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## Rollins Grads Head for Okinawa

As part of a newfound collaborative effort between Rollins and an Okinawan secondary school, two exceptional graduating seniors will head to the Japanese island later this summer for a seven-month stint as teaching assistants.

Seniors Nancy Disher and Tony Konkol were chosen out of 16 Rollins applicants to work at the Okinawa Shogaku Junior and Senior High School beginning in August. They will work in a language lab, assist student organizations, and work on developing new programs. The school is located in Naha City, the hub of political, economic, and cultural life in Okinawa.

The teaching exchange program, which is the first cooperative effort between Rollins and Okinawa, follows the College's return last year of a statue that was obtained during World War II by a Rollins alumnus and serviceman who donated it to the College in 1946. The original statue of Ninomiya Kinjiro, a Japanese philosopher who advocated literacy and self-sufficiency, now stands at Okinawa Shogaku, and a replica provided by the Okinawans is now displayed in the Warren Administration Building.

"The Okinawans were so grateful for the opportunity to have this artifact returned to them, that at a ceremony last year they spoke about their desire to have a relationship with Rollins that would last endlessly into the future," said Donna O'Connor, director of international studies, who is helping to coordinate the teaching exchange program.

In January, O'Connor sent letters to all Rollins students with a 3.0 grade point average or higher asking if they were interested in embarking on an adventure. Sixteen students applied for the two positions and wrote essays detailing why they wanted to participate and what they could contribute to the program. Disher and Konkol were the cream of the crop. "What stood out was that they were real can-do students, which was obvious from their list of accomplishments," said

O'Connor. "These were students who could take the ball and run with it. We wanted our first two students to be the best Rollins has to offer."

Disher, a member of numerous student groups including the Student Government Association and the Cultural Action

Committee, said she was interested in the position because it would augment her degree in international relations. Having graduated in just three years, Disher said she had not had a chance to obtain much international experience. "This is an excellent opportunity for me. It's going to be quite a learning experience."

She describes herself as an extrovert who adapts to all situations. Disher grew up in the Philippines and said she wanted to return to the Asian environment. "I'm very excited and can't wait to go," she said.

Konkol, an environmental studies major, has been active in Habitat for Humanity, Chi Psi fraternity, and Omicron Delta Kappa. He is also a certi-

fied baseball umpire. While he may have no international experience, Konkol has visited all 50 states. He also worked his way through school, sometimes juggling as many as three jobs at once. In his essay, Konkol said his love of teaching youth led him to apply for the position. "I enjoy working with young adults, and teaching them the best I can, whether it be English, baseball, or just about what I have seen in this world, and what that has meant to me and taught me."

Since Konkol and Disher will be breaking new ground, O'Connor said she could not tell them what to expect. As pioneers, they will mold the program and write a handbook for their successors.

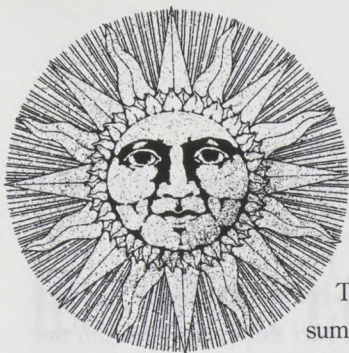
The teaching exchange program is expected to continue annually with more cooperative efforts to follow between Rollins and the Shogaku school, said O'Connor. "We're viewing this as simply the first event." —KDH



Tony Konkol (left) and Nancy Disher

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# No lazy summer days here

The circus is coming to Rollins this summer. And an archaeological dig. And a rocket launch pad.

Once the college students head for home after finals, the summer campers descend on the campus for two months of physical, mental, and artistic development. Forget the hook-a-rug projects; this is serious day camp.

In its 29th year, the Rollins summer program continues to be a highly enriching experience for children. This year campers will discover outer space and build rockets in the new aeronautics class. They'll set up an excavation site and learn about the settling of Florida in a new archaeology class.

Also, for the first time, Rollins is offering a junior lifeguarding class and a team challenge adventures program. The latter helps build self-esteem and confidence in children through a series of physical and mental activities. A new cultural crafts class will give campers hands-on experience in creating the art of Central and South American, Asian, African, and Native American cultures.

Camp programs are broken up into three divisions: enrichment, the arts, and sports. Among the offerings in enrichment are math, writing, and Spanish classes. In the arts, campers can choose from a host of programs including theater, painting, dance, and circus. In the

circus class, children learn to clown, juggle, and walk on stilts. Tennis, sailing, and swimming are available in the sports program.

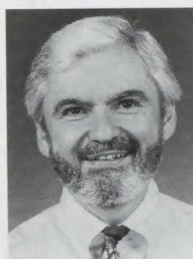
In addition to the summer camps for children, Rollins hosts myriad other programs and special conferences, including the Associated Colleges of the South Teaching and Learning Workshop, international student groups, and cheerleading and dance camps. —KDH



Six-year-old Alexandra Armstrong applies the finishing touches to 7-year-old Allison Humes' clown face in the "Circus" class offered through Rollins Summer Camp. The summer camp programs continue to be a favorite activity among Central Florida youth.

