet W. Cornell Scholars in Classical Studies: Dr. Elise A. Friedland and Dr. Scott Mitchell Rubarth
- Harriet W. Cornell Memorial Chair of Distinguished Presidential Leadership: Dr. Rita Bornstein
- D.J. and J.M. Cram Chair of Chemistry: Dr. Erich Blossey
- Kenneth Curry Chair of Literature: Dr. Maurice O'Sullivan
- Ronald G. and N. Jayne Gelbman Chair of International Business: Dr. Thomas Lairson
- Alan and Sandra Gerry Chair of Marketing and Ethics: Dr. Mark W. Johnston
- Raymond W. Greene Chair of Physical Education: Dr. Gordon E. Howell
- Charles Harwood Chair of Management Science: Dr. Barry Render
- William R. Kenan, Jr. Chair: Dr. Edward H. Cohen
- Lyden Family Crew Chair*: Shawn Pistor '94
- Diane and Michael Maher Chair of Distinguished Teaching: Dr. Gary L. Williams
- Hugh F. and Jeannette G. McKean Chair: Dr. Hoyt Edge
- Richard James Mertz Chair of Education: Dr. Linda DeTure
- Rapetti-Trunzo Chair of History: vacant
- Rapetti-Trunzo Chair of Arts and Humanities: vacant
- Sorenson Family Chair of Expressive Arts: Dr. John V. Sinclair
- Steinmetz Chair of Management: Dr. Samuel C. Certo
- Winifred M. Warden Chair of Theatre Arts and Dance: Dr. S. Joseph Nassif
- Weddell Chair of the Americas: vacant

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I was invited to join a Rollins College class when they journeyed into the Third World last May as part of their semester-long study of sustainable development in the Dominican Republic. The experience was remarkable and life-altering. As my eyes were opened to the extent of the poverty and strife there, I became acutely aware that the struggles in this country are multi-faceted and of greater challenge than most people can imagine. Beyond this, I became aware of some amazing people associated with Rollins College who are making a difference in our world. These catalysts for change are dedicating their lives to making life better for the underprivileged in a country where help is so desperately needed. Rollins professor Manuel Vargas at one time wanted to become a priest. What he is doing in the D.R. is above sainthood: as the president's right-hand man to diminish poverty in his native country, he works unbelievable hours and is making widespread changes. Alumni Dorcas Gilmore '00 and Chad Harris '00 live in a town where electricity and clean water are scarce, and healthcare is practically non-existent, and yet they are devoting their lives to changing the lives of others. Spending the week with 12 Rollins students was a growing experience for me, as well. I watched their inquisitive and eager minds come away from this adventure with a new and humbling perspective on life, and a desire to make a difference. Hopefully, the account of our trip will inspire you, too, to become an agent of change.

—Suzanne Beranek
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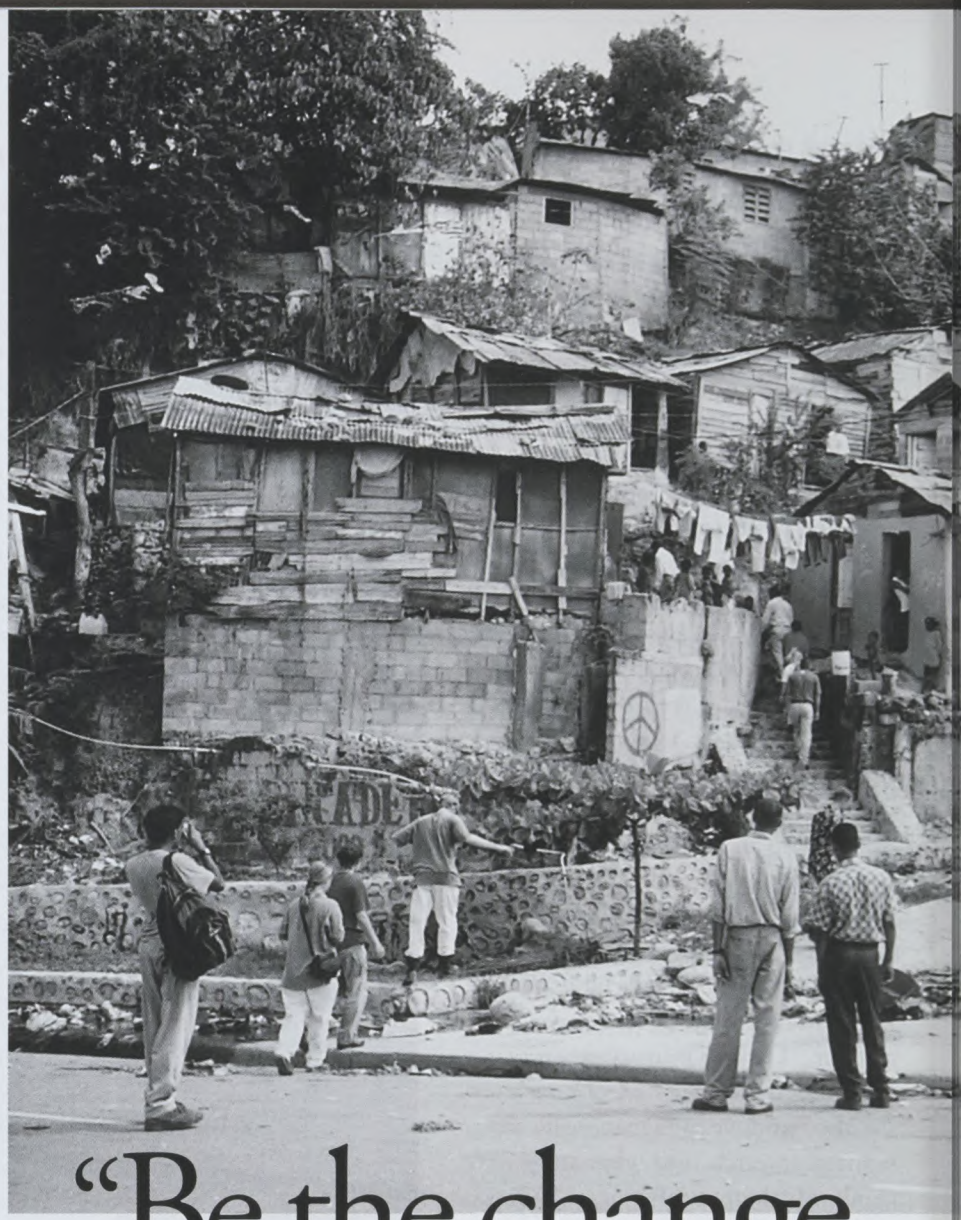


"Be the change you want to see in the world."

—GHANDI

By Suzanne Beranek

Twelve Rollins students who traveled to the Dominican Republic last May will never again see life in quite the same way. The trip was the culmination of a semester-long course, *Sustainable Development in the Dominican Republic*, where students learned first-hand of the challenges facing Third World countries. They also saw how significant change is being affected by the efforts of several Rollins faculty and alumni who are devoting their lives to making a difference, living the words of Ghandi, who suggested, "Be the change you want to see in the world."

Barefoot and shirtless, the dark-eyed boy in tattered clothing approached Jennifer Woodstock '02 holding a beat-up coffee can filled with shiny rare gemstones of larimar. "When I asked if I could see them, within three minutes every child, mother, grandmother, even one man, came to me offering their stones," said Woodstock. "I was instantly overwhelmed."

Woodstock, who was visiting the Dominican Republic as part of a Rollins College course on sustainable development, had walked with classmate Michael Simpson '03 to the small rural village of Bahoruco, where larimar stone mining and fishing are the only sources of work for the villagers.

Simpson asked two women in the group, "If you could do any job, what would it be?"

"Anything, we would do anything that would bring money," they responded.

The Rollins students learned that there were simply no work opportunities for these women; only the men were allowed to fish. The two women were surviving—barely—in a two-room shack shared with six other women and six children, on money sent to them by a male family member who had gone to the U.S. to work.

As Woodstock, Simpson and their 10 classmates can attest, learning first-hand about poverty and the other challenges facing a Third World country is very different from classroom learning. Their 11-day trip to the impoverished countryside of the D.R. was the enlightening capstone of this experience.

The beautiful turquoise water and swaying palm trees the students saw as they flew into the D.R.'s capital city of Santo Domingo were reminiscent of the shores of their departure city of Miami. But the similarities between the two countries stopped there.

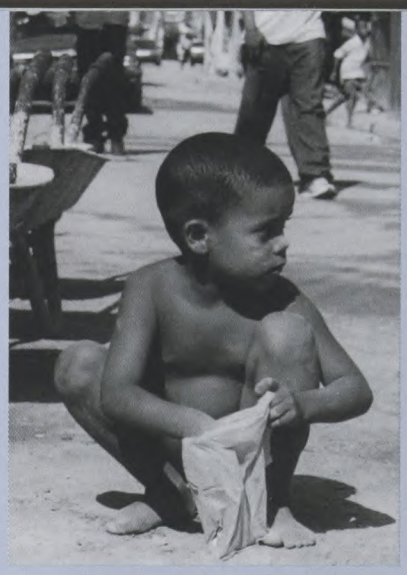
Christina Hoffman '02 was immediately struck by the trash and rubble carelessly scattered everywhere. "I was shocked that the D.R. does not have a trash disposal system," she said. "In the U.S., we are so aware of the term 'littering,' but I don't think the term is even conceptualized by many people in the D.R."

There were many other differences: dirt roads, crumbling concrete houses with dented tin roofs, 15-year-olds with babies, and ghetto-like villages—like the one they visited with Rollins College Distinguished Professor of International Service Manuel Vargas, who serves as the general director of the D.R. president's Plan Against Poverty. He showed the students first-hand what life is like for many Dominicans when they attended a celebration to commemorate the building of a concrete walkway on what was once a trash-laden muddy slope. "The walkway descended well over a city block through poorly constructed houses and ended at a foul-smelling road," Freshman Steven Leopoldo was struck by how it was accomplished. "The people who lived in the tiny houses worked to build the walkway themselves with funds from the government."

Students also met 16-year-old Jennifer and her 8-month-old daughter at the event, where they learned more about the poverty of the nation. According to Vargas, 50 to 60 percent of the D.R.'s residents live below the poverty line in terms of basic needs: running water, bathroom facilities, and electricity.

After a couple of days in Santo Domingo, the group began a journey through much of the country where impoverished villages with unpainted homes the size of dorm rooms gave new meaning to the term "porch community." At the first rest stop, they were greeted by two poor, disheveled children who begged, "Americano? Peso?"

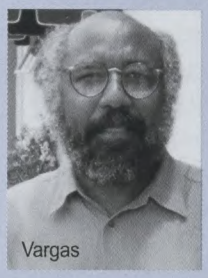
The students learned a lot during the drives through the villages. "We were able to see the people in their own environment, engaged in their everyday schedules," said Hoffman. "We saw the houses they lived in, the way they moved about, social interaction, their responses to us as we drove by, the resources they had … or I should say lacked (such as water and available land), and the ways they tried to make money, such as by selling items along the street or running small businesses out of their shacks."



Being the Change

Like those he now helps as the Dominican Republic's general director of the Presidential Plan Against Poverty, Manuel Vargas grew up in an extremely poor Dominican family. His father worked on a sugarcane plantation in the southeastern province of San Pedro de Macoris, where his mother saw the way out for her eight children. "She knew education was the key," said Vargas, whose belief in social capital and solidarity among the poor helped him break out of the cycle of poverty.

Following his mother's advice, Vargas came to the U.S., where he received bachelor's, master's, and Ph.D. degrees in anthropology from the University of Florida. In 1992, he became a professor of anthropology at Rollins, where his love for teaching blossomed. But he didn't forget his homeland.


Vargas

Life changed dramatically for Vargas in May 2000, when he put his responsibilities at the beautiful and serene campus in Winter Park on hold to accept the position as the D.R. president's right-hand man in charge of diminishing poverty–an enormous task. "I decided to do this because I wanted to help," he said. "I wanted to take my education and make a difference."

Although he was already familiar with the challenges facing his homeland, Vargas has been shocked at the extent of poverty in the D.R. "I didn't know the poverty was so pervasive," he said.

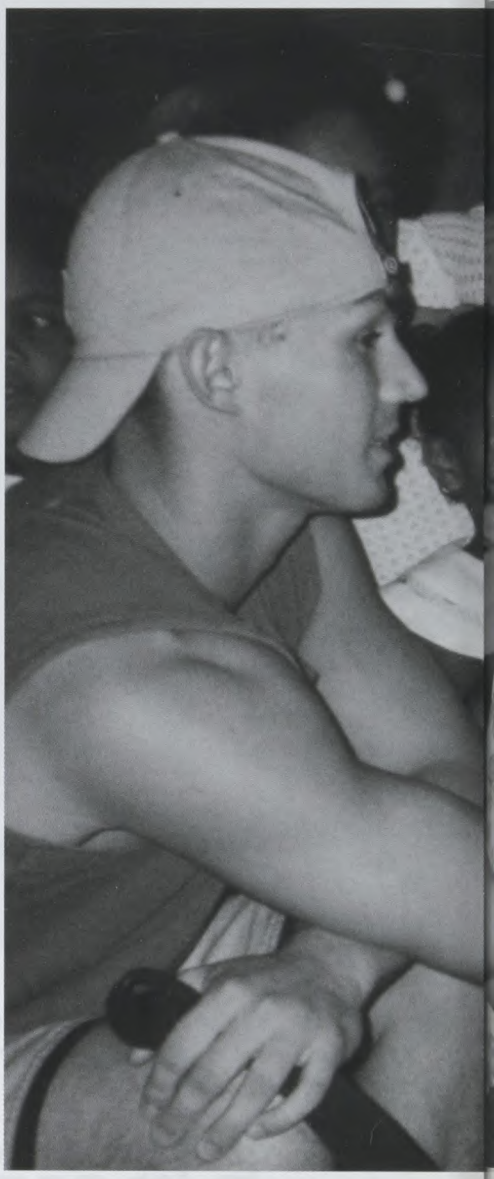
For Vargas, whose office is located in the D.R.'s capital of Santo Domingo, a typical day involves spending 15 to 17 hours interacting with 100 to 200 residents throughout the country —visiting villages, asking questions of the citizens, and instituting changes. His objective: to help as many people as possible. "My hope is to help the indigent to overcome their poverty or to be better off two years from now," he said.

And he is doing just that. In just a year and a half, Vargas and his team of government officials have been involved in:

- Passing a law requiring that free and good healthcare be available to all
- Building 3,000 houses throughout the country with government funding
- Investing in farming to alleviate hunger
- Promoting ecotourism to help the economy and preserve the environment
- Financing small industries
- Opening more than 200 day-care centers in poor neighborhoods
- Providing drinking water to more than 75,000 people

Residents of a poor neighborhood in Santo Domingo offer words of praise and appreciation to Manuel Vargas (*center*) for his efforts to improve their community. Many of them cried, stating that no other government official had ever done so much to help them.

While he admittedly misses academia, Vargas plans to remain in Santo Domingo indefinitely helping the citizens of his homeland.



The sight of emaciated beings in search of food sobered the breathtaking views of the island landscapes and colorful billboards, posters, and buildings. Small mopeds served as taxis or as transportation for carrying home the family dinner—a live chicken held by the throat. Televisions, radios, posters, signs, and "talking" vans promoted the upcoming election (80 percent of Dominicans vote, the Rollins students learned, compared to 40 percent in the U.S.).

