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# ROLLINS RECORD

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yet with its future all before it.

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## MEMOS

**A** SPECIAL effort is being made to gather documents, or any information about the early days of Rollins. If you have, or know of such information, please correspond with Prof. A. J. Hanna.



The next dramatic performances of the Student Company under the direction of Dr. Earl E. Fleischman will be Shakespeare's "Hamlet" on February 22, and Philip Barry's "Hotel Universe" on April 12.



President Hamilton Holt was the speaker at the Knowles Memorial Chapel on January 5. He spoke on "America's Supreme Opportunity", putting his address in the form of an "open sermon" to President Franklin D. Roosevelt, with whom he recently lunched at the White House. It was a masterly plea for President Roosevelt to lead the United States into the Court of International Justice, and the League of Nations.

His address is now available in printed form through The Angel Alley Press, Winter Park, Florida, at ten cents a copy postpaid, or one dollar for twelve.

## THE INITIAL EVENT IN THE ROLLINS SEMICENTENNIAL

Tuesday, January 29, 1935, 3 P. M.

**T**HIS event will occur at Orange City. Why Orange City? Because it was here, half-way between Winter Park and Daytona Beach that Rollins, a Pilgrim institution, was born January 29, 1885.

Appropriately then, a half-century later, by invitation of the Congregational Church, all roads will lead again to Orange City.

At 2:45 P. M. an academic procession composed of trustees, faculty, chapel choir, students and invited guests from many sections of the United States, will proceed from Recreation Hall on University Avenue, Orange City, to the speakers' stand on the area adjoining the Congregational house of worship.

Addresses by Rev. Edward M. Noyes, D.D., President of the American Congregational Association of Boston and Rev. Jay T. Stocking, D.D., of St. Louis, Moderator of the General Council of the Congregational and Christian Churches; the unveiling of a Memorial Tablet upon the church and a Roadside Marker upon the Highway; a reception and tea tendered in Library Hall by the women of the church and community; music by the Rollins Student Trio and an exhibition of portraits and historical memorabilia, are features of the program.

Seating accommodations will be ample; also space for parking opposite the church.

Extend the invitation far and wide. It is an Epic to conjure with—this story of Pilgrim influence which initiated Rollins College.

## A COLLEGE WITH A PERSONALITY

**F**IFTY years ago a group of New England idealists founded a pioneer college in Winter Park, Florida—as they had founded more than a score of other Colleges in New England and the western states. It was a different kind of school—a New England College, with its dreams and its ideals set down in the heart of Florida.

From the beginning, it was an adventure in education, an effort to meet an urgent and growing need.

For 50 years Rollins has been pioneering. Today it is a College with an outstanding personality—and *it still dares to be a pioneer*. It is not dissatisfied—but unsatisfied. It aspires to be of even larger service to the youth of America in the next half century.

Few colleges are so fortunate in their location. Winter Park is in the center of the "Lake Country" of Florida—with 18 lakes lying wholly within the city limits.

Rollins today is alive with the spirit of Youth. It looks forward and not backward. Its faculty is composed largely of young and inspiring teachers. Its student body of 400 is drawn from 31 states and three foreign countries. They are seeking truth in the spirit of a great Adventure.

Dr. Hamilton Holt, its President is a practical idealist, who has the magic faculty of making dreams come true. He is in a very real sense the quickening spirit at Rollins College.



## THE ROLLINS ANIMATED MAGAZINE

**T**HE "publication" of Volume IX, Number 1, of this unique Magazine will take place as a "Literary Vespers" on Sunday afternoon, February 24, at 2:30 on the college campus. It is the only Magazine in the United States that "comes alive".

On the previous Sunday, February 17, an abridged "Radio Edition" of the Rollins Animated Magazine" will be broadcast from New York with a national hookup. The speakers will be distinguished "contributors" to previous issues of the Magazine.

Among the "contributors" who will appear in person at Winter Park on February 24 are Hon. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, and Hon. Andre de Laboulaye, the present French Ambassador to the United States. Last year President Roosevelt's Cabinet was represented by Hon. Homer S. Cummings, Attorney General and Hon. Daniel C. Roper, Secretary of Commerce.

A group of sixteen or more notable editors, poets and novelists will also be present to make their contributions in person. The usual great audience of between 5000 and 6000 "subscribers" will be present to enjoy this literary festival, sponsored by Rollins College for the benefit of its students, the community of Winter Park and interested visitors throughout Florida.