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## DeNicola leaves Rollins to become Gettysburg provost



Rollins in May bid farewell to longtime professor Dan DeNicola, who left the College to become provost at Gettysburg College in Pennsylvania.

DeNicola joined the Rollins faculty in 1969 as an instructor of philosophy. He became a full professor of philosophy in 1984. During his 27 years at the College, he served as dean of the faculty, dean of education, and provost and vice president for academic affairs. He held the latter position from 1983 until 1991, when he returned to chair the Philosophy Department.

DeNicola twice was named an Arthur Vining Davis Fellow for outstanding teaching and contribution to the educational goals of Rollins. He won the Hugh F. McKean award for outstanding service to students in and outside the classroom and received the Rollins Decoration of Honor for distinguished service to Rollins. This spring, the Dan R. DeNicola Scholarship for deserving Master of Liberal Studies students was established through the generosity of DeNicola's MLS colleagues, students, and alumni.—KDH



Biology Professor Steve Klemann cycled 284 miles from Orlando to Miami in May to benefit AIDS support groups. Klemann was one of the 757 riders to participate in the three-day Florida AIDS Ride. A cycling enthusiast, he raised more than \$1,500 with support from biology students and staff.



## Expansion projects on the move

Concrete trucks and hard hats will soon become a familiar sight on campus. Progress is being made toward several major construction projects currently on the drawing board for Rollins.

Groundbreaking for the new Cornell Campus Center, which will merge Rose Skillman Hall with the Mills Memorial Center, is scheduled for early 1997. The center, funded largely through a \$3 million gift contributed by Harriet '35H '90H and George Cornell '35 '85H and a \$2 million gift from Thomas P. Johnson '34, will serve as a hub for College activities. Included in the campus center project will be facilities for a variety of dining options, conference rooms, post office, lounge space, student government offices, workspaces for student publications, and recreational facilities.

The Cornells also recently donated \$1.5 million toward the expansion of the Cornell Fine Arts Museum. The \$3.5 million museum project will quadruple the current 5,000 square feet of space, providing areas for permanent and visiting exhibits as well as facilities for student-related activities and community events. The project will also provide for renovation of existing space, while creating and expanding areas for exhibition, storage, and preparation.

A new executive education center at the Crummer

Graduate School of Business is also in the works. The \$2.9 million addition, funded in part through a gift from the Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation, will contain state-of-the-art classrooms, a leadership assessment center, and conference rooms.—KDH



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### Up, Up and Away

Rollins College recently became the proud owner of a used bucket truck, thanks to the generosity of Florida Power Corporation. The truck, valued at \$11,000, will be used for various maintenance projects at the Winter Park campus. FPC has also donated similar vehicles to other area schools. Pictured with truck (l-r) are FPC Regional Vice President Pete Dagostino, Rollins President Rita Bornstein, and FPC Area Manager Ken Cone.

## Cornell exhibition in *Art Review*

The Cornell Fine Arts Museum spring exhibition of the famous "Ashcan School" of urban realist painters earned a 12-page color spread in the May 1996 issue of *American Art Review*. The article was written by Valerie Ann Leeds, guest curator for the exhibition, which was one of the largest of the Ashcan School drawn strictly from Florida collections.

Cornell Director Arthur Blumenthal said he was pleased that *American Art Review* chose to focus on the Cornell exhibition. It is rare, he said, to rate an article of that length and significance in a major national art publication.

"The Independents: The Ashcan School & Their Circle from Florida Collections" featured 76 paintings, watercolors, drawings, etchings, and lithographs by such major artists as Robert Henri, John Sloan, William Glackens, George Luks, Arthur B. Davies, George Bellows, Maurice Prendergast, Everett Shinn, and their circle. The exhibition also celebrated the 100th anniversary of the Rollins art collection itself, begun in 1896.

"It is remarkable that nearly every museum or collector in Florida with Ashcan-related art was represented in The Independents," Blumenthal said. "The show also highlighted the strength of our collection, since 15 of the exhibited works were the museum's." The exhibition was accompanied by a fully illustrated catalogue.

The so-called "Ashcan School" represented a group of independent artists active from 1908 to the 1930s. These artists sought independence from officially approved styles and subject matter by striving to be recognized specifically as American painters.—AWM



Edward Hopper, *Jenness House Looking North*, 1934, watercolor on paper, 19 x 27.5, John and Mable Ringling Museums of Art, Sarasota