One excursion took the students to Neiba, a village near the southwest

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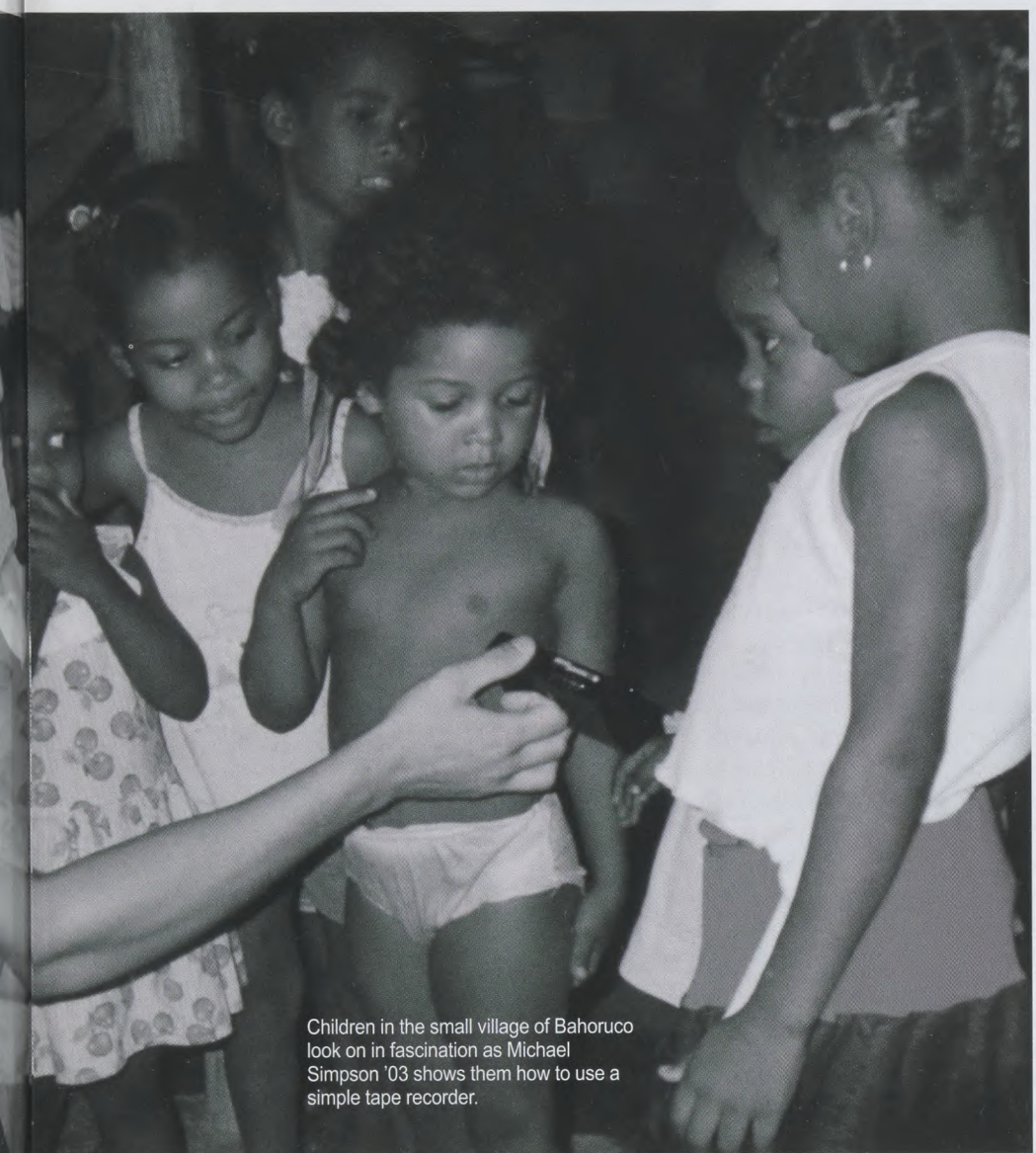


Children in the small village of Bahoruco look on in fascination as Michael Simpson '03 shows them how to use a simple tape recorder.

border of the country, where they visited two Rollins graduates assisting in the efforts to reduce poverty by educating locals. In an area where the ecology is full of rare and amazing items, Dorcas Gilmore '00 and Chad Harris '00 have been running an eco-tourism school, which they opened over a year ago, for local residents. The Rollins students visited a nearby salt lake, which had been separated from the ocean centuries ago by mountains formed by the collision of two landmasses.

In their travels, students also learned of the country's widespread problem with disease caused by contaminated drinking water. The disease affects 300,000 people annually and is the leading cause of death in children ages 1 through 4. They visited one rural village where volunteers are working with Rollins chemistry professor Pedro Bernal to distribute water-purification filters that remove bugs, dirt, and bacteria from the water.

Perhaps their most shocking experience was an encounter with a prostitute who was seven-months pregnant, had two young children, a husband in jail, and was surviving on her own. She had begun her career at age 16 in a country where child prostitution is common and a draw for foreigners visiting the country. This woman, who sees seven to eight clients a night, earns in one night as a prostitute what she made in one week in a factory. "The pollution of poverty breeds desperation," Woodstock wrote in her class journal. Junior Catherine Hincapiè learned at a seminar she attended on the subject that many of the prostitutes "prefer to live five years with the devil and then reconcile and live the rest of their lives in peace."

Students' eyes were also opened to the plight of sugarcane workers from neighboring Haiti, the poorest of the Latin American countries, who cross the border to find work in the D.R. Political science professor Michael Gunter, who co-taught the class and accompanied the students on the trip with anthropology professor Pedro Pequeño, described the students' visit to the "bateyes" where these workers live just north of San Pedro de Macoris. "The bateyes are among the poorest in the nation and often draw comparisons to old slavery huts in the ante-bellum South of the United States," he said. "They house Haitian immigrants, both legal and illegal, who work for just a few hundred Dominican pesos a week–but can go for as long as six months without being paid. Students were particularly enlightened when they spoke with several of these immigrants."

With such experiences etched in their minds, the students returned to the U.S. filled with renewed appreciation for the luxuries of home and lasting memories of their trip.

"This travel lab was a turning point in my life. I have a clearer understanding of what I want to do in my life, what I am truly passionate about, and what is really important to me," said Melissa Dempsey '03. Which is exactly the goal for Rollins.

"Trips like this one give students an education about social and cultural

Creating Change Through Chemistry

Chemistry professor Pedro Bernal has witnessed first-hand the impact the out-of-classroom experience can have on students. Since 1996, he and other Rollins professors, including Tom Cook, Robert Lemon, and Arnold Wettstein, have accompanied Rollins students on service-learning trips to the Dominican Republic. "When students go to an impoverished place like this and work on painting and construction projects in rural communities, it opens their eyes to how a culture can be different from theirs and opens the door for conversations," Bernal said.

A D.R. native with a desire to bring about change in his country, Bernal became involved in the D.R. as a volunteer in 1992, when he participated with a church group that went to the country to distribute water-purification devices. "The water problems in the D.R. are widespread and severe in the rural areas," he said.

In 1998, when Hurricane Georges swept through the country, a relief organization contacted Bernal to see if he would bring some of the filters down to assist in the relief

Professor Bernal explains the water-filtration process.

efforts. "This was a bit of a watershed for this project," he said, with no pun intended. From there, the project grew tremendously.

Since then, with the help of students and

The water filtration systems that are being distributed in rural areas of the DR have a three-step process for removing bacteria and debris from water.

volunteers, and partial funding from the Associated Colleges of the South, Bernal has distributed more than 3,000 filters to more than 40 communities, helping an estimated 18,000 people. His enthusiasm and determination to make a difference has had a tremendous impact on his students, including one who has made this project a big part of her current life's mission.

Liz Thiele '01 recently headed back down to the D.R. for her seventh time. As a student, she accompanied Bernal on three summer and three Winter Term trips to the D.R. This time, she will remain in the country for 12 months, spending her days on a cocoa plantation doing research to improve the fermentation process for chocolate, and her evenings and weekends distributing the filters.

Laveta Stewart '00 went to the D.R. five times and is now studying public health as a result of her involvement there. Jenn McCluan '00 felt so strongly after her first visit to the D.R. her sophomore year that she visited the country three more times before graduating as class valedictorian. Two young alumni, Tenicia '00 and Carl Lewis '00, went to work in the D.R. after graduating.

Bernal has found a lot of satisfaction in seeing the life-changing impact service-learning projects can have on students. "In order to make sense of yourself, you have to figure out what you owe other people," he said. "We hope our students who go to the D.R. return with that understanding."

The residents of the Dominican Republic need your help. According to Professor Pedro Bernal, more than 1.5 million water-filtration systems are needed to solve the country's water-contamination problems. Each filter costs $30 and helps about six people. One filter can keep a family healthy. Be the change. Contact Dr. Bernal at pbernal@rollins.edu to learn more.

issues that cannot be learned in the classroom," said Professor Pequeño.

Rollins hopes that it will also lead them to realize that life is for service. "You'll find those words—'life is for service'—engraved in stone in a walkway at Rollins," said Dean of the Faculty Roger Casey. "Knowledge cannot be divorced from practical application. Service is the most useful of those practical applications, and we are fortunate that through a number of connections unique to Rollins, our students and faculty have an opportunity to serve and learn along with our Dominican partners." In fact, Rollins is in the process of planning a service-learning trip to the D.R. for Rollins students in May 2003.

As with the other Rollins students who were humbled on this trip to the D.R., senior Devin Chapman's experience filled him with passion to make a difference. "Hopefully, for all of us, a greater consciousness has evolved about where we are in this world, and what our capabilities are as members of the earth's global community. I feel appalled coming back to my country and seeing all the waste, flamboyance, and brashness of our actions and choices. Material accumulation and the pursuit of self interests have deteriorated our culture to a point of neuroticism," he said. "After seeing all we saw, and experiencing everything we did, it would be a slap in the face to everyone down there if we didn't work to make this world a better place." ■

"I could never have imagined the magnitude of the social issues that this country faces without seeing, experiencing, and feeling it for myself."

–Jennifer Woodstock '02

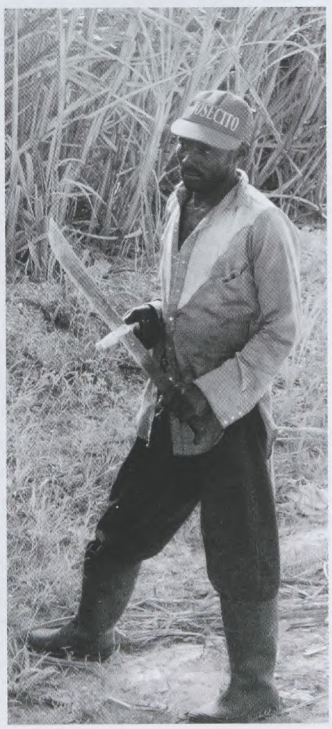
"Be the change you want to see in the world."

➢ Rollins students met 16-year-old Jennifer and her 8-month-old daughter in Santo Domingo. Young teenage mothers are common in the D.R.

"These people are true survivors. Many live in precarious conditions, almost starving, yet they're still smiling and they even offer visitors drinks knowing they have nothing left for themselves. We definitely take too many things for granted!"

—Catherine Hincapiè '04

➺ Catherine Hincapiè '04 and Liliana Anaya '03 get to know some Dominican children.



➢ A Haitian immigrant discusses the poor conditions faced by immigrants who come the the D.R. to work on sugar plantations.

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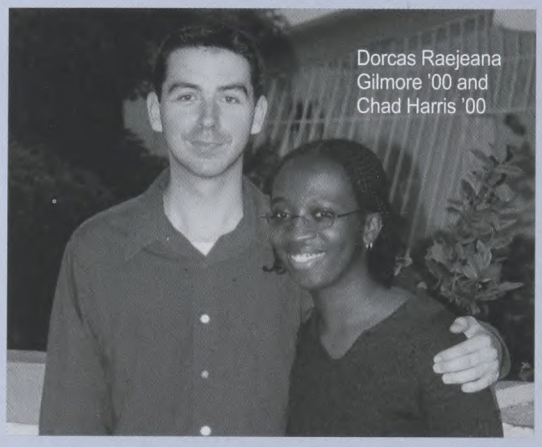
One Village at a Time


Dorcas Raejeana Gilmore '00 and Chad Harris '00

Dorcas Raejeana Gilmore '00 and Chad Harris '00 gave up the "good life" in the United States to teach computers and English to the residents in and around Neiba, a small village in the Dominican Republic bordering Haiti. Although this young couple has not had access to the "finer things in life" since the fall of 2001, they are very fulfilled in their lives.

"Sure, we are hours from a restaurant, and when Chad recently got ill, we were reminded of the need for accessible and reliable healthcare," Gilmore said. "But we *started something* here, and we are watching it grow."

Gilmore and Harris are the only two teachers at an ecotourism school that was established by Rollins professor Manuel Vargas, who is assisting the government of his native country in fighting poverty. The objective of the school is to teach local residents how to provide services to tourists while utilizing and protecting their natural surroundings and resources.

"This form of tourism is more gentle on the physical environment than classical tourism," Vargas said. "For example, a classical hotel would destroy mangroves, not pay attention to the environment, and not provide interaction between tourists and locals."

Gilmore and Harris teach local residents in a small building that also contains their living quarters. Their goal is to educate the villagers in the four poorest southern provinces of the country about the ecological diversity of their surroundings. For example, Lago Enriquillo, the largest salt lake in the Antilles, which is three times saltier than the Caribbean Sea and inhabited by 500 crocodiles, is located in this region, as are two species of iguanas, several national parks, mountains, beaches, and freshwater lakes. Once the locals have learned how to provide ecotourism businesses, the goal will be for tourists to stay in the homes of the locals, ride on the mules of the region, and learn about the environment from residents.

Gilmore and Harris have already helped 250 people in a region where the illiteracy rate is 60 percent. "This is an amazing opportunity to develop resources to help people," they told the group of Rollins students who visited them last May. The couple hopes to eventually add classes in history, geography, and sociology to their cumiculum.

"I challenge alumni to experience life outside of their immediate environments, to think about the privileges they have that are not shared by the majority of the world, and to then think even more critically about our human responsibility to others," Gilmore said.

Harris added, "Always question your world views. Too often we become accustomed to analyzing life through the same conceptual framework. We should strive to have experiences, whether reading a book, traveling to a foreign country, or working with local low-income families, which raise doubts, reveal alternative perspectives, or provide additional knowledge. Only by challenging our, and others', world views will there be change in the world."

"Clearly being there in person, seeing, smelling, even tasting the culture and environment made an impression that will not soon leave these students."