The proceeds derived from the "Rollins Animated Magazine" are applied to the book fund of the College library.

## THE KRESS ART EXHIBIT

**A** NOTABLE event in the program commemorating the Semicentennial of Rollins College will be the exhibition of 61 Italian paintings from the famous collection of Mr. Samuel H. Kress of New York City.

The exhibit will fill the three galleries of the Winter Park Woman's Club and will formally open February 1 and close February 24. No admission will be charged as Mr. Kress hopes in this way to encourage a more cultural understanding of Art.

This exhibit is, without doubt, the most valuable collection of paintings ever shown in Central Florida, and presents a rare opportunity for the study of masterpieces of painting, many of which have come from famous European galleries. Art lovers throughout Florida are invited to enjoy this unusual cultural opportunity, which rarely presents itself outside the great art centers of New York and Chicago.

This is the first time that this almost priceless collection of paintings has been loaned to a College, and Rollins is proud to be thus highly honored.

Mr. Kress has long been a patron of Art and has selected this group of 61 paintings as representative of the development of the art of painting in Italy. The exhibit will be opened February 1 with a formal reception and Mr. Kress will be an honored guest on this occasion.



## YOU AND THE "FIFTY" CLUB

**I**N common with many other friends you may be asking, "How can I help make the observance of the fiftieth birthday of Rollins a worthy one?"

Why not join the "Fifty" Club?

As is the case with most other educational institutions Rollins College, lacking adequate endowment, has been obliged to supplement its regular income with contributions graciously made by friends. Our best financial advisers believe the Unit Cost Plan—which will be fully effective two years hence—will yield annually a balanced budget. This year, however—the second in this transitional period—the College must raise \$59,000.00—before June 30, 1935.

Membership in the "Fifty" Club calls for a birthday gift for each of the fifty years in the life of Rollins in recognition of, and gratitude for, the pioneering and unique contribution Rollins has made each year of its half century of life.

The "dues" are elastic. Some can give \$100 for every year of the fifty. Others with equal sacrifice may be able to offer only a dollar a year. If six of you who read these lines will each fix your "dues" at \$100 a year; and if 500 others will "join" with a lesser fee, Rollins College will indeed have a happy birthday.

The College Treasurer has your "Membership Blank" ready.

## WHY CHOOSE ROLLINS

**H**ERE are four suggestions which may help you to answer this question.

1. Rollins is a member of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, with the highest academic rank, namely, that of an "A Grade" institution.

2. Rollins is located at almost the center of Florida, with its 45 acre campus bordering on a chain of four lakes. The winter sunshine makes it literally an "out-door college." Winter Park with a population of 4000, is one of the most beautiful college towns in America.

3. The Rollins Conference Plan of teaching is an attempt to *humanize higher education*. The Rollins New Curriculum Plan aims to *individualize the Curriculum*, so that the more brilliant student is not held back by the less brilliant.

4. You will find at Rollins cultural opportunities in Music, Drama, Debating, the Fine Arts and creative writing, rarely found in a small College with a student body limited to four hundred.

If you are interested for yourself, or for some young friend who is thinking seriously of his, or her, own college problem, Dean Winslow S. Anderson will be glad to send you a Catalogue and a Book of Views of the College.

## NEEDED—A NEW LIBRARY

**I**F the nearly 50,000 volumes in our crowded College Library could speak they would cry aloud for elbow room! They are actually piled to the roof—and even on the rafters. A new library building is literally a “crying need”!

The general reading room has been already roofed over to provide additional stack room space and stacks installed in the reading room itself. With a student body of 400, additional space both for the stacks and the general reading and study room are imperatively needed.

What an opportunity this offers for some friend of education to build a “living memorial” that will project his name and beneficent influence far into the future. Somewhere in the United States there is a generous benefactor who is endowed with spiritual vision, with the understanding of an educated heart and mind, a confident faith in Youth and its aspirations, and a belief in the trusteeship of accumulated wealth. To such a person Rollins need of a College Library will come as a welcome challenge.

Our new majestic “Knowles Memorial Chapel”, our beautiful new “Annie Russell Theatre,” and our *three* lovely new dormitories are all prophetic of other *buildings to follow*. President Hamilton Holt has wisely said that “The Library is the heart of a cultural College.”

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