# Economics professor gets history lesson in Eastern Europe

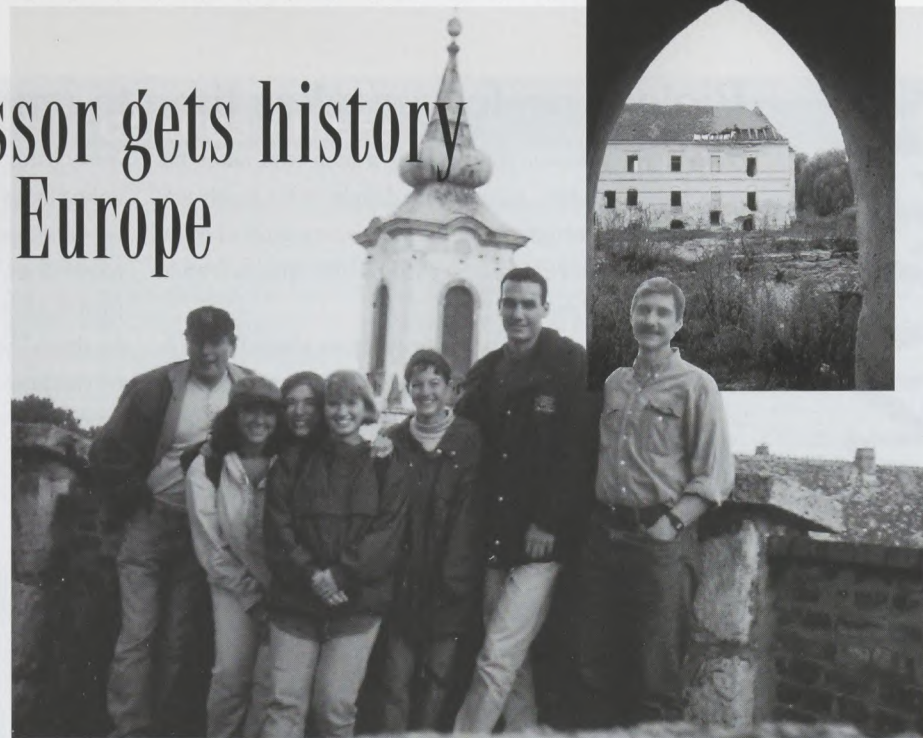
Professor of Economics Charles Rock stepped into history during the 1995-96 school year.

Rock accompanied six college students from institutions of the Associated Colleges of the South, including Rollins sophomore Joy Ahlering, to the heart of Eastern Europe for a semester-long program in Budapest. He directed their studies with Hungarian professors at the College International and took them on numerous side trips throughout Eastern Europe, including Poland.

Each of the students enrolled in four or five standard courses, such as "Contemporary Society and Culture in Hungary and Central Europe: the Post-Communist Period" and "History of Architecture and Art in Central Europe." Hungarian college students and young graduates also tutored the visiting Americans in survival conversational Hungarian.

The group traveled to the Transylvania region of Romania in October. Rock noted in a travel journal he kept that history is integral to Central and Eastern Europe. "Without some knowledge of the region's history, the foreigner can remain baffled by modern events, popular attitudes and fears, and the patched quiltwork of ethnicities throughout the region. Many different peoples have been living next to each other for centuries, sometimes in harmony and sometimes in conflict."

Traveling through the city of Oradea, Rock was struck by the communist influence on the architecture. "We see seemingly endless rows of plain, square, nearly identical raw concrete and brick apartment blocks which are so common in the communist-



Professor Charles Rock (r) and students in a village on the Danube River. Inset: Old Hungarian nobility estate, Transylvania.

built sections of nearly all the cities of Eastern Europe."

The group spent the night at the Transylvania village of Negreni in the midst of the annual market week. Hundreds of traders, including gypsies, Romanians, and Hungarians, descended on the village to sell used clothes, communist medals, and uniforms, coins, washtubs, cart parts, and handicrafts.

Rock and the students later traveled to Sic, which is situated at the top of a range of hills in a bowl of a valley. It is located near a defunct salt mine, which dates back to the medieval period and was mined into the 19th century. The group visited with two families in the village.

At night the families prepared dinner for the visitors, serving noodle soup, brown bread, and rice and hashed meat in grape leaves at a long table arranged in the garage/entrance to the compound. A bowl of warm water and soap were set up on stools as there was no plumbing inside the house.

In late October, Rock drove to Krakow, the capitol of Poland, to deliver a paper at a conference on the economic transformation

of the nations of Central Europe. The eight-hour drive took him through rolling hills just outside Budapest and the Tatra Mountains of Slovakia.

He later returned to Krakow with the students. The group's van, containing the passport of one student, was stolen the first day in the capital city, and Rock was forced to deal with less than sympathetic police. "At police headquarters, Gyorgy the van driver sheepishly admitted he had left registration papers in the van, and the police all shook their heads as if to say, 'Two more imbeciles to deal with on a Saturday morning.'"

In November, the group headed to Prague in the Czech Republic. Once at the Hotel Otus Garni, Rock asked for a room with a view. The desk clerk answered that everyone would have a view of "arbeit" (work) or "arbeitern" (workers).

"Sure enough, we got to our rooms and found the view of the valley blocked by a construction site for fancy white triplexes," Rock said. So much for my imaginings of gazing out the window and taking in the view of hillsides along the Vltava River."

—KDH



## Biology professor takes time to smell the roses

Biology Professor Jim Small is a man who takes his work home with him, much to the delight of his family and neighbors. On any given day, his yard is a panoply of color, thanks to the more than 150 rose bushes that surround their Maitland home.