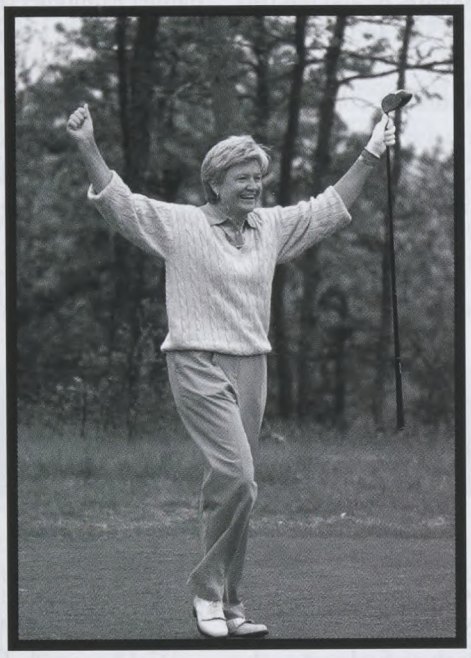
–Michael Gunter
Professor of Political Science

Alumni Of Note

By Bobby Davis '82

Rollins College is proud of its alumni, who are actively contributing to the health, wealth, productivity, harmony, spiritual guidance, and hope of citizens throughout the world. To help spread the good news, each issue of the *Rollins Alumni Record* features "Alumni of Note." If you know of any alumni who should be spotlighted, please contact the Alumni Relations office at 1-800-799-ALUM, or e-mail us at alumni@rollins.edu.

Jane Blalock '67



Golf is her business ■ Rollins' most accomplished professional golfer, Jane Blalock, came to the College from her home state of New Hampshire without being recruited, at a time when women's golf was little more than a club team. Her father, a native of St. Petersburg, had seen the Rollins campus as a young man and never forgot it. So, when his daughter was looking at colleges, he convinced her to check it out. She did, and never looked back.

"We put our own tournaments together at Rollins," Jane Blalock said, "and tennis coach Ginny Mack coached us part-time. We put pressure on the administration to change things for us, though."

A history major, Blalock spent her first year out of school teaching high-school history and government. But her passion for golf was tugging at her, and she left teaching to take a job at the Ocean Reef Club in the Florida Keys, which was run by legendary golf teaching pro Bob Toski. "I worked at the club, did odd jobs, took bribes to get people off the course sooner," she said. "I just wanted to be a good amateur golfer, but Toski took my game to another level."

She won the New England Amateur title, then joined the professional tour. In what went on to be an illustrious 12-year career, Blalock made the cut in a women's-record 299 consecutive tournaments. She won 29 of them, leaving her one short of automatic induction into the LPGA Hall of Fame. She won two Colgate Triple Crown Titles and two ladies World Championship titles.

"I didn't really have a mentor on the tour, but my idol was Mickey Wright, who dominated the women's tour in the '50s and '60s and retired young," Blalock said. "I always modeled myself after JoAnne Carner, especially her personality and competitive nature, and Nancy Lopez, who I see a lot now on the Senior Tour. Now people come up to me saying, 'I used to follow you when I was little.' I take it as a compliment."

Blalock has authored two books on golf and serves as a golf analyst for ESPN and Fox Network. But she puts most of her efforts into the Jane Blalock Company, a company she has owned and managed since 1987. The Boston-based golf marketing company works with corporations and charitable organizations all over the United States to put on golf events and fund-raisers. The firm runs big celebrity events, such as a recent one outside Boston that featured Matt Damon, and the MasterCard Celebrity Challenge, which has raised more than $100,000 for inner-city children over the last 11 years. Blalock also started the LPGA Golf Clinics for Women in 1991. The clinics were the first of their kind, aimed at helping professional women become more at ease with playing golf and raising funds for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. In 1995, the Komen Foundation awarded Blalock its Volunteerism Award for bringing together the LPGA, the Gillette Company, and the Foundation.

"I was given the gift of physical coordination, and golf gave me a livelihood, so I wanted to give back. I also want to bring to corporate leaders more awareness of the importance of women as professionals and consumers; most still tend to focus on men's events. But golf is also a great way to bring awareness to charitable organizations, and everyone involved gets to play on big, beautiful courses while contributing to good causes."

Peter Porto '81

Exploring the corporate world in Mexico ■ A four-year starter on the soccer team at Rollins, Peter Porto claims "the pre-season 'boot camps' and Coach Gordie Howell's disciplinary coaching standards did wonders in preparing me for the rigors of business life." Something must have worked, because Porto has created a highly successful career as an international insurance executive.

After Rollins, Porto earned a master's degree in international management at the American Graduate School of International Management. His career began at Johnson & Higgins Insurance Brokers in New York, where he worked as a trainee in the International Division before being transferred in 1985 to his native Brazil.

In 1991, Porto accepted a position with Zurich Insurance Company in Zurich, Switzerland as assistant to regional management for Latin America. Over the next 15 months, he also was part of a team of underwriting support for the U.S.A. and Canada in large property/casualty risks.

In mid-1992, Zurich acquired an insurance company in Mexico, Seguros Chapultepec S.A., and Porto was transferred there as vice president of the International & Corporate Division for Mexico/Central America. In 1997, under a new company name, Zurich Compania de Seguros S.A., he was promoted to president of Enterprise Risk, a strategic business unit formed to manage not only international, but local corporate business, risk-engineering services, hull/aviation and marine lines, and commercial risks in Mexico, with additional responsibilities for managing Zurich's relationships with its cooperative partner in Central America. "Currently, I manage a portfolio of approximately $70 million in premium income," Porto said.

Porto loves living in Mexico City—a place he finds "an interesting cultural center with the nicest people in the world." But with an international assignment, he knows he must be prepared to transfer to another country at any time.

During his business travels, Porto recently reconnected with Rollins via a surprise meeting with classmate Gerald Ladner '81. "We were at the same business meeting in Dallas, Texas and he opened a Rollins folder, which immediately caught my attention," Porto said. "Gerald is a senior executive for Zurich in the U.S. and was attending a meeting with me for a key Mexican customer the company was trying to bring on board. When we realized the connection, we were surprised that we hadn't known each other, since we attended Rollins at the same time. What a small world!"

Lisa Goldman '80

Getting a taste of the restaurant tour business ■ For those who question the value of the liberal arts experience, look no further than the life and career of Lisa Goldman '80, who has combined several interests and passions into a diverse career. A native of Nutley, New Jersey and a psychology major at Rollins, Goldman produced a radio talk show at Orlando's WKIS—"as did so many of our illustrious alumni. I was fired so Larry Kahn '80 could get his start in radio...He's still in it, very successfully," Goldman said.

Goldman then went the academic route, earning her master's degree in education and another in counseling psychology at Teachers College-Columbia University in New York. "The big 'a-ha!' hit at the end of grad school," she said. "I saw children's television as a way to combine all my loves—writing, psychology, and television." She took a position working for Sesame Workshop (formerly known as Children's Television Workshop) in their research department, and then was accepted into the last animation/writing class at Hanna-Barbera.

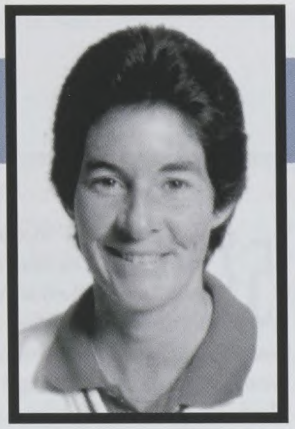
Goldman went on to write children's books and scripts, including one of the books in the *Doug* series entitled *A Day With Dirtbike* and several episodes of *Dragon Tales* entitled "Hide and Can't Seek" and "Dragonscouts." She has also written advertising copy, and she won a National Television Award in 2001.

Goldman still plays tennis, enjoys traveling, and loves to eat and drink—a passion that has led to her latest business venture: Tour de Forks, a restaurant tour business in Australia.

"I first got to Australia through my business and life partner, who is an expatriate Australian," she said. "Tour de Forks was the brainchild of our friend and well-known Australian chef George Biron, who approached us to promote and market the restaurant tour. Other business opportunities came along for him, so the business landed in our laps. We took it and ran with it."

Their tour guide is Meera Freeman, another popular Australian food personality. "Because of Meera and George's connections, our tour is truly an insider's experience to the food world of Australia," Goldman said. Tour participants meet and take classes from some of Australia's top chefs in Melbourne and Sydney. Other highlights include a visit to the wineries of the Yarra Valley and Mornington Peninsula, plus a day trip to King Island.

Despite all this activity, Goldman is still writing and hopes to teach a class next spring on how to write for children's television.



Lynn Welch '78

Making the calls ■ Lynn Welch had never been in an airplane before coming down to Rollins from her native Portland, Maine to play tennis. Now, her job takes her all over the world. Since being robbed of a career as a player by knee injuries, Welch has become a leading international referee who has reffed nearly every major tournament. And while she says the job can be thankless in that "fans typically notice the referee only after a bad call," Welch has built a sterling reputation among players and peers.

After college, Welch worked as a tennis pro in Falmouth, Maine and then at Sea Pines Club in Hilton Head Island, where the director got her involved in officiating for the Family Circle Cup. She liked the work, and went to school to learn to be a line judge.

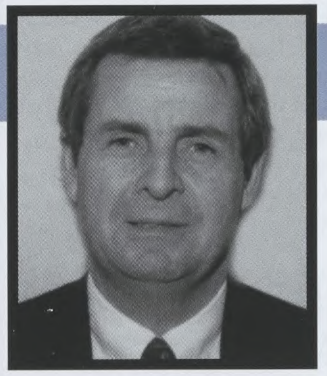
She left Sea Pines in 1991 to become a full-time ref, and since then has traveled on the American Tennis Professionals (ATP) and World Tennis Association (WTA) tours, working her way up to Grand Slam tournaments. She has officiated at six Australian Opens, five French Opens, eight U.S. Opens, and 11 Wimbledon tournaments. She also served as a line judge during the 1996 Atlanta Olympics and chair ref at the 2000 Sydney Olympics.

Referees have to work 100 matches per year to maintain certification, and 200 matches a year to work the top tournaments. Welch's travel schedule is grueling. Late in 2002, for example, she went on a tour that took her to Quebec City, Moscow, Bratislava, Linz, Austria, and then Los Angeles before taking six weeks off.

Welch recently diversified her training by attending the International Tennis Federation (ITF) chair school, which qualified her as a chair umpire. and she is working on mastering her third of four referee badge levels. "I wasn't sure about going to chair school," she said. "They look for your image and presence in the chair, how you handle players and crowds, how you handle outside interference. You're in charge of all questions of fact and tennis law.

"As a chair umpire, sometimes I go with the line judge's decision; other times I have to overrule them. At the U.S. Open or other major tournaments, everyone is so well-trained, it's best for me to stay out of their way. The less you see the chair umpire, the better."

Bob Lewis '67 '69MBA



Pro amateur ■ So much attention focuses on professional golf that many people do not realize the exciting amateur competition that thrives in its shadow. Every two years, the Walker Cup, the amateur equivalent of the Ryder Cup for pros, rotates between the United States, England, and Ireland. The captain of the 2003 Walker Cup team that will compete in Yorkshire, England next August is Rollins graduate Bob Lewis '67 '69MBA.

Lewis agreed to attend boarding school in Rhode Island if he could choose a college in the South. His mother and some relatives attended Rollins, and Bob decided to get his education there while getting to play golf year-round. He did not play in high school, but was good enough to walk on at Rollins and play intercollegiately, and even compete in the NCAA tournament individually.

"We had some good players. We had a lot of fun playing under coach Joe Justice for a year and then Bob Kirouac," Lewis said.

Lewis got his tour card on his second try and played professionally for four years, but his priority was to manage the family business, a company in Pepper Pike, Ohio that manufactures steel tubing for automobiles, furniture, health care, and other applications. Now the president and owner of Welded Tubes, Inc., Lewis has had a successful business career after getting his undergraduate degree from Rollins and an MBA from the Crummer School. He never lost the bug for golf, though, and in the '80s began playing competitively again at the amateur level.

"It took four-and-a-half years to get my amateur card back after playing professionally, but my best years came later, in the 1980s." Lewis played on the elite Walker Cup team in 1983, 1985, and 1987. Now, he has been accorded the highest honor bestowed on an amateur golfer: captain of the Walker Cup team for 2003.

"I had heard I was in the running, but it still came as a welcome surprise," Lewis said. "We'll eventually pick a team of 10, but we invited 23 players to our first-ever practice session for candidates over Thanksgiving at Hilton Head. The Walker Cup captain used to also play, but now it is too big a job to be anything but honorary, there are so many logistical tasks to accomplish. I am very happy and excited."

Lewis plans to attend the Rollins golf reunion in March if his schedule permits.

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'33 **Emily Bookwalter DeMar** visited the Alumni House in September and was thrilled to see her woven "Fiat Lux" artwork still hanging above the fireplace. She loves to travel and is planning to come back to campus to celebrate her 70th reunion.

'34 **Thomas Lawton** writes, "My wife of 64 years, Anna Belle, died in Winter Park, January 3, 2002. We were married in the Knowles Memorial Chapel in 1938. We have two sons. One is an attorney and one is an orthodontist. Both live here in Winter Park. Our family, the Lawtons and the Lees, are native, fifth-generation Floridians."

'43 **Ella Parshall Stevens** exhibited her paintings at Widener University with the National League of American Pen Women in September and at the Chester County Invitational Exhibit in October. She also has had exhibits at Tribute Hall in Paoli, PA and had works on display at American College this winter.

'45 **Marie Rogers Gilbert** has had six collections of poetry published. The first two were published by Green River Press, the third and fourth by Saint Andrews Press, and the two most recent by Down Home Press. She has been writer-in-residence for one week for the past four years at St. Andrews College in Laurinburg, NC, where she was recently appointed to the board of trustees.

'47 **Becky Hill Buckley** has been elected president of the Wheat Ridge, CO Woman's Club.

'48 **Mary "Mickey" Branning Walker** is still working full time. In early May, she visited her daughter and son-in-law in Scottsdale, AZ, where she enjoyed the beautiful weather and a return visit to the Grand Canyon.

'49 **Jean Allen Scherer** writes, "My oldest son, Jim, married Tracey Hobbs of Kansas City on January 5th in Bermuda. The wedding was at a beautiful site overlooking the Atlantic Ocean at the Sonesta Beach Resort. On March 2, a fabulous reception was held in Ansley Park, here in Atlanta, at a beautiful home of a friend of Jim's and catered by South City Kitchen. There were 100 people attending from California to New England and, of course, Atlanta."

'50 **Daniel H. Drake** performs general dentistry in a private practice in Mt. Dora, FL and with CFM Dental for patients in nursing homes in Central Florida. He has six children: Laura, David Jillyan, Heather, Lindsey, and Paul. **George Spencer** recently retired from Warren Wilson College, and he and his wife, Zenia, have moved to a retirement center in Arden, NC.

'51 **Jeannine Romer Morrison** and her son, Alan Morrison, gave organ and piano duo recitals in September at Ursinus College in Collegeville, PA, where Alan is college organist, and in Spivey Hall in Atlanta, GA. Alan is artist-in-residence in organ and piano at Rollins and was recently appointed head of the organ department at The Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia. **Fred Rogers** was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor, in July. President Bush presented the award and said Rogers "has proven that television can soothe the soul and nurture the spirit and teach the very young." **Pauline Schwing Roth** and her husband, Sydney, have moved to California after living in Florida for 20 years. She writes, "It took our daughter four years to convince us to make the move. We managed to find a condo a block away from her. It is really nice being close to at least one of our children."

Rowers to reunite at the Royal Henley

"In this old boat house we shall build a great tradition. From here, and from these quiet waters, we shall go forth on many lakes and streams. From here on some day perhaps we shall even go to race the British on their own waters—the beautiful river of England known as the Thames."—Coach U.T. Bradley, 1933

For four days in 1973, the Rollins College men's crew lived out the dream of this legendary coach when they were invited to participate in the prestigious Royal Henley Regatta in England.

This coming summer, former members of that illustrious crew will re-live this exciting experience by competing in the Royal Henley Veterans Regatta July 11-12, 2003. Former coach Jim Lyden invites alumni who are in England at the time to join the "Band of Brothers" for this nostalgic and exciting trip. Interested alumni should contact him at 407-679-8181 for details.

'53 **Georgeanna "Jan" McGaw Irwin** writes, "Our worst news this year was of the death of our dear classmate **Alice Berastegui Cochran** (see *In Memory*). We will miss her. Herb and I visited **Marcia Mattox Felton '54** in her fabulous 19th-century home in Belvedere, CA overlooking San Francisco Bay. We also visited **Linda Schults Abbott**, who has a wonderful home in San Jose, CA."

'54 Professor of Biology Jim Small visited **Edward W. Scheer**, associate professor emeritus of biology, at his homes in Story and Jackson, WY. Since retiring several years ago, Ed has been living out West. He was eager to share some of the natural wonders of Wyoming with Small.

'55 **Dan** and **Diane "Deener" Vigeant Matthews '52** were featured in an article in the *Asheville Citizen-Times* about the new nonstop flight between Asheville, NC and Newark, NJ. Dan, who serves as rector of the 305-year-old Trinity Church at the corner of Broadway and Wall Street, leaves the noise and congestion of New York City twice a month to join Deener at The Swag, the country inn she runs near Waynesville, NC. The new flight cuts Dan's bimonthly commute in half. **Nancy Siebens Binz** sends greetings to Thetas and classmates of '55. She still loves living at Lake Tahoe and writes, "I'm reaching the big '70' in November and feeling great."

'56 **Henry "Dewey" Anderson** writes that he is "finally" retiring.

'59 **Larry Lavalle** and **Leslie Lee Priester '58** *(below)* enjoyed a "mini-reunion" of Sigma Nu and Kappa. Larry writes, "Please

CAROL HEMINGWAY GARDNER '34
"Papa's" little sister and daughter of Rollins

When Ernest Hemingway scholar Gail Sinclair, visiting assistant professor of English, learned that the author's younger sister had attended Rollins in the 1930s, she jumped at the chance to interview the 91-year-old alumna. Sinclair visited Carol Hemingway Gardner at her Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts home in late August 2002, and although Gardner's memory was failing and her communication with Rollins was mostly lost along the way, she thanked the College for making a reconnection. Only the happy memories of attending Rollins 70 years ago remained, and they harkened back to a time of youth, rebellion, young love, and setting sail into a world filled with possibility. Gardner passed away two months after the interview.

Carol Hemingway Gardner chose to attend Rollins College in 1930 for two specific reasons: She was eager to get away from home and explore life beyond her provincial Oak Park, Illinois roots, and she liked the idea of being closer to her oldest brother, with the added bonus of visiting him on holidays. By this time, Ernest Hemingway was living in Key West, had already firmly established himself on the literary scene, and was steadily moving toward a writing career that would make him one of America's most recognized talents in the twentieth century.

Carol Hemingway shared many qualities with her brother. Beyond their physical resemblance, they both possessed a strong sense of self-will and an interest in writing. Ernest mentored Carol in both areas, at least informally. In a response to a letter from her the fall before she entered Rollins, he wrote, "Your letter doesn't read much as I remember you. Look, if you're trying to write, I'd suggest that you avoid the sort of style employed by Sunny [an older sister] in conversation; i.e., misused adjectives as ejaculations to cover a sort of mental vacancy. Try and write straight English." His advice then spills over into her personal choices—"I hope to God you are not going to be corrupted by the cheapness, flipness, petting instead of love, complete self-absorption and cheap, cheap, petty vacantness that has come to such a perfect flowering in Oak Park." The "Papa" persona he so strongly cultivated throughout his lifetime was already solidly in place and aimed at the girl he called his "own special present" because of her arrival on July 19, 1911, shortly before his 12th-birthday celebration.

Hemingway's concerns for Carol's strong independence and potential lack of restraint had a basis beyond his innate need to mentor others. As valedictorian of the 1929 Oak Park High School graduating class, Carol had selected Langston Hughes as the subject of her speech. This rather progressive choice, given the times and her conservative Midwestern audience, only added to her earlier rebel actions, which included ramroding the election of the school's sole African American to the position of class president. Carol had already firmly established an independent, free-thinking soul that would later both earn her great praise and set her at the center of controversy.

During the two years Carol attended Rollins before leaving to study overseas, she made her presence known strongly enough to be the subject of letters between then-president Hamilton Holt and an English professor, Kathleen Sproul, who championed her young student. In a letter dated November 30, 1931, Sproul wrote: "It seems that certain influential people consider Carol Hemingway and a few others like her as anti-social and not the kind of student desired here. Please don't let that attitude happen to Rollins! It is so common at other colleges, and Rollins is too good for it. For you, as an editor, ought to know that the very people such things are said about are the ones who in later life will shed reflected glory on their college. Carol Hemingway is not anti-social. She has an excellent mind and a large, encompassing understanding, and an unusual creative ability that can't be expected in its experimental stages to limit itself to what may be considered by the average person 'nice.'"

President Holt responded: "Do not worry about Carol Hemingway. It is good that we have clashes of opinion in Rollins provided that it does not lead to factional animosities. I like the girl and if you find that some people are trying to depress her, do your share to express her, or get her to express herself, which is better."

She had already "expressed" herself, and continued to do so on campus in various ways: by serving as class vice president, by breaking her pledge to Lamma Phi Beta sorority for reasons unknown but inferring philosophical differences, and finally, by contributing to the 1931 and 1932 editions of *The Flamingo*, subtitled "A Literary Magazine of the Youngest Generation." Her stories "Two Girls" in 1931 and "The Runaway Prince" in 1932 provide a strong sense of the young woman behind the texts, and that woman was no shrinking violet easily swayed by the power of social sensibilities. "Two Girls" has as its subject a friendship between androgynously named coeds, Lou and Glen, who wrestle with the issue of sexuality and the complications of same-sex affection. The slightly over 600-word story is reminiscent of the Hemingway "iceberg" style her brother made famous (one-eighth of the text's meaning above the surface, seven-eighths below), Carol gracefully moves into what is a progressive and controversial subject area. She deftly employs her brother's Hemingwayesque style of dialogue without much authorial interruption and poses the question, "I've heard people say there's something funny between us…There isn't anything, is there?" The question remains unanswered at story's end.

Though less overtly radical than the subject matter of "Two Girls," "The Runaway Prince" also pushes the envelope of conventionality. The story's plot centers around a prince who rejects his parent's choice for a wife and eventually marries a divorced woman running away from her ex-husband. Ironically, or maybe as a foreshadowing to what she predicted for her own future, the piece reflects Carol Hemingway's interest in young lovers' rejection of family disapproval. This speaks directly to the central turning point in her own personal life.

While at Rollins, Carol met John (Jack) Fentress Gardner, a transfer student from Princeton. They fell in love and wanted to marry. Her brother Ernest was violently opposed, even threatening to knock Gardner's teeth down his throat if he persisted. Hemingway's response, not surprisingly, only served to strengthen the couple's resolve, and they were soon married. Carol smiled triumphantly as she recalled Ernest's statement, "It will never last," and added that she and John Gardner were married for 65 years, until his death in 1998. The marriage lasted, but Carol's relationship with her brother was irrevocably broken, and they never spoke again.

—Gail Sinclair

SANDEE HILL SMITH '73 '74MBA
Helping Rollins keep the competitive edge

Sandee Hill Smith has always been a decision maker. A self-described Air Force brat, Smith traveled with her family throughout the country until her freshman year in high school, when her father retired to Fort Lauderdale. Her father had nudged her toward Stetson University in DeLand, but she was sold on Rollins after a visit to the campus in her junior year. She made her "early decision" to attend Rollins that same year.

A water-skiing and sailing enthusiast, Smith was attracted to Rollins' lakeside environment, as well as the College's small campus and class size. "I knew that the College's small-school environment would provide me with exposure to everything I wanted to do and would mean that I couldn't run and hide from anything," Smith said. "It also helped that Central Florida was not too far, but far enough, from my parents," she quipped.

Smith's undergraduate degree in business administration and her master's in international finance have served her well in her career as an investment management consultant. This experience is also serving Rollins well, as Smith aims to "make a difference and impact decisions" as a member of the Alumni Board.

"Rollins is an 'upper-end' school," Smith said. "Part of what I wanted to accomplish on the Board was to see what Rollins is doing to deliver that high-end education. I also want to help the College see what they're going to need to do to continue to be competitive."

Since graduating from Rollins, Smith has remained in close touch with her alma mater. Admittedly, it was easier when she lived on the East Coast to maintain contact with the College and several close Rollins friends. But when her marriage to Greg Smith took her to Kansas—or what she calls "the more deserted areas in the Midwest"—she sought out fellow alumni there. "Rollins has always remained a part of my life," she said. "And in an interesting twist of fate, it turned out my husband also had a Rollins connection: his high school girlfriend was my sorority sister and best friend at Rollins."

While she was a student, Smith served as coxswain for the men's crew team. Ironically, one of the Rollins shells ended up going to her husband's alma mater, the University of Kansas, for the start-up of their crew program.

Smith also found a love for tennis while at Rollins, a hobby she still enjoys today.

"Coming back to Rollins to serve on the Alumni Board has almost been a time warp," she laughed. "I'm seeing people I haven't seen in 30 years. But it's like no time has passed. A lot of things have changed, but so much has stayed the same…That's what's so good about Rollins College."

—Ann Marie Varga '82

note: Her hair is gray, and mine…well, okay, also gray!"

'62 **Ann Puddington Wechsler** was on the board of trustees of the Salt Lake Organizing Committee for the Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games of 2002, serving as environmental representative.

'64 **Rust** and **Kris Bracewell Deming '62** continue to enjoy Tunisia, where Rust is in his second year as American ambassador. Rust looks forward to getting back to Rollins in 2004 for his 40th Reunion. **Susan Sindelar '73** was pleased to share a feature article that appeared in *The Arizona Republic* about **Linda Peterson Warren** and her role as director of the Arizona Film Commission. After many years as a New York-based actor, doing hundreds of commercials, appearing in movies of the week and soap operas, and having a continuing role on a Fox TV series called *Against the Law* in 1990-91, Linda now focuses her energy on the business side of the industry.

'65 **Reginald "Reg" Blauvelt III** writes, "I hope all is well with the Rollins family and the Class of '65. I have many good thoughts of past times along the shore of Lake Virginia."

'67 **Gary Lavan** has been named partner at the Towson, MD-based executive search firm Roberts Ryan & Bentley, where he will lead the firm's industrial retained search practice. He was formerly with Chesebourgh Ponds and attended graduate school at Cornell University. A resident of Homeland, he also is an artist and musician and is active in several professional and civic organizations.

'69 **W. J. Heffernan Jr.** is living aboard "Bubba" in the Florida Keys. He and his wife, Nina, are now grandparents and just opened their own law practice specializing in criminal defense.

'70 **John Marshall Kest** of Wooten, Honeywell and Kest, P.A. in Orlando has recently been elected to serve as circuit court judge in the Ninth Judicial Circuit, Group One. He will take office in January 2003.

'71 **Mark '72MBA** and **Bette Harwood Freidinger '74MED** and **Tony LeVecchio '68 '69MBA** and his wife, Donna, vacationed in London from June 24 to July 8. Tony writes, "The highlight of the trip for me was the opportunity to go to Wimbledon. We

had a wonderful time seeing the sites of London, but 'Dinger' was disappointed that we had afternoon tea only once. By the way, Mark has recently taken a position as a scout for the San Antonio Spurs in addition to his other basketball-announcing duties at Wake Forest."

'72 **Carolina Garcia-Aguilera** was profiled in the *Orlando Sentinel* in June following the release of *One Hot Summer*, her novel about a Cuban-American woman whose seemingly perfect world turns upside down when her first love re-enters the scene. Best known for her popular series of mysteries starring Miami detective Lupe Solano, Carolina calls her latest book a "beach read," something lighter and more romantic than her previous books. *Publisher's Weekly* praised the "zesty tale" and said, "Her tongue-in-cheek humor enlivens the situations she describes with intimate familiarity." **Cheryl Ann Thomas Morgan '78MED** works with the Lance Armstrong Foundation in the Ride for the Roses in Austin, TX each year. She would like to know if there are any other alumni who do this ride.

'73 **Kim Tuell** writes, "I met **Bill O'Connor '75 '76MBA** at the World Golf Village in St. Augustine, FL in May 2002 to play golf and then wager on the Kentucky Derby by simulcast at the local dog track. We are both natives of Louisville, KY. Professional advice from Thoroughbred Horse Racing's **Ken Agronin '75**, who is an orthodontist in Cleveland, did not help as the winner was a long shot."

'74 **Adis M. Vila** has been appointed vice president of external affairs at Miami-Dade Community College. An attorney and international business executive with broad experience in

federal and state governments, Adis will lead key college functions including resource development, government, cultural, and legal affairs. Previously, she served as the director of government relations and regulatory policy for the Caribbean and Latin America for Nortel Networks and as vice president of international business development for the Vigoro Corporation in Chicago. **Catherine Hammett-Stabler** and Herbert Hellwege, professor emeritus of chemistry and Archibald Granville Bush/professor emeritus of science, attended the American Association of Clinical Chemistry Annual Meeting and Clinical Laboratory Exposition, along with 18,000 clinical chemists and laboratory professionals from around the world. Catherine organized and moderated "When Worlds Collide: Issues between Laboratory Medicine and Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAM)" and spoke on the toxicity of CAMs, using several patient cases she had determined to be the result of CAM tox. After the event, Catherine, **Susan Curran '76**, **Susan Carson Farmer**, and **Mary "Molly" Bucher Warren** enjoyed a mini-reunion at EPCOT.

'75

Kim and **Katrina Heffernan Reniska** (see *Weddings*) have moved to Austin, TX after 14 years in Boston. Kim is an engineer with Schlumberger and a pilot by avocation, and he recently earned his multi-engine instructor rating.

'77

Bonnie Manjura '79MAC has been honored with the William T. Kemper Award for Excellence in Teaching. Since 1994, she has served as the master's degree program mentor and a core adjunct faculty member at the Orlando Metropolitan campus of Webster University. A two-time winner of the Orlando Metropolitan Campus' William Duggan Leadership Award, Bonnie is president, chief financial officer, and partner of Manjura Marketing Incorporated, a marketing, advertising, and merchandising firm. After four years in Geneva, Switzerland, **Charlie Maier** relocated to Miami in March 2002. The move follows an eight-year stint abroad, where he worked for Caterpillar in the Middle East and Europe. He is now responsible for product support (after-sales support) in Latin America for Caterpillar. He writes, "It's great to be back in Florida for the first time (other than brief visits) since graduating from Rollins."

'78

Elizabeth Frye Blossey currently has two children attending Rollins: Lisa, a senior, and Erich, a freshman.