"It all started about 15 years ago when we planted a couple of bushes in the yard," he said. "I quickly learned there is a lot of knowledge and work that goes into growing beautiful roses. It just escalated from there."

Define escalation as: serving as first vice president of the Central Florida Rose Society, being certified by the American Rose Society as both a consulting rosarian and as a horticultural judge, and becoming known as a force to be reckoned with on the competitive circuit. At the annual Orlando Rose Show last April, for example, Small won the Queen of Show trophy for a white rose named Crystalline from his garden, and the coveted Kuze-Vase Award for five hybrid Tea Roses, a kind of pentathlon for rosarians.

Aside from the thrill of victory, Small says he enjoys the time spent cultivating his more than 100 different varieties of roses. "It's a nice way to get your mind off your work. I also enjoy the people who are involved in the shows. They are pleasant, interesting people."

Small, who has taught at Rollins for the past 24 years, specializes in aquatic biology and also serves as adviser to those students interested in pursuing medical careers.

Away from the classroom, however, he can often be found toiling in his gardens.

"The rose is a beautiful plant, but it also is a high maintenance plant," he says with a smile of quiet satisfaction. "If you want to grow roses, you have to be prepared to learn and to care for them." Small said he spends at least an hour each day and two to three hours each weekend cultivating his plants. And at least twice each year, he will spend several eight-hour days pruning and doing major garden clean-up.

Small actually maintains four gardens of roses at their Central Florida home: two are filled with miniature roses, while a third consists of "old garden" and shrub roses. The fourth and largest of the gardens is filled with a variety of hybrid Tea Roses, a category of roses that traces its "roots" back to 1857 and is the most popular of roses in America today.

There are three basic rules to successfully growing roses in Florida, Small says: "First, you've got to start with good quality plants, not something you buy at the local discount store." You can plan to spend at least \$17 each for good plants available at quality nurseries, he said.

"Second, what you put in the planting hole is just as important as the plant itself. You can't scrimp on the necessary nutrients."

Third, Small says, you must be prepared to provide the continuing care necessary to keep roses healthy. "Ignore them for a week, and you'll have problems. Roses must taste great because bugs attack them like there's no tomorrow."—LRH



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ALAN KNAPP

## Crummer hosts Edsel Ford II

The Crummer Graduate School of Business played host in April to Edsel Ford II, president of Ford Motor Credit, and his wife, Cynthia Neskow Ford, a 1972 Rollins graduate (r). Welcoming them (far l) is Crummer School Dean Edward Moses. Ford, great-grandson of Ford Motor Co. founder Henry Ford, previewed a talk in the Lawrence Center on "Cars & Credit: A 100-Year Partnership," explaining how credit has helped expand and been influenced by the automotive industry, in which Ford Motor Co. has played a major role over the past 100 years. Ford Credit is the financing arm dealers use to finance vehicles. Ford is the son of Henry Ford II, who ran the company from 1945 until his retirement in 1980.



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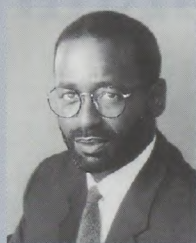


## CAMPUS BRIEFS

Noted Orlando neurosurgeon **Phillip St. Louis** and **Frank Barker '52**, retired vice president of public affairs for Johnson & Johnson, were recently elected to serve on the Rollins College Board of Trustees.

"We welcome the addition of such prominent professionals to the board of trustees," said Rollins President Rita Bornstein. "They will complement the board and provide invaluable guidance to the college."

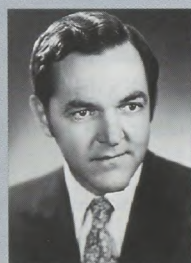
St. Louis is a neurosurgeon with Orlando Neurosurgical Associates, which he founded in 1985. He is a member of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons and Congress of Neurological Surgeons, a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and former chairman of Florida Hospital's neurosurgery department. In 1991, he was



Phillip St. Louis

chosen to be part of an AANS delegation that evaluated China's medical facilities.

Barker, of Hampton, N.J., is a 1952 graduate of Rollins. He retired from Johnson & Johnson last year after 34 years of service. Barker was instrumental in building a relationship between the company and Rollins, which led to the estab-



Frank Barker '52

lishment of a wellness program at the college. For his continuing service to Rollins, Barker has received the Alumni Achievement Award and the Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Barker and his wife, Daryl, have been named co-chairs of The Rollins Fund for 1996-97.

**John Houston, Sandra McIntire** and **Bob Smither** collaborated on a new textbook, *Organization Development: Strategies for Changing Environments*, which was released last November. The book, which focuses on the changing workplace, has sold as well abroad as it has in America. The idea for the textbook began with the authors' search for an up-to-date, comprehensive text that addresses current work-related issues and their relevance for the future.

**Rita Bornstein**, president and professor of education, participated in a panel discussion on "New Roles and Transitions for College Presidents" at the annual meeting of the Southern University Conference in April.