'80

Cathy Casselberry Cox has been working on a video project for Christ for All Nations, where she is responsible for wardrobe, hair, and makeup. The project has taken her to Germany, Brazil, Australia, Canada, and Kenya. She writes, "One night I woke up to strange noises outside my tent in the Masai Mara to find a hippopotamus chewing grass and looking in my window."

'81

Sandra Bird is serving as interim chair for the department of visual arts at Kennesaw State University for the 2002-03 academic year. She also is leading a service-learning project at a local elementary school, mounting a Japanese unit, including the construction of Bunraku puppets and Taiko drums.

'82

Bill Leavengood enjoyed a proud moment when his name was listed in a full-page ad in *Entertainment Weekly* among approximately 100 of the nation's greatest theatrical talents involved in a project called "Brave New World-American Theatre Responds to 9/11." The three-night marathon event was held at Town Hall in New York, Sept. 9-11, and featured 50 new plays and songs on the subject of 9/11. **Terry O'Grady** was profiled in the *St. Petersburg Times* for his success on the tennis court. After college, he went to Europe to teach tennis and play in tournaments and then for 10 years worked at Saddlebrook, the former Eagles Lair Tennis Club, and Bardmoor Golf and Tennis Club. A stint in radio broadcasting, television, and news reporting preceded his return five years ago to St. Petersburg as a financial planner. This year, he played to the K-Swiss League 6.0 playoffs, was a member of the USA League West Regional 5.0 championship team at Safety Harbor's Phil Green Tennis Academy, and competed in the Irish Open Veteran's Championships in August.

'83

David and **Nancy Donlan Shaskey** (*below*), who married in April 1983 just prior to graduating, live in Salt Lake City, UT with children Cedric, 9, and Christina, 4-1/2. David is a physician in rheumatology and sports medicine at St. Marks Hospital. He is head team physician for the Utah Blitzz, the 2001 U.S. Champions of the D3 outdoor men's soccer league. He also works part time during the winter at Park City Ski Resort as a physician in the trauma unit for the University of Utah. Nancy continues with her art and remembers Mr. Larned as a great art teacher. David and Nancy hosted **Tom Ward '82** and company at their "humble bed and breakfast" during the Salt Lake 2002 Winter Olympics. **Glenn Sherlock**, bullpen coach for the Arizona Diamondbacks, was featured in *The Boston Globe* as he returned to his home state to help lead his team to victory against the Red Sox at Fenway Field. Glenn received a hero's welcome with more than 100 alumni from his prep school, his former Little League coach, and friends and family among those cheering from the stands. In July, Glenn coached the National League All-Stars, under Diamondbacks manager Bob Brenley, and last fall, he helped dethrone the New York Yankees in the World Series. Glenn and his wife, **Lisa Pecht '83**, live in Scottsdale, AZ with their two children, Tim, 15, and Cara, 11.

'84

Diane Sawyer is director of finance at Channing House in Palo Alto, CA. **Zachary Dunbar** reports that his most recent play, *Out of Character*, was premiered in the Edinburgh Fringe Festival this summer and received an Edinburgh Fringe First. It also was televised on the BBC news and won rave reviews. The play had its final performance in London in the Bloomsbury Theatre on October 7. **Greg Hahn '84**, a stand-up comic for the last 11 years, was profiled in the *Sun-Sentinel* in July as he returned to South Florida for five headline shows. After graduating from Rollins, Greg did a three-year stint in the Marines. He then went to work for Lockheed, but his "goofball" impulses led him to "go pro" and become a comic. The move has proven fruitful, with Greg garnering appearances on *Late Night With Conan O'Brien* and *Premium Blend* on Comedy Central.

'85

Cheryl Smith-Khan (*right*) has joined the law firm of Boyer and Schiltz, P.A. Previously, she was an assistant state attorney for the Sixth Judicial Circuit, where she prosecuted misdemeanor and felony cases, trained law enforcement officers regarding legal issues relating to domestic-violence cases, and reviewed criminal cases involving middle-school students to determine if appropriate for intervention services instead of prosecution. Cheryl and her husband, Amir, have a son, Andy, and are active in his Boy Scout and sports activities. **Kenneth Feldman** has been elected vice president of marketing at America West Airlines. In his new role, Ken is responsible for advertising, creative services, promotions, sports sponsorships, loyalty and partner marketing, product marketing, and America West Clubs. Previously, he was senior director of marketing. Prior to joining America West in 1996, he held management positions in marketing and finance with the Frito-Lay division of PepsiCo, Inc. and with General Mills Restaurants, Inc. **Pam Weiss van der Lee** helped **Julie Twyman Brockhoff '84** celebrate her 40th birthday in New York City along with **Denise "Dene" Hillinger '84**, **Frieda Max '84**, **Elizabeth "Libby" Baker Clippinger '86**, and Julie's husband, Brian, in early September. Pam also reports that **Kim Roman Logan '83** has moved to Chappaqua, NY from Baltimore with her husband, Steve, and little girl.

'86

Mark LaFontaine has moved to Stonington, CT after leaving Yale and joining Connecticut College as the vice president for college advancement. He and his wife, Darlene, have three children: Sam, 4, Lucy, 3, and Danny, 16 months.

'87

Marcus Faust has been named executive vice president and chief financial officer at Metropolitan Financial Corp. and Metropolitan Bank and Trust Company. Marcus has over 15 years of banking and regulatory experience and previously served as executive vice president and chief financial officer of Union Bank of Florida. Prior to that, he held senior-officer positions with both American Bank and Home Savings Bank. **Mary Elizabeth "Mitz" Carr** has joined the University of Wisconsin's

STEVE FOWLER '98MBA ■ MULTI-MILLION-DOLLAR MAN

Perseverance and hard work have always paid off for Steve Fowler '98MBA. And while this Crummer grad may not be able to leap tall buildings in a single bound, his most recent payoff left him feeling a bit like Superman.

While a student at Crummer, Fowler read an article in a finance magazine about an up-and-coming portal called iwon.com. "The article said iwon had been fairly successful at luring people to their site by giving away $10,000 a day and $10 million once a year," Fowler said. "I'm a news junkie because of my job in finance and figured if I have to use a Web browser, I might as well use this one. Every time you go to the site, you get a certain amount of points. All people who accumulate points get entered for the money."

Little did he know that this small decision would lead to one of the biggest events in his life. In April 2001, iwon.com called Fowler to say he was one of three finalists for the $10-million prize. "We were all flown to the Manhattan Post Office across from Madison Square Garden on tax day," Fowler said. "They held a drawing like the lottery with balls in a machine. The first two winners received vacation packages. I watched as the second ball was drawn and looked into the machine to see that mine was the last one left."

It was an amazing moment for Fowler. "Camera crews were everywhere, the place was packed, and I couldn't see anything because of the camera lights. A lady in the back of the room said 'You just won $10 million—how does it feel?'"

"I feel 10 feet tall and bullet proof," Fowler told her, and the many others who would ask that question in the upcoming days in his more than 70 radio interviews, dozens of newspaper interviews, and appearances on the *Howard Stern Show*, *Don Imis*, *Entertainment Tonight*, and four or five other news shows in New York City.

Winning is not new to this Crummer alum. A combination of positive attitude, common sense, intelligence, and tenacity led him to many wise decisions that have set him up for success. One of his best, he shared, was going to Crummer.

Fowler, who attended undergraduate school at Delaware State University, scored in the 98th percentile on the GMAT and was intent on going to grad school at Columbia. But his decision was swayed by a visit to Rollins made at the urging of his dean at Delaware. Having grown up in Seaford, Delaware—"a small town with one flashing red light, a convenience store, and a bank," he felt right at home in Crummer's small-school environment. "I also liked the opportunity to earn my MBA degree in a year," he said.

His decision paid off. "I liked the fact that you really get to know the professors," Fowler said. He found that he was able to apply his classroom experience to his everyday decisions on the job as a senior corporate trader in the Treasury Department at UPS.

For this 32-year-old multi-millionaire, success is less about money and more about personal fulfillment. "It's not necessarily how far up you are on the corporate ladder, but arriving at a point in your career where you're doing something you enjoy, are challenged by, and find rewarding," Fowler said. Even before winning $10 million, Fowler felt he'd grown as much as he was going to at UPS, so a year ago, he left to find new challenges on his own in risk management and financial and portfolio management.

Has winning changed him? Hardly. Giving seems to be instinctual for Fowler, and he'll tell you that the most important things to him are family and friends. So when his brother was struggling to start his own business, Fowler gave him a generous loan. He's putting his sister through college. He took his extended family on a Caribbean cruise. He bought a house and Jaguar convertible. And he and his wife made a list of nonprofits they want to support, including Rollins' Crummer School.

"More people need financial aid in these tough economic times to attend a school of the caliber of Crummer," he said. "We wanted to give back to a place that helped me a lot."

—Suzanne Beranek

women's crew staff as assistant varsity coach and recruiting coordinator. She begins her collegiate rowing coaching career following nearly 10 years in various positions at Aetna Health Insurance in Connecticut. While in the business world, Mitz found time for crew, serving as the chairperson for the Head of the Housatonic Regatta since 1996. From 1995-2001, the Philadelphia native served stints with the New Haven Rowing Club as its president, vice president, and member of its board of directors, coaching the club's Learn to Row program and serving as a private sculling coach. **Dorothy Lynn Vaccaro** was sworn in as a Pinellas County, FL judge this summer after having been appointed by Florida Governor Jeb Bush in April. She graduated from Loyola University School of Law in 1991 and began her career as an assistant state attorney, a job she held until her appointment, according to *The Tampa Tribune*.

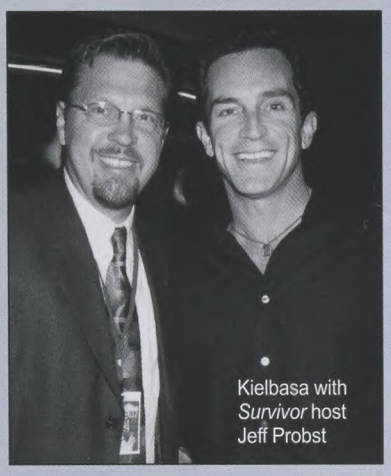
'89 **David Rotenberg** has been named program director of the adolescent-treatment center at the Caron Foundation, South Heidelberg Township, PA, where he will oversee daily operations of the center, including staff development and supervision, patient care, crisis management, and pet therapy. Formerly, he was clinical coordinator of the center and an adolescent therapist at Caron's outpatient services in Wyomissing, PA. **Jim Tagg** is president of Trademark Recruiting. He and his wife, Kim, live in Tampa, FL with their two children, A.J. and Kim.

'90 After graduating from Rollins, **Ronny Meinen** studied anthropology at Florida State University until he became homesick and returned to Amsterdam in 1992. Since then, he opened his own small antique shop in Amsterdam and also does interviews to supplement his income. He remains friends with Professor Joe Siry, who visited him in Amsterdam in February 2001 (*below*).

Ronny and his wife, Mary, have a three-year-old daughter, Eveline. **Janet Miller** (see *Weddings*) and her husband, Ali, live in the Boston area. **Campbell Brown**, who previously marketed the Southern Comfort brand, has accepted a position as U.S. brand manager for Jack Daniels Tennessee Whiskey.

JODY KIELBASA '80 ■ CHANGE IN PLANS

When Jody Kielbasa '80 declared his major, he naturally chose history. "I always loved history and I wanted to pursue a career in law or teaching," said the native Floridian.


Kielbasa with *Survivor* host Jeff Probst

Kielbasa's involvement in the Rollins theater department, however, would soon change his career plans. He landed roles in one play per year, starting as a freshman with a small part in *Romeo and Juliet* and culminating with the lead his senior year in another Shakespearean favorite, *The Merchant of Venice*. Yet, Kielbasa's greatest theatrical role at Rollins took place off the stage rather than on it.

In 1979, the theater department decided to stage a production of the highly controversial, Pulitzer Prize-winning play *Equus*. Three days before the opening night performance, Kielbasa learned the production was shut down due to citizen complaints over a nude scene. "With my background in history and political science, I thought it was completely unconscionable," he said.

Kielbasa immediately mobilized some friends on campus and organized a town hall meeting. His efforts drew both a standing-room-only crowd and local area press coverage to the Bush Auditorium, spurring Rollins to settle the dispute out of court and allowing the show to go on as planned. "It was something that galvanized a lot of my feelings about theater and the purpose it serves," said Kielbasa.

By his senior year, Kielbasa's interests had shifted to becoming an actor. After graduating from Rollins, he earned a BFA in theater from Florida State University and a master of fine arts in acting at the FSU Aslo Center for Actors Training in Sarasota. He then headed out to Los Angeles, where he enjoyed a short stint on the soap opera *Santa Barbara*, as well as roles in commercials and films.

After several years as a struggling actor, Kielbasa decided to open the Tanarind Theater underneath the famous Hollywood sign. He also founded the Florida Theatre Connection, an organization of actors, writers, and theater students who had moved from Florida to Los Angeles. Before long, the Tanarind was employing Rollins graduates and welcoming guests such as former President Ronald Reagan, Warren Beatty, and Annette Benning.

Although it quickly became one of the best-known small theaters in L.A., the Tanarind did not launch a successful acting career for Kielbasa, as he had originally hoped. "Instead, what I became was a theatrical producer and a small business owner who made a lot of close friends and forged ties in the industry," Kielbasa laughed.

The producing experience and connections he gained on the West Coast proved invaluable to Kielbasa when he returned to Florida and was asked to begin the Sarasota Film Festival in 1998. In the four years Kielbasa has served as executive director of the festival, attendance has risen from 2,300 to 20,000, the number of featured films has grown from eight to 200, and the length of the festival has increased from three to ten days. The festival has also attracted a host of celebrities that include Sydney Pollack, Brooke Shields, and Marlee Matlin.

Kielbasa said the only thing more exciting in recent years than the tremendous growth of the film festival has been adding husband and father to his list of credits. "I married Helen Bilodeau in September of 2000 and we had a baby girl named Camille three days after the close of this year's festival."

Although his career has taken a completely different path than he planned when he first declared his major at Rollins, Kielbasa said he uses his history degree every day. "It has shaped so much of who I am, how I communicate, and how I interact with people."

—Vanessa DiSimone

'91

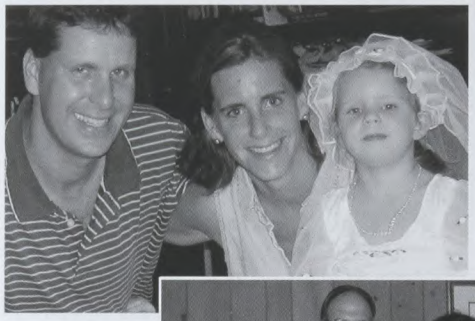
Robert Williams has moved on from the architectural and theatrical lighting system design firm he started and now does private consulting. Among his clients while managing the firm were Channel 13 WNET, Diane von Furstenberg, Helene Curtis/Unilever, and the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History.

'92

Kristin Bongiovanni graduated from the University of South Dakota's law school in 1996 and joined the Wisconsin Bar. After getting a divorce, she moved to Seattle and bought a house. She joined the foreign service and is currently posted in Manila, where she will be working until September 2003. **Kriya Lendzion** is in her last year in the master's in counseling degree program at Rollins and is working as an intern at the BETA Center, which offers alternative school and programs for pregnant and mothering teens. **Michael Cushing** writes, "In the wake of the September 11 attacks, my partners and I decided to open a satellite office for our adventure travel company, Dragonfly Expeditions, in New York City. I also have been managing a nature center for the NYC Urban Park Rangers, where my team this summer garnered a lot of attention for the four juvenile bald eagles we reintroduced to Manhattan." **Chris Mader** was recently named to the *Hartford Business Journal*'s "Forty Under 40" list, which recognizes "successful young professionals who are an integral part of the region's future." Noting his accomplishments, the magazine said, "Since relocating his family to Connecticut in 1999, Chris' leadership helped drive Sapphire Technologies from a start-up operation to a $5-million business unit in 2001. Chris has been responsible for generating over $20 million in sales in his six-year career with Sapphire." Chris said, "My parents instilled the core values of hard work, fairness, integrity, and perseverance. I am a firm believer that you will accomplish anything in life by setting goals and working hard." **Shelly Drakes-Bundle** (see *Births*) has relocated to the Orlando area and would like for any former classmates in the area to contact her. Shelly, who has two daughters, plans to be a "stay-at-home" mom for at least a couple of years. Alumni gathered in Greenwich, CT for the engagement party of **Liz Warthen '92**. (*Below, l-r*) *Front row:* **Tawn Larsen Hahn '92, Darcey Callender Yerkes '93, Liz Warthen '92** and her fiancé Brett Svatek; *Middle row:* **Jennifer Foley Brinkley '92, Ryan Rose Roth '93, Elizabeth Tigett Parks '93;** *Back row:* **Darrell Alfieri '93, Carla Dunbar '93, Kelly Miller Overbeck '92, Sarah H. Pavao '93, Britt Larsen Kovak '92, Michele Martinez Roofthooft '92, Nick Yerkes '92.**

CENTRAL FLORIDA

The Student Alumni Association and the Alumni Association hosted Central Florida alumni and their families at a Pre-Halloween Howl Party in the Alumni House on October 26, 2002. Alumni and their families enjoyed decorating Halloween cookies and then joined in the holiday festivities on Mills Lawn.



(l-r) **Eric Marshall '91**, wife Sarah, and daughter Grace

Eva Davis Seals '89, husband Alan, and children Emma and AJ, with **Elizabeth "Lisa" Curb DeVore '90** and daughter Cheyenne

The Alumni Association hosted a reception October 20, 2002 celebrating the inaugural Winter Park Concours d'Elegance, a fashionable display of rare and exotic automobiles on Park Avenue. Automobile buffs and other adventure-seekers gathered at the Alumni House for refreshments and camaraderie before making their way through the impressive show with hosts **Tom duPont '70** and **Sarah duPont Hendriksen '98.**

(l-r) **Cheryl '95** and Wade Walker, **Jennifer Stults '92** and Todd Clements

(l-r) **Kit Johnson Rutledge '52**, Burt Rutledge, and Crummer Faculty member, Clay Singleton

BOULDER, CO

Jim Chanin '87 opened his gorgeous home to alumni of the Boulder and Denver areas on September 20, 2002. More than 45 alumni and guests enjoyed reconnecting with Rollins and old friends while taking in the beautiful views from his back deck overlooking the Rocky Mountains.

(l-r) **Kellee Johnson '90, Kristi Schorer '94, Kim Schorer '92,** Interim Director of Alumni Programs **Jennifer Hosford Johannesmeyer '92**, and **Kelly Brian Paull '90**

(l-r) Host **Jim Chanin '87** and **David Zarou '86**

COLORADO SPRINGS, CO

David Lord '69 '71MBA hosted a reception for Colorado Springs-area alumni at the breathtaking Garden of the Gods Club on September 19, 2002.

(l-r) Host **David Lord '69 '71MBA**, Louise and **Donald Kimberlin '65 HH**, and **Linda Mojer '84 HH**

(l-r) Adele Balink, **Alison Henning Moore '50**, and **Bob Balink '64 '66MBA**

Young Alumni Events

CENTRAL FLORIDA

Central Florida Young Alumni enjoyed a wine tasting at Eola Wine Company in Orlando on October 16, 2002. Many thanks to the steering committee members: **Peter Blomquist '00, Emily White Blomquist '01, Elisha Contner '95, Edwin Hendriksen '96 '98MBA, Sarah duPont Hendriksen '98, Stewart Parker '02, Andy Ritchie '97**, and **Heather Sapey '96.**

(l-r) **Zach Clough '99, Jill Henderson '00,** and **Robin Zielke Harris '01**

(l-r) Young Alumni Program Coordinator **Ilyse Gerber '00HH, Missy Riegel '99, Sarah duPont Hendriksen '98, Edwin Hendriksen '96 '98MBA**, and **Andrea Henderson '99 '02MBA**

(l-r) **Nate Morris '99, Andrea Henderson '99 '02MBA, Chip Watson '02,** and **Rick Coles '02**

(l-r) **Jason Roberson '01, Stephanie Thomas '01, Oscar Pinkas '01,** and **Tiffany O'Neil '03**

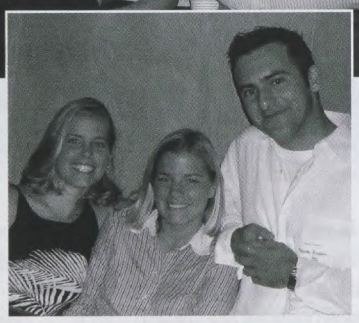
TAMPA

Tampa/St. Pete Young Alumni enjoyed an after hours at the Blue Martini in Tampa on October 23, 2002. Many thanks to the steering committee members: **Marco Caporale '00, Molly duPont '97, Cheryl Carter Flagler '93, Charles Gallagher '95, Rebecca Nannen Hearn '93, Raanan Pritzker '95 '98MBA**, and **Doug Thompson '94 '01MBA.**

(l-r) **Sarah Pavao '93** and **Rebecca Nannen Hearn '93**

Doug Thompson '94 '01MBA and **Kristen Carpenter Wulbern '97**

(l-r) **David Rivero '02, Raanan Pritzker '95 '98MBA, Nicole Kimber '02MBA,** and **Charles Gallagher '95**



(l-r) **Heather Ploch '98, Felipe Pinzon '97** and friend

(l-r) ***Nicole Kimber '02 MBA, William Lombardi '02,*** *and* ***David Rivero '02***

'93 **Bethany Wright** is the production stage manager for The Dallas Opera.

'94 **Stacey Garfunkel Peterson** (see *Weddings*) lives in Washington, D.C. and would love to catch up with other alumni in the area. She and her husband, Robert, are considering moving to South Florida this fall and look forward to visiting Rollins. **Andrea Latina** (see *Weddings*) is an attorney with the law firm of Grimball & Cabaniss in Charleston, SC. **Jeffrey Daniel Abar** (see *Weddings*) lives in Chicago and is a marketing coordinator for Kenzer and Co.

'95 **Lacey O'Donnell Matan** and her husband, J.P., recently moved into a new house in Chevy Chase, MD. They have a 1-year-old baby, Patrick Thomas, who keeps them busy. Lacey gets together with other Rollins alumni in her area often, including **Heidi Morton Sherrill**, **Nicole Cirrito**, **Cari Hodges Jordan '94**, **Louise Barroll Suval**, **Amy Eisinger Gardiner '96**, **Nancy Riviere**, and several others. Lacey reports that **Louise Barroll Suval** had a baby girl, Anna, in February 2002. **Elisha Contner** recently passed the national licensure exam to become a licensed marriage and family therapist in the state of Florida. Elisha has worked as a therapist for the last two years at Devereux in Orlando and currently works in the youth and family counseling outpatient center in College Park, where she was recently promoted to clinical supervisor.

'96 **Stephen Arthur-Wong** was named to the 2002 U.S. Rowing Senior National Team and competed at the World Championships in Seville, Spain in September, participating in the lightweight men's double (an Olympic event). Stephen was a member of the crew team at Rollins and also served as assistant women's coach from 1998 to 2002, when he left to pursue his dream of rowing for the "red, white and blue" (see story p. 38) **DeAnne Wingate Crook** (see *Weddings*) and her husband, Douglas, honeymooned on Turtle Island in Fiji and live in Chicago. **Rebecca Hammock** earned a master's degree in urban and regional planning from Florida State University after graduating from Rollins. She married Cory Jones in 1999, and they have a 16-month-old son, Kelly Prescott. Rebecca currently lives and works in Lake Mary, FL. **Edward Holt** (see *Weddings*) is an attorney with the law firm of Maynard, Cooper & Gale, P.C. in Birmingham, AL. His wife, Shannon, is a graduate of Washington and Lee University and Vanderbilt University. She is a lawyer and will begin practicing at Maynard, Cooper & Gale, P.C. after finishing a one-year clerkship with a federal judge.

LESLIE HALPERN '02 ■ LIVING OUT HER DREAM OF BEING PUBLISHED

Most graduate students procrastinate and complain about writing the master's thesis, but Leslie Halpern was so excited about hers that she finished it a year ahead of schedule—well before completing the course requirements for the master of liberal studies degree. Now she is anticipating the publication of her thesis next year.

The book, *Dreams on Film: The Cinematic Struggle Between Art & Science*, will be published by McFarland & Company, Inc. in 2003. It is a 200-page exploration of "how the figurative truth of art overpowers the literal truth of science in dream sequences in the movies," said Halpern, who did not seem surprised that she will have a book published. Writing a book was apparently in her life plan.

"I probably will write another book someday," she said, "but it is hard to imagine one as much as fun as this one was to write."

Halpern watched at least 100 different films in all kinds of genres from the past 50 years that have something to do with sleeping and dreaming, exploring the artistic and psychological reasons for including certain sleeping and dreaming sequences. She watched each film at least twice; those with dream sequences she viewed five additional times. And she is now updating her thesis for publication by adding three current movies to the text: *Vanilla Sky*, *Jurassic Park III*, and *Laura Croft Tomb Raiders*.

Writing comes easily to Halpern who is a free-lance entertainment writer. As a monthly columnist for *MarKee*, a regional film magazine, she interviews filmmakers "about the perils and pleasure of making independent films." She also is a stringer for the *Hollywood Reporter*, based in Los Angeles, and for the *Orlando Sentinel*.

"I don't remember ever *not* loving movies," said Halpern, who has a strong affinity for theater and dance, as well as movies. Part of her book discusses the Freudian idea of movies being like a public dream. "We all experience the dream at the same time and then we all go home and have our own private dream, which makes it more complex and juicy."

Although she probably would have written a book sometime in her life, the Master of Liberal Studies Program helped bring this dream to reality. "There are bits and pieces of all my courses in the book," she said. She also gives a lot of credit to her faculty adviser and MLS Program director Dr. Robert Smither. "None of this would have happened without having a mentor who believed in my project and who shared my vision."

Smither, a professor of psychology and organizational behavior, appreciates the psychology of art and the connections between art and science. "He always incorporated film in his courses, so I knew that he knew the power of the visual image. And of course there is a significant psychological aspect to films. Many directors and writers rely a lot on Freud's ideas that all dreams have a meaning; also, many dreams in movies go into repressed ideas of sex and violence in all of us, although most scientists today probably wouldn't agree with this."

How did Halpern get her book published so quickly? She first tried to enlist the help of an agent, who told her it was too scholarly for a popular audience. Then, after researching publishers in *Writer's Market*, she wrote to the top five who published books specializing in film and psychology, and she accepted an offer from one of them. "I wasn't sure of the market, of who would like the book, but I tried to make it readable," she said.

Halpern found the MLS program to be a very important life experience. "It helped me a lot personally," she said. "I learned so much about myself, other people, other places. It helped to make me a better person."—*Linda Carpenter*

'97 **Mathew May** is currently working in Osaka, Japan at Universal Studios as a stuntman in the WaterWorld stunt show. **Michael Deaver** served as performance coach for the Rollins soccer team in the 2002 preseason. He led the team in sport-specific power-yoga sequences, visualization, stretching, and relaxation. He also will be serving as the sports performance coach for the Trinity Prep boys' soccer team for the fourth year.

'98 **Suzanne Lawe** recently earned her master's degree in counseling. She still lives in the Orlando area and is working as a school guidance counselor. **Matt Certo** had the honor of participating in President Bush's economic forum in Waco, TX in August. To generate ideas about technology expansion and growing the economy, the president handpicked about 250 individuals from across the nation to attend the forum. As a Central Florida delegate, Matt participated in the technology and innovation panel discussion, where he had the chance to offer ideas about maintaining the strength of the nation's high-tech sector. **Shannon Barry '98** hosted a going-away party for **William Brock '98** before he left for NYC to start the MFA program at Alabama Shakespeare Festival. (Below, *l-r*):

Shannon Barry '98, Barton Bishop '00, William Brock '98, Lynn Burke Bogner '98, Michelle Franklin '97, Meredith Inglesby '97, Stephanie Float '97, and **Brandy Mitchell '98.**

'99 **Deirdre Provenzano** recently moved from Miami to Harrisburg, PA to attend Widener School of Law, where she is working toward a certification in law and government. **Terra Atkinson** passed her bar examination in September and is working with Moore & Van Allen in Charlotte, NC. **William Salzwedel** graduated from the Stetson University College of Law in St. Petersburg.

'00 **Bryan Welch** was the subject of a feature article in *The Union Leader* in August. Bryan continues to scout for the Indians and works for a company called "Baseball Factory," which helps high-school athletes find appropriate colleges. Sidelined by a shoulder injury, he hopes to return to pitching eventually and also plans to coach on the college level. **Marco Caporale** is a financial advisor for Morgan Stanley in Clearwater, FL. After a year of traveling through Southeast Asia and the Pacific, **Bryant Castro** settled in San Diego for a year. Now, he is off to study and volunteer in Paris, France, and then he plans to pursue a photography expedition through Northern Africa. While abroad, he plans to visit **Emma LeBelle '99**, who lives in Paris and is working toward a master's degree, and **Amanda Buttinger '98**, who lives in Madrid, Spain. **Jennifer Bailey**, curator of the Vero Beach Museum of Art, was profiled in the *Press Journal* in August. Jennifer graduated last year with a master's degree from the University of Chicago. Knowing how difficult curator jobs are to find, she started teaching art history at Harper Community College in the Chicago area and sent a resume to the Vero Beach museum in response to an advertisement for a fund-raising post. To her surprise and delight, the museum's executive director contacted her and offered her the job as curator of the 52,000-square-foot museum, where she began work in June.

'01 **Matt Townsley** was one of 16 medical students from around the country selected to take part in the Interhealth Program, in which he spent a month in Ecuador with a team of doctors and students, according to the *Orlando Sentinel*. The team visited medical facilities in the Andes Mountains, Amazon Basin, and the city of Quito to deliver medical supplies and work in clinics. Matt recently completed his first year of medical school at the University of South Florida in Tampa. **Bianca Alaimo** married Grant Orton, but the formal wedding and celebration will not take place until July 12, 2003. The couple recently spent a year in Scotland, where Bianca worked as an assistant manager of a business center. Her husband is currently attending the University of Glasgow, studying aeronautical engineering. Bianca is back in Florida and is trying to get certified to teach secondary school.