Rollins was well represented at the Association of American Colleges and Universities conference in Washington, D.C. last January. Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost **Charles Edmondson** gave a presentation on "Preparing Students for the World of Work: The Rollins Advantage Program." Dean of the Faculty **Steve Briggs** gave a presentation on "Learning Through Projects" as part of a panel discussion on "Integrating Work, Learning, and Service." Last November, Edmondson gave a presentation to

the Council on Independent Colleges on "Governance and the New American College."

Professor of Theatre Arts & Dance **Bob Sherry** has been appointed by Secretary of State Sondra Mortham to serve on Florida's Division of Cultural Affairs' Dance Panel for the third consecutive year. The six-member panel is responsible for making funding recommendations to the Florida Arts Council for grants to professional dance companies, individual dance artists, civic dance groups, and college and universities.

Professor of Communication **Marvin Newman** has co-authored and served as consultant for a PBS television series on "Controversies in Medicine." Marvin's essay, "In Vitro Fertilization and Donor Insemination in the Context of Current Legal and Ethical Rationale," will appear in the Northwestern University Law Review. Another of Marvin's papers, "Medical Ethics in the Renaissance," will appear in the *Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal*, published by the Johns Hopkins University.

Professor of Mathematical Sciences **Doug Child** was presented the Award for Innovative Excellence in Teaching, Learning and Technology at the 7th National Conference on College Teaching and Learning, held in Orlando last March. Thirty-eight schools from around the nation nominated faculty for this prestigious award.

Associate Professor of Foreign Languages **Nancy Decker** was awarded a scholarship to attend the 1996 Fulbright German Studies Seminar this summer. The seminar, "Germany and Jewish Studies Today," marks the 50th anniversary of the Fulbright Commission. The seminar will include visits to Bonn, Heidelberg, Leipzig, Berlin, and Hamburg.

In July, Professor of Foreign Languages **Roy Kerr** participated in Dartmouth College's Accelerated Language Program in Mandarin Chinese. Two of Roy's reviews recently appeared in *Hispania*, the Journal of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese. Another review, "Jose Marti, cuentos completos," has been accepted for publication later this year. Roy's study, "The Essential Ideograph: Archetypic Imagery in Garcia Marquez's Fiction," has been accepted for presentation at the Mid-America Conference on Hispanic Literature at the University of Nebraska next September.

Last March, Visiting Assistant Professor of Psychology **Leslie Miller** was elected a board member of the

journal *Cognitive Memory*. This summer, Leslie presented a paper on "Multimodal Account of Repressed Sexual Abuse" at the Second International Conference on Memory in Padua, Italy. Her review of the new book *Victims of Memory: Incest Accusations and Shattered Lives*, appeared in the June issue of *Cognitive Technology*.

Professor of Physics **Bob Carson** was one of a dozen professors nationwide chosen to participate for two weeks in June in an American Association of Physics Teachers Summer Faculty Enhancement Program at Mississippi State University.

Professor of Counseling **Allan Dye** was awarded the Eminent Career Award at the American Counseling Association's World Conference held in Pittsburgh last April. Allan, considered one of the "founding fathers" of group counseling, was honored for his many contributions to the field.

Professor of Politics **Tom Lairson** was accepted to the London School of Economics' summer executive seminar on "The New Frontiers of Global Business Strategy." The seminar examined ways in which corporate strategies must be adapted to a world of global competition.

Professor of Politics **Rick Foglesong** has been elected board president of Well-Connected Community of Central Florida, a nonprofit corporation that is creating a free-access computer network to serve area residents. He invites all to visit their website (<http://www.well-cc.org>). Also, Rick recently completed a chapter entitled "Deregulating Disney World," to be included in a book called *Places to Play* that will be published by Yale University Press next year. He and co-authors will be presenting a panel at the July meeting of the International Sociological Association in Brisbane, Australia.



Rollins President **Rita Bornstein** was honored by her alma mater this spring with the Florida Atlantic University Alumni Association Hall of Fame Award. FAU President Anthony James Catanese (r) and Alumni Association President Michael Long (not pictured) presented the award during the university's spring commencement exercises on the Boca Raton campus. Dr. Bornstein earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in English literature at FAU. She received a Ph.D. in educational leadership from the University of Miami.



# Rollins, it's good to be home

I wish I had chosen Rollins because I was attracted to its proud academic tradition or its unshakable commitment to providing students with the tools they need to achieve every one of their dreams. I went to Rollins because it was warm and because there was no math requirement.

I didn't know what to expect and that's exactly what I got. I mean, I'm a nice Jewish girl from Trenton, N.J. There weren't a lot of us at Rollins in the fall of 1968. To be precise, there was one, counting me. At that time, the

"uniform" of the Rollins girl involved a lot of lime green while the boys wore pink — in my high school, a guy didn't wear pink unless he meant pink.

Everyone seemed to have Porsches and tennis rackets. I was in college with Thurston and Lovey

Howell. I was reeling. So what did I do? I panicked. I do that very well. And then I tried to fit in.

I made my first dorm friend. She listened to "Hey Jude" for a month straight. I made new friends.

I had a date with a guy

whose front license plate was a Confederate flag over the motto "Hell No, We Ain't Fergettin'." I hated my roommate. I decided I was an English major.