'02 **Daniel Faggard (HH)** is one of only 20 law students across the nation to receive a 2002 American Bar Association Legal Education Opportunity Scholarship and is attending law school at the University of Michigan. **Scott Filter** recently moved to the Washington, D.C. area and is a financial aid counselor at George Washington University.

BIRTHS

'86 Louise Hale Graner and husband Rob, son Andrew Thomas, 4/3/02.

'87 Sharon Wcislo Porter and husband Matt, son Hayden Wren (*right*) 6/14/02.

'89 Bonnie Bickum McClelland and husband John, son Kyle Matthew, 4/16/02; **Tamara Rivera Gross** and husband Ari, twin girls, Haley Catherine and Madison Elizabeth, 12/15/01.

'92 Cecilia Green Browne and husband Bill, daughter Caroline Hansen, 7/19/02, who joins brother Billy (*left*). **Suzanne Williams** and husband Eric Schoenfeld, son Finn Blackburn, 12/20/01; **Shelly Drakes-Bundle** and husband Gerry, daughter Sydney Marie, 2/12/02.

'94 Steve '96MBA and **Ruth Mlecko Bence**, daughter Mary Lauren, 5/1/01, who joins brother Paul, 4.

'94 Jack Mahoney and wife Irene, son Andrew John, 10/06/02.

'95 Julie Neubaum Harris and husband Dean, son Elijah, 6/10/02.

'98 Michelle Segarra-Rovira Daly and husband Chris, son Miguel, 1/28/02.

'99 Lillian Rodriguez Scott and husband Jeffrey, daughter Kailey Sara (*above*), 7/10/02, who joins sister Kristen Ann.

WEDDINGS

'75 Betsy Evans Folk (HHG) to Lowell Clark, 6/8/02 in Knowles Memorial Chapel.

Katrina Heffernan to **Kim Reniska**, 8/10/02 in the Knowles Memorial Chapel; attendees: **Doug Buttrick '74, Chuck Lytle, Paul Gleason '76,** and Katrina's brother, **Bill Heffernan '69.**

'78 David Pearson to **Ann Parsons '79**, 9/7/02 in Knowles Memorial Chapel.

'84 Maria Smith to Richard Dupuis, 8/3/02 in Knowles Memorial Chapel.

'85 Michael Tyson to Denise Cullen, 9/21/02 in Knowles Memorial Chapel.

'90 Janet Miller to Ali Benabdesselam, 6/7/02 in Revere, MA.

Ellen Beckham Ruff to John Christian Gazzo (*left*), 6/2/01 on Jekyll Island, GA; **Thomas Curran** performed the ceremony; attendees: **Carol Farquharson Ruff '55, Barbara Moynahan Kappler '57,** and **Thira Goldfinger '91.**

'91 Gina Paduano, Ph.D. to Christopher Ralph, 8/16/02; bridesmaid: **Marnie Wochna Sweeney**; attendees: **Rose Bolling Rondeau, Beverly French Hoyt, Jennifer Malm Pfleger, Kari Larsen Pedone '92,** and **Melissa Roder '93.**

Jennifer Newton Moss to Christopher Shannon Crowley, 9/21/02 at All Saints' Episcopal Parish in Peterborough, NH.

'92 Margaret Nicholson (HHG) to Michael Morton, 6/1/02 in Knowles Memorial Chapel.

Lisa Ann Pascocello Keller to **Stephen Schmidt '80**, 6/14/02 in Knowles Memorial Chapel.

'94 Hubert William Hawkins IV to Angela Maria Cimato, 6/22/02 in Town of Tonawanda, NY.

Stacey Garfunkel to Robert John Peterson III, 4/27/02 in Hillsboro, FL; bridesmaids: **Meredith Tuttle, Melissa Owens,** and **Katie Davis Middleton**; attendees: **Reid Boren, Susie Dexter Dwinell '93, Amanda Mathews Fuller, Richard** and **Candice Baine Mulligan,** and **Brooks Bishop '93.**

K. Scott Andrews to Brenda Lee Cox, 10/13/01 in Portland, ME.

Andrea Latina to James R. Martin IV, 5/26/02 in Warwick, RI.

Jeffrey Daniel Abar to Amanda Kristin Locke, 4/6/02 at St. Clements Catholic Church in Chicago.

'96 Mathew McCauley to **Kate Ogden** (*above*), 7/27/02 at St. Mary and St. Michael's Church in Garstang, England.

YOUNG ALUMNI STICKING TOGETHER

Scoring big in pro soccer
Alicia Milyak '02

The Monday after her Sunday graduation last May, Alicia Milyak, carrying little more than a box of personal effects and a soccer bag, hopped on a plane and headed to Seattle, Washington. The four-year Rollins soccer player had joined the Seattle Sounders, a semi-professional soccer team, and was ready to get the ball rolling on her hopeful career.

After impressing a Seattle Sounders' scout earlier in the year, the enthusiastic 22-year-old accepted an offer to join the team without hesitation. "I had never been to Seattle or the Northwest, but of course, I'm going to go," she thought. "I'm not going to turn my dream down."

So, from May to August Milyak played for the team as an outside mid-fielder. Now in the off-season, she's returned to Winter Park to focus on endurance training and hone her soccer skills with the help of Rollins assistant women's soccer coach Tony Amato '00.

Milyak credits Rollins with providing her good friends and treasured experiences, but also something that's fundamental to her professional goals: the desire to achieve. "Rollins inspired me to succeed, and gave me the skills to do so" said the Rockwood, Pennsylvania native. "I learned that success is out there, and that I can go achieve it if I work for it."—*Vickie Pleus*

Still rowing his boat
Stephen Arthur-Wong '96

The century-old history of crew at Rollins College added a significant chapter last summer as Stephen Arthur-Wong (*front*) represented the United States in the World Rowing Championships in Spain. For the former Rollins rower, the opportunity to compete wearing the red, white, and blue was a culmination of a dream that began with his first strokes on the waters of Late Maitland.

Reared in Trinidad and Tobago, Arthur-Wong moved to the U.S. in 1989 at the age of 13. At just 15 years old, he enrolled at Rollins and joined the rowing team his junior year in 1995. He graduated in 1996 and until 1998, continued competing for Rollins' crew while attending classes at the College's Hamilton Holt School.

With his college career completed, Arthur-Wong shifted gears from sweep rowing (where each rower holds one oar with both hands) to sculling (where the rower holds two oars, one in each hand) and immediately set his sights on making the U.S. team. While serving as an assistant coach at Rollins, he quickly established himself on the water in the lightweight single event, finishing second at the 2001 U.S. National Team trials and falling 1.2 seconds short of making the national squad for the 2001 World Championships.

Undeterred, Arthur-Wong returned to the U.S. National Team trials this summer, this time with a partner, Conal Groom, a member of the U.S. team since 1998. Together, the duo competed in the lightweight double sculls and easily claimed first place at the trials, earning a spot on the U.S. team.

"It was just awesome realizing I had finally made my dreams come true," said Arthur-Wong. "I remember walking around and not knowing what to do. I was in a daze. It was a little overwhelming for a while."

With just three months of training together and facing the toughest competition in the world, Arthur-Wong and Groom finished 18th at the championships. Chalking his first international competition up as a valuable learning experience, Arthur-Wong has new and higher goals in mind: the 2004 Olympic Games in Greece.—*Alan Hancock '96*

Golfer gone TV producer
Dan O'Callaghan '95

Golf has been good to Dan O'Callaghan. Participation in the sport early in his life laid a solid foundation upon which his Rollins golf experiences, career in television, and lasting friendships would later rest.

"Golf has provided me with so many opportunities in life that I decided early on I was going to make it a permanent part of my life," said the New York native who played professional golf shortly after graduating from Rollins with an English degree. "When I 'retired' from golf, I took a job at ESPN in Bristol, Connecticut—my first real television job. I guess you could call that my 'big break' into the business. Once again, I owe that break to golf."

O'Callaghan set his sights on his next career move and in 1999 was named producer at The Golf Channel. Today, the former two-time NCAA Division II All-American produces the network's news show, "Golf Central."

O'Callaghan continues to stay in touch with his Rollins friends—he recently took a golf trip with six of his Chi Psi alumni brothers.

"My fondest memories of Rollins are of the golf team and time spent with my friends in Chi Psi," he said. "The friends that I made in Chi Psi are second only to my family. I often wonder what kind of person I would be without the friendships I developed at Rollins." —*Vickie Pleus*

On course as a golf executive
Karen Calvesbert '01

Karen Calvesbert first became interested in sports as a little girl. Involved in several sports as a child, the future Rollins alum decided on golf as her sport of choice as she entered high school. College-bound, she earned a scholarship to Rollins in recognition of her outstanding performances as a young golfer.

At Rollins, Calvesbert flourished in her craft. The Rollins golf team captain (1999) and team MVP (1998) transitioned smoothly from athlete to executive as she entered the professional golf world. She began interning for the Puerto Rico Golf Association in July 2001, and months later accepted a position as tournament administration executive with the Tour De Las Americas—a golf tour for professional male golfers. Last June, she assumed a full-time position with the Puerto Rico Golf Association, where she promotes the game of golf throughout Puerto Rico and the Caribbean.

The list of Calvesbert's honors as a Rollins athlete is impressive (she received All-American honors for three consecutive years), but the 23-year-old said that her experiences at the school also helped her business career. "Rollins gave me a solid foundation on which to move into the business world," said the environmental studies major. "At Rollins, you get an interdisciplinary education where you learn that everything is related to each other; everything's interconnected. I have been able to put this knowledge into practice in my work."—*Vickie Pleus*

DeAnne Wingate to Douglas Dean Crook (*below*), 5/26/02 at the Palmilla

Resort in Los Cabos, Mexico; attendees: honor attendant **Sara McGann, Amy Jo Will '99**, best maid **Jen McBrair '95**, matron of honor **Alison Michaux Piziali '95, Kristie Schorer '94, Jennifer Candee Lowry '95, Marilou Lao Beard**, groomsman and bride's brother **Fred Wingate '97**, and **Rob Piziali '95**.

Thomas Peck to **Shelby Shaffer**, 6/1/02 in Knowles Memorial Chapel.

Edward M. Holt to Shannon V. Upchurch, 9/14/02; attendees: **David Shpiz '95, Mark Brown '94, Sam Stark '91, Alan O'Neil '98, Charles Goodrich '98, Brad '97 '99MBA** and **Cheryl Deutsch Lancaster '96, Simon '96** and **Kelly Wiseman '99 HH**.

'97 Darian Reeves '01MBA to **Alex Mohring '01MBA**, 6/22/02 in Knowles Memorial Chapel.

Carrie Jetchick to Darrell Dilmore, 7/13/02 in Knowles Memorial Chapel.

McLean Schaeffer to Oliver Doughtie, 5/02.

'98 Adam Loewy to **Danielle LaFalce '99**, 3/10/01 at Leu Gardens in Orlando; wedding party: **Stephanie LaFalce '02, Emmy Castlen '99, Jordan Pouzzner '96**, and **Angus Guberman.**

Ashley Bruce Stearns to Andrew Edwards Burr, 6/1/02 in Melvin Village, NH.

Staci Fox (HHG) to **Christopher Stemley '97MBA**, 6/22/02 in Knowles Memorial Chapel.

Carlynna Bonfiglio to Christopher Golas, 6/22/02 in Knowles Memorial Chapel.

'99 Jennifer Colinger to **Grant Rowe '00**, 6/29/02 in Knowles Memorial Chapel.

Amye Lotspeich Smith to Adam H. Kinnaman, 10/13/01 at Villa Collina in Knoxville, TN; maid of honor: **Bridget White Dinklage.**

'00 Eve Khatib to Geoff Pafford, 8/3/02 in Knowles Memorial Chapel.

Melissa Ann Fox to Scott William Austin, 5/18/02 in Knowles Memorial Chapel.

'01 Robin Allyn Zielke to **Joseph Robert Harris IV '98**, 11/24/01 at St. Margaret Mary Church in Winter Park; maid of honor: **Zaria Goschalk '00**; bridesmaid: **Katherine Schulz '02**; groomsmen: **Nate Morris '99** and **Chip Walter '99**; attendees: **Courtney Hinman, Heather Ploch '98, Greg Seyler '99, Sahil Bhasin '02, Curtis Reese '00, Rick Coles '02, Chip Watson '02**, and **Eric Foglesong '02.**

Rachel Bornhauser to **Tony Durrum '00HH**, 7/29/02.

Tamara Shaw to Brian Davidson, 7/6/02 in Knowles Memorial Chapel.

Parrish Morris (MAC) to Jerald Daugherty, 9/7/02 in Knowles Memorial Chapel.

IN MEMORY

'31 Frank A. Doggett died September 9, 2002. He was the founding principal of Fletcher Junior-Senior High School, where he served as principal from 1937 to 1969. He also had a national reputation in American literature and was awarded an honorary doctor of letters degree from the University of Florida in 1967 for his book *Stevens' Poetry of Thought*. He is survived by a daughter, Jean, a son, John, five grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

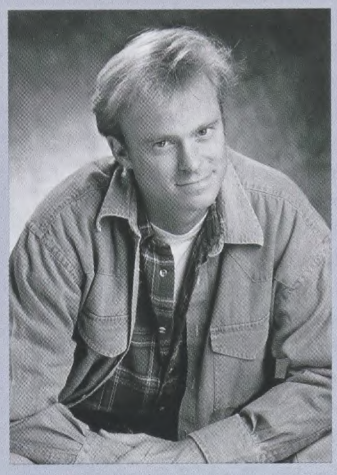
'32 Lois Hancock died August 22, 2002 in Brooksville, FL. She was a teacher with the Hernando County Public School System and was the owner/operator of the Hancock 5&10 store in Brooksville for more than 20 years. She earned a master's degree in education from Florida Atlantic University and was a member of First Baptist Church. She is survived by a grandniece, a great-grandnephew, and a great-grandniece.

'37 James Boyd, II died July 14, 2002. After graduating from Rollins, Jim moved to Hartford, CT and began a 36-year career at what was then Pratt & Whitney and later United Technologies, where he was purchasing manager for the research laboratories. In 1942, he married Dorothy Jennings. He was an active board member of the Hartford Symphony for 18 years. An avid traveler, he documented his trips to over 100 countries in detailed travelogues. He is survived by a daughter, Juliana, a son, Brewster, two grandsons, and four step-grandchildren.

'38 The Rev. Lyman "Bus" Greaves died September 26, 2002.

'42 Susanne Stein Glaser died August

IN MEMORY ■ JASON OPSAHL '84



Rollins lost one of its brightest theatrical stars in professional actor Jason Opsahl, who died on October 25 of cardiac arrest after a long struggle with brain cancer, just a few weeks short of his 40th birthday. Perhaps best known by his Rollins friends for his performances at the Annie Russell Theatre in *Pippin*, *A Little Night Music*, and *Jesus Christ Superstar*, as a professional Broadway singer and actor he appeared in the original casts of *Grease!*, *The Will Rogers Follies*, and *The Full Monty*.

Opsahl caught the performing bug early, and appeared as a youth in the Rollins productions of *Oliver!* and *Murder in the Cathedral*. Ironically, he met someone who would become an enduring friend, Chris Gasti '86, while competing for these children's roles.

"He truly was 'The Mayor of New York,'" Gasti said at Opsahl's memorial service in the Knowles Memorial Chapel. "Everywhere he went, people knew him and loved him"—among them, Rosie O'Donnell and Marla Maples, who attended a standing-room-only memorial service in New York several weeks prior to the Rollins service. Brooke Shields and producer Tommy Tune left messages of condolence.

The Rollins Chapel was filled with former alumni and staff and Opsahl's family and friends, many of whom shared personal reminiscences. "One of my favorite Jason memories was a ride to a wedding," said Bill Leavengood. "Anita Adsit and I were ragging on him for being so condescending. He was quite defensive and insisted that it wasn't true. Anita and I insisted that it was. Finally Jason says, without any awareness of the irony, 'Do you guys even know what condescending *means*?'"

After making his mark on the Rollins stage and acting in Central Florida community theater, Opsahl moved to New York City in 1986, where he made his Broadway debut as one of the "wranglers" in *The Will Rogers Follies, a Life in Revue*, alongside Jerry Mitchell, who later choreographed *The Full Monty*. Opsahl was an understudy for several roles in *The Full Monty* on Broadway during the run of the show, and he performed virtually to the end of his life.

It was backstage at *Will Rogers* that Jerry Mitchell and his chorus pals cooked up the idea of the now-popular "Broadway Bares" fundraising event for Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS (BC/EFA). Opsahl was involved in all 12 annual "Bares" events as the rotation master, and often provided voiceover work for other BC/EFA events.

"He was a wonderfully spirited man who had tons of friends in the theatre community," Peter Borzotta, of BC/EFA, told Playbill On-Line. "He was a tireless advocate of BC/EFA and its events."

Opsahl appeared opposite Rosie O'Donnell, playing Kenickie in the new Tommy Tune-supervised version of *Grease!* He also appeared in the revival of *Once Upon a Mattress* on Broadway and in *Captains Courageous* at Manhattan Theatre Club, and was seen in the 2001 Dreamgirls benefit. His credits also include a tour of Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Music of the Night* with Melissa Manchester, and a world premiere show, *Dreamland*.—*Bobby Davis '82*

19, 2002. Born in Vienna, Austria, she moved to the United States in 1939, when her father, Wilhelm Stein, was given a teaching position for a brief period at Rollins. After graduating from Rollins, she earned a master's degree from the University of Maryland and a master's degree from Baltimore Hebrew College. She helped others making the transition to life in the United States during her first job with the Institute of International Education, as a social worker with the Jewish Family and Children's Service of Baltimore, and with the Holocaust tracing service of the Red Cross. She is survived by her husband, Dr. Kurt Glaser; four sons, Richard Glaser, Dr. David Glaser, Dr. Benjamin Glaser, and Dr. Dan Glaser; one brother, John Gideon; and nine grandchildren.

'42 Franklin "Butch" R. Enquist died September 7, 2002. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and retired from Connecticut Foundry in 1982. An avid sailor, "Butch" was a member of the Canoe Club, which he served as past commodore, the University Club, and the Hartford Club. His wife, **Esther Pierce Enquist '41**, and their two sons, Lauren and Robert, predeceased him. He is survived by his friend and companion, Mary Ann Agostini, two granddaughters, a niece, and a nephew.

'43 Wallace L. Schultz died April 30, 2002. News of his death was reported by his wife, Claire.

'44 Jane McEnery Parks Ward, a former newspaper columnist for the *Winter Park Sun Herald* and the *Corner Cupboard*, died June 4, 2002. In the late 1940s, Jane hosted a radio program, "Sincerely Yours," on (580) WDBO-AM. She married the late Harry Cliatt Ward, Jr. in 1941. A member of First United Methodist Church of Orlando, she also was a member of Junior League of Orlando-Winter Park and the Rosalind Club of Orlando. She is survived by three daughters, Judith Owens-David, Rebecca Umphrey, and Elizabeth Bowman; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

'45 Rosalind Darrow Shor died April 4, 2002. News of her death was reported by her husband, Louis Shor, who said, "Rosalind spoke highly of her professors at Rollins and the good friends she met there, some of whom she remained close to throughout her life."

'47 Ruth McDaniel Wilson died March 29, 2002 in Jasper, AL. News of her death was reported by **Eleanor Seavey Mischuck**.

'50 Thomas George Blakemore, who served with distinction in the United States Army, died May 17, 2002 after a lengthy illness. He was a member of the Kappa Alpha Order while at Rollins. A resident of North Palm Beach, he was a member of the Bath and Tennis Club and was formerly a member of the Everglades Club and the Tuxedo Club in Tuxedo Park, NY. He is survived by his wife, Frances; three daughters, Anne, Deborah, and Dorothy; two stepchildren; and three step-grandchildren.

'50 Robert F. Draughon of Toledo, OH died April 19, 2002. While at Rollins, he was a member of Sigma Nu fraternity and spent four years on the varsity crew team. News of his death was reported by his wife, Marcia W. Draughon.

'53 Alice Berastegui Cochran died September 7, 2002. News of her death was reported by **Georgeanna McGaw Irwin**.

'55 Jege Jackson Remsburg died September 17, 2002. A head cheerleader while at Rollins, Jege married **Bruce Remsburg** and moved to Fort Lauderdale in 1956, where she taught school at Westwood Heights Elementary. She was a member of the Junior League of Fort Lauderdale and co-chaired the coalition to float the King-Cromartie House down the New River to a new location. She was active in her Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority Alumni Chapter, serving as president and helping initiate the Barbara Marko Scholarship at the University of Miami. In addition to her husband, she is survived by two sisters, Marty and Vicki; two daughters, Katherine Sautter and **MaryBeth Remsburg Guernier '86**; two sons, Bill and Andy; and eight grandchildren.

'55 James Vickers died November 22, 1999. He is survived by his wife, **Cynthia Ross Vickers**.

'63 Allan B. Lipsky died June 8, 2002 in Clearwater, FL. Allan was general manager at East Lake Woodlands, Palm Harbor, and managing director of Arbor Greene in Tampa. He was a Navy veteran of the Vietnam War with the rank of lieutenant. He was a member of the boards of directors of Mease Dunedin Hospital, St. Paul School, and the Children's Home, Tampa. He is survived by a son, Clay, and a brother, Stuart.

'63 Joan Margaret Pinkerton Schmidt died August 19, 2002 after a courageously fought battle with cancer. She was a resident of Yarmouth, MN. News of her death was reported by her daughter, Jennifer Schmidt Major.

'70 Fred Ritter (MAT) died August 19, 2002. Fred served for about 35 years in the Army and Air Force and was stationed in Alaska, Greece, Thailand, and Tripoli. After his retirement in 1967, he and his wife, Kay, moved to Central Florida. He taught at Oviedo High School for several years and served on the Longwood City Council in the early 1970s. He is survived by a two daughters, Debbie Tedder and Carol McCroskey; a son, William; two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

'70 Christine "Tina" Elizabeth Cichowski Macre '71MBA died June 1, 2002 of cancer. During a middle-school teaching career in Catholic schools that would span almost 30 years, Tina taught at St. Margaret Mary in Winter Park and St. John Vianney in Orlando. Nearly every one of her former students listed her as their most influential teacher in the school yearbook—even two years after cancer forced her to stop teaching, according to the *Orlando Sentinel*. She is survived by her husband, Ralph; a daughter, Heather; and her parents, Matthew and Flore Cichowski.

'71 Ernest B. Crawford Sr. (HH) died May 25, 2002. A resident of Winter Garden, FL, Ernest served two terms on the City Commission there, from 1970 to 1974, during which he helped city employees get workplace benefits. In 1974, he became the president of the Orange County Young Republican Club. A Navy veteran, he also was a member of the Orange County Jaycees and the West Orange Athletic Association. He is survived by his wife, Connie; a daughter Cynthia Trujillo; three sons, Craig, Ernest Jr., and Christopher; and 11 grandchildren.

'74 Carol Van Deusen Casey died September 15, 2002 in New Haven, CT. She was employed by Anthony Papa of Branford, CT and previously was vice president and secretary of Counting Devices, Inc., the parent company of P.J. Mieth Manufacturing of North Branford, where she was general manager. Earlier, she managed antique stores in Rye, NY and Greenwich. She contributed many hours to coaching softball and managing swim teams. She is survived by two daughters, Aimee and Caity; her parents, John and Dorothy Stroud Van Deusen; two sisters; a brother; and nieces and nephews.

'78 Russell B. Corkhum died June 23, 2002 in Barrington, RI. He had been employed by the Providence Journal Co. in cable television installation and management. He previously had played and taught tennis. He had a keen interest in history and world affairs, and once made a solo trip around the world. He is survived by his parents, William and Roberta; a sister, Carol Edwards; and a brother, Geoffrey.

'80 Dalela Nunez Smith (BR) died July 15, 2002. A native of the Republic of Panama, she moved to Florida in 1943. She was employed by the Brevard County Board of Education for 13 years. She was a devout Catholic. She is survived by a son, Melvin; two daughters, Leila Connell and Carmen Smith; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

'81 Willie C. Mack Jr. (HH) died August 11, 2002 in Port St. Lucie, FL.

'84 Lois Beard Kempster (BR) died June 20, 2002 in Jacksonville, FL. A resident of Brevard County, FL since 1976, she was the branch administrator for Florida Institute of Technology's School of Extended Graduate Studies from 1986 until her death. She had earned master of science degrees in management/human-resources management and health-services management at FIT. She is survived by three sons, Karl, Keith, and **Kurt Kemster '85**; five grandchildren; and a brother, Art.

FACULTY AND STAFF

Charles N. Zellers, a vice president and treasurer at Rollins during the 1970s, died August 5, 2002. A resident of Oviedo, FL, Zellers was a retired educator who worked in three presidential administrations at the College. Through the 1980s and early 1990s, he owned several small businesses and also worked as a business consultant. He is survived by his wife, Judith, two sons, Gordon and Robert, two daughters, Carol and Charlene; nine grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Carol Burnett, a former psychology professor who was instrumental in starting the school's Child Development Center and the master's degree program in mental-health counseling, died September 3, 2002. Burnett taught at Rollins for 18 years before retiring as faculty emeritus of psychology in 1979. She also opened a private education center in Orlando, where she taught children and adults with learning disabilities. She is survived by a son, Frederick, and three sisters, Marian, Frances, and Margaret.

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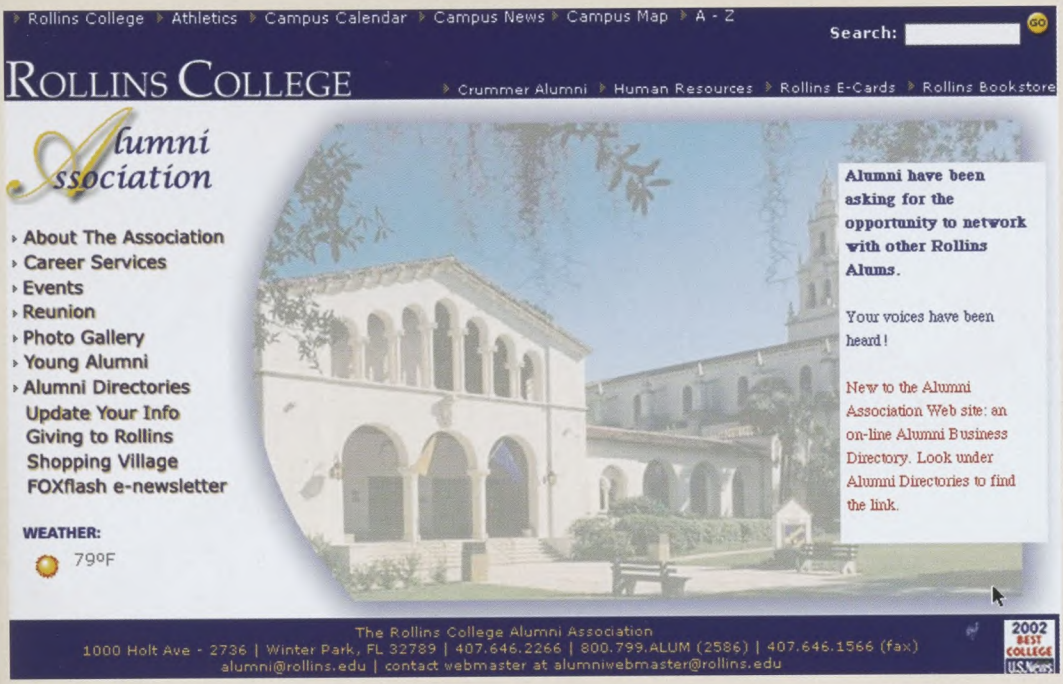

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■ About The Association

• Alumni Association Board of Directors
The Board of Directors is made up of 30 members from the Classes of 1955-1991 with demographics linking participants from across the United States. A listing of board members and their e-mail addresses is included in this section.

• Alumni Relations Staff
Do you know who works in the Alumni House?

• Alumni Recognition
Descriptions and past recipients of the following six alumni recognition awards: Alumni Achievement Award, Young Alumni Achievement Award, Alumni Service Award, Central Florida Alumni of the Year Award, Distinguished Alumni Award, and Sports Hall of Fame Award.

• Association Services and Benefits
The Association provides services and benefits for alumni as they continue their life-long relationship with Rollins. Services and benefits range from regional, young alumni, and Reunion events to the opportunity for alumni and their children to be married in the Knowles Memorial Chapel.

■ Career Services

• "60-Second" Survey for the Class of 2002
Career Services and Alumni Relations are conducting their annual survey to find out where the Class of 2002 is employed, attending graduate school, interning or traveling. The Office of Admission and the Office of Institutional Research use the information from the survey in their efforts to promote the College to prospective students.

• Career Services Home Page

• Partners for Success
A partnership between the Alumni Relations and Career Services offices, to provide networking opportunities to Rollins alumni and students. (The use of alumni contacts for business gains and/or solicitations of any kind is prohibited.)

■ Events

- Events calendar
- Reunion 2003 information
- Photos

Do you want to meet fellow alumni in your area or revisit the Rollins campus? Join in the fun and reconnect yourself to Rollins through regional, young alumni, and Reunion events organized by the Alumni Association.

■ Reunion

- Reunion 2002 recap
- Reunion 2003 information
- Photos

When is Reunion 2003? What class year anniversaries and special reunions (academic major, sports teams, student organizations, Greek affiliations, or honor societies) are we celebrating? Want to see pictures from Reunion 2002?

■ Photo Gallery

Check out photos from Rollins Alumni events around the country. You never know who you may see!

■ Young Alumni

- Young Alumni Council
- Speak Your Mind—Young Alumni Survey
- Young Alumni Message Board
- Young Alumni Profiles

■ Alumni Directories

• Alumni E-Mail Directory
Allows alumni to search for classmates by class year, first name, and last name.

• Alumni Business Directory
In response to alumni requests for networking opportunities, the Association is offering an on-line business directory organized by industry.

• Alumni Contact List Request Form
Do you want to know who lives in your city/state/country, or where your classmates, teammates, and friends are? (The Association prohibits the use of alumni contact information for business gains and/or solicitations of any kind.)

■ Update Your Info/ Class News Form

■ Giving to Rollins

Make an on-line gift to Rollins.

■ Shopping Village

The Shopping Village helps to support the Association's efforts to connect you to your fellow classmates. Up to 15 percent of your purchase price, at no additional cost to you, will be donated to the Association.

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