I got a new roommate. I pledged Pi Phi. I talked about transferring. I discovered how much fun New Smyrna Beach was on a Sunday afternoon.

I hated my new roommate. I decided I was a history major. I went out once with a drunken Phi Delt every other girl went out with once.

I moved into a single. I walked into the Annie Russell Theatre and knew finally, at last, I fit in. I made friends for life and met teachers whose guidance and advice inform everything I do every day I do it.

And that's when it dawned on me that Rollins was just pretending to be a College. What Rollins

*With such impressive credits as "Love Sydney," "Square Pegs," and "Hope and Gloria," television scriptwriter Janis Hirsch '72 returned to her alma mater as one of the three featured guests of 1996 "Winter Term with the Writers." She charmed the Rollins community with the following remarks.*



ILLUSTRATIONS BY JOE BARTOS



really was, was a really good, really crafty parent. It let me date the wrong boys. It held its tongue when I took some pretty severe fashion risks. When I threatened to leave, it didn't try to stop me, and when I came back with my tail between my legs, it had the kindness not to rub my nose in it. It gave me

just enough to complain about and more than enough to be grateful for.

So, Rollins sent me off on my journey. Within six weeks of graduation I had the job of assistant manager of the Coconut Grove

Playhouse in Miami. I learned about the nuts and bolts of running the physical plant of a theater. I learned how to check box office statements — me, with my “no math” rule. It's a wonder we stayed afloat.

And it was there that I learned what hunger can do to an actor: Shelley Winters

was appearing in *Marigolds*. Every night, she'd call me before her last change and tell me where she wanted to have dinner. Curtain was at 8 p.m. and one night at about 8:40 p.m. she called and said, “I feel like Italian.” “Fine,” I said, “I'll call them at 10, when you're finished.” “Oh no,” she said. “I'm hungry so I just skipped to the end of the play.”

I promise not to do too many anecdotes, but this one I must. We were doing *6 Rms Riv View* starring Sandy Dennis and Leonard Nimoy. My job was to drive to the Poinciana Playhouse in Palm Beach, pick up Mr. Nimoy, and drive him back.

Somehow I got there, but with no sense of direction and detours to boot, I got us exquisitely lost on the way home. How long is the drive? Two hours? Well, it took us a good five hours. In a Chevy Nova. A '72 Chevy Nova.

Nimoy was a good sport about the drive but was very intent on being perceived as something more than the guy from *Star Trek*. (This was early on.) He quoted me Shakespeare; he quoted me Aristophanes; he quoted me every damn classical writer in the world. Did I mention there was no air conditioning in the Nova?

We finally made it to the hotel. I just wanted to go home and take a shower, but he gallantly took my hand and, with his deep booming voice, said, “Parting is such sweet sorrow that we may meet on the morrow.” With that, a very sweet little non-English speaking doorman opened the door, looked at him, wiggled his fingers on his







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ears and, in recognition of the Vulcan, went "beep beep beep beep."

After my season in the Grove, I went up to Springfield, Mass. where I worked for the (aging) Queen of Burlesque, Ann Corio. Ann owned one of the last tent theaters — what a jewel that was. This was a wonderful, insane place where one week we were hosting the Follies and the next,

Liberace. By the way, I snuck into his dressing room one day and tried on all his clothes; there's a switch. The jackets weighed a good 30 pounds each. Say what you will about his piano artistry; that man was strong.

After Ann, my dream came true. At Rollins I had been a charter subscriber to the *National Lampoon* magazine. I'd even sold subscriptions as part of their college outreach. Okay, I only sold two. But that didn't matter.

Through friends and pleading and, mostly, through saying I'd work without pay, I got a job in New York City with the *National Lampoon*.

I was selling group sales for their off-Broadway play *Lemmings*. I worked on commission and made \$56 in four months. But I met John Belushi and Christopher Guest and Chevy Chase and Richard Belzer and had the time of my life. And then, to stay at the *Lampoon*, I begged for a job. I said I'd do anything and pretty soon, the great and good Doug Kenney approached me. (Doug wrote *Animal House* and *Caddy Shack*.) They were doing a high school yearbook parody.

Doug explained that they'd be making fun of every aspect of high school and to that end, every high school had a handicapped kid. To rent the crutches (like the ones I use) they'd need for the photo sessions, it would set them back \$50 a month. But if I'd do it, they'd put me to work on the magazine. Ursula Waterski. Under my picture, the caption read: "...until I met a man with no feet."

But by the time "Saturday Night Live" took off, I knew I was ready to try to fit in somewhere else. I didn't yet know I could write and frankly, the SNL world wasn't what I was looking for. And even more frankly, they weren't looking for me.

And out of the blue, I was offered a job doing publicity for PBS. I went shopping, dumped my jeans, and bought some makeup and another new life had started for me.

And then I segued into a private public relations company, Stone Associates, that worked with the corporations who sponsored PBS and the arts. I got to work on the King Tut exhibit. I got to watch Paloma Picasso help install the Museum of Modern Art's retrospective of her father's work. (Lest you think I'm anything but a dilettante, the most pressing question I asked her was who did her hair. What can I tell you, she had great hair.)

My Rollins friend, Jonathan Weiss, whom I had helped get a job at the *Lampoon*, was working as a stand-in for the TV show "Love, Sydney," with Tony Randall and Swoosie Kurtz. He knew I was flirting with writing so he asked me to the Christmas party. At such an invitation — your first show biz party — most women would buy a new dress. I wrote a script. A "Love, Sydney" script.

And at the party, I met the producers, sucked up shamelessly and, on Monday morning, mailed them my sample script. In March they called. Did I want a job writing for television? I would have to start in two days.

"Love, Sydney" was astounding. TV comedy writers, I learned, sat around trying to make each other laugh. No wonder no one told me such a job ever existed. Can you imagine?

When "Sydney" was over, it was time to find another job. The downside of television is, unless you're on a hit, you're unemployed every March. At least. One night, a former *Lampoon* editor, Anne Beatts, phoned. We commiserated about John Belushi's death and then, almost as an af-



terthought, she told me she had just sold a series to CBS. Did I want to do the publicity? I told her that I was a writer now. Without missing a beat, she said, "Okay, do you want to write it?" And I was off to LA to write "Square Pegs."

Then it was writing a pilot with Norman Lear — talk about a heady experience — and a new show about twins called "Double Trouble." My stage manager, my rock, was my Rollins bud, Jonathan Weiss. This was not what you'd call "Must See TV." But even when it stinks, we still try our best. Sometimes we don't succeed; sometimes we're hampered by the actors. On "Double Trouble," our stars called me over. They were having trouble with a word. Now, we knew who we were dealing with and were very careful with our language. "Show me," I said. They pointed. "Albany," I said.

I rewrote a movie called *Girls Just Want To Have Fun*, and I wrote dozens of other movies that didn't make it. I wrote a movie of the week that did exceptionally well, *Stranded*, starring Loni Anderson. The highlights included getting to know Loni and Burt. I'm sure everything they each say is true, but when I was there, they were great and funny together. I also got a free trip to Tahiti.

You're probably familiar with Loni's glamourpuss persona. Now, to her credit, she's unbelievably down to earth. I asked her to gut a fish, she did, and beautifully. I asked her to walk across coral barefoot. No problem. Wear the same costume every day? No problem. Go without makeup?

Big, big problem.

Now, the premise of *Stranded* was just that: Loni and Perry King were stranded on an island in the South Pacific. Loni looked me squarely in the eye and said, "Not without my makeup I'm not." "Loni," I explained, "you were in a hot air balloon that crashed. Your clothes are gone. Your food is gone." Loni, ever resourceful, said, "Yes, but my makeup case

floated to shore." And so, the advent of the world's first plastic-lined, airtight makeup case.

I was living in a great old building called "The Colonial House." My downstairs neighbor was Carol Kane. My next-door neighbors were Jamie Lee Curtis and Chris Guest. Stephen Collins was upstairs, just below Bette Davis.

One day, Miss Davis (as Bette insisted on being called) came out on her balcony, which overlooked the pool. She called out to her assistant who was doing laps with me.

"Kath!" she barked, cigarette dangling out of her mouth, looking for all the world like a Kabuki All About Eve. "You have a phone call. His name is Christopher. And he..." And with

that, Bette Davis began to cough and hack in a violent, yet sadistically comical manner. We were sure she was going to do a header, but she wheezed back inside.

So I knew through Jamie

Lee Curtis about her TV series "Anything But Love." It had a rocky beginning and when it was due for an overhaul, I was one of the writer/producers called in. A golden cast and a group of writers you actually felt guilty about work-

ing with. We had such a good time, laughed so hard and so well, that we felt we had to fudge to our spouses about work being "You know, the usual."

Then a few more stops 'til "The Nanny"—may it prosper... far, far away from me—a pilot with

Carrie Fisher, a pilot with Nora Ephron, and now "Hope and Gloria."

And now 24 years after leaving Rollins, I'm back here blabbing. Starting Rollins as an outsider, I learned to observe. Being allowed my freedom to try out majors and friends and Greek affiliations, I learned that the "trying" was as important as the "doing."

If the dream was to find true happiness, then moving on wasn't failing—it was simply redefining, refocusing the dream. Rollins, thank you for letting me monopolize this reunion of ours. I knew it when I walked into the Annie Russell this morning and I

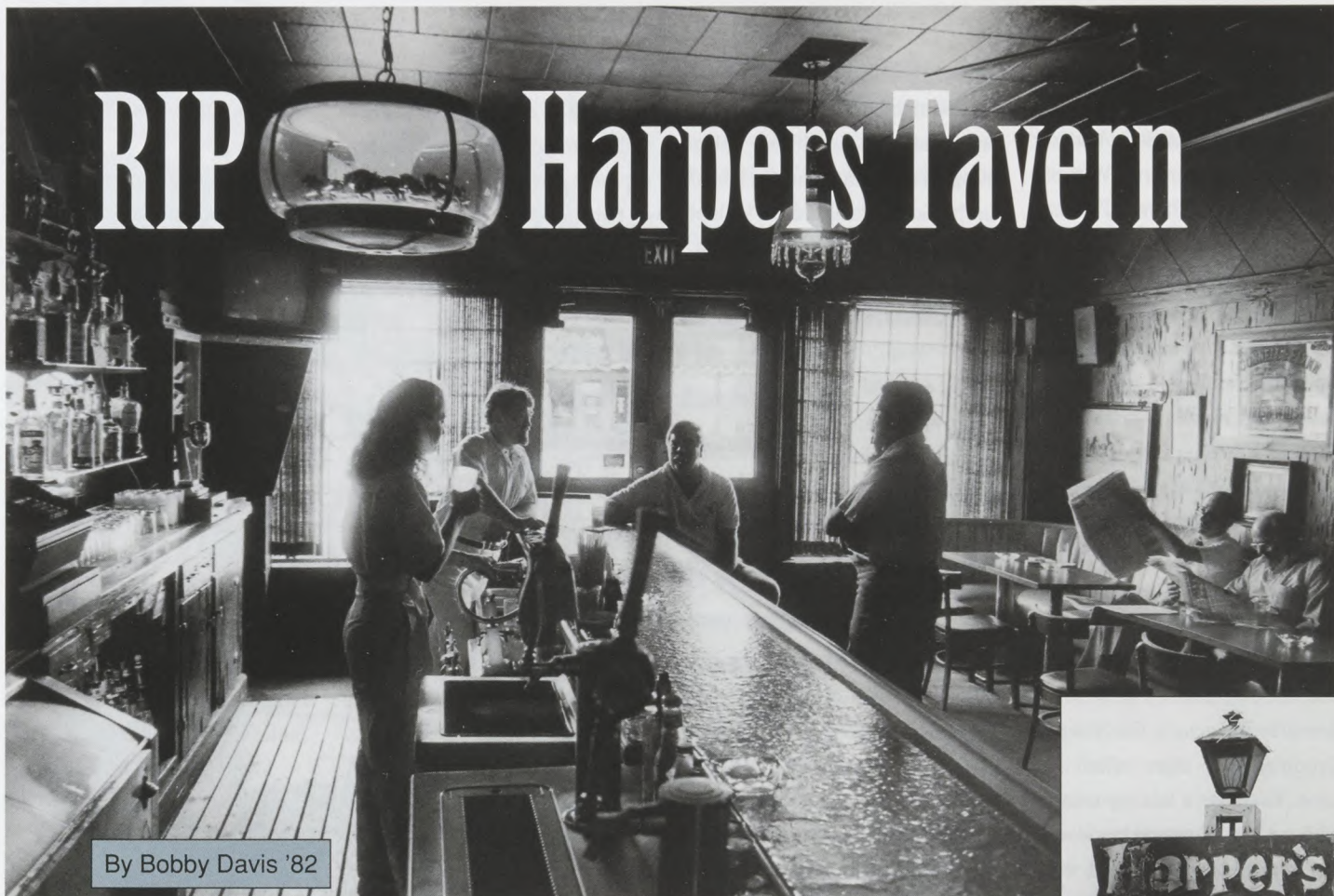
know it here, now: Rollins, it's good to be home.

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# RIP Harpers Tavern



By Bobby Davis '82

It wasn't exactly the Chicago Fire of 1871, but the fire that destroyed much of Harpers Tavern in June may have ended an era for Rollins College. Although today's social climate frowns upon celebrating a drinking establishment as a center of campus life, and many alumni are no doubt embarrassed by the amount of time spent and alcohol consumed there, for more than 60 years Harpers was *the* place to go for Rollins students, practically the only place to go until the 1970s. Thousands of students celebrated their 21st birthdays there, held wedding parties there, ate dinner there with their parents on the night before or after graduation, and returned there for Alumni Reunion parties to see their friends. It has truly been a symbiotic relationship between academy and alehouse.

Harpers opened as a feed store in 1927 at its present location astride the junction of Orange, Pennsylvania, and Fairbanks avenues. The owner, Francis Harper, was, by all

accounts, a successful bootlegger during the Prohibition Era, when the sale and manufacture of alcoholic beverages was not-so-strictly prohibited. Several accounts have claimed that Harpers was a speakeasy before the Volstead Act mandating Prohibition was repealed in 1933, but according to T.W. Miller '33, Harper separated his bootlegging and tavern-keeping activities.

"Francis Harper owned the Winter Park Hotel, near the train station, when I was at Rollins. He would bury his bootleg booze—it was real moonshine that came in clear pint bottles—in the sand someplace and the police were never able to find the whereabouts of his stash. If we wanted to buy booze, I would drive in my convertible up the driveway of the Winter Park Hotel. They would look at the number of guys in the car and we'd drive off. Exactly an hour later we'd go back again and guys up in a tree would drop that number of bottles into the car. They

would be cold and have sand all over them. No one ever had direct contact, and no transactions of this kind ever took place at the tavern. He trusted a couple of us, and we'd pay him later when we saw him sometime. We'd take the bottles back to the X-Club and strain the booze through the toe of a lady's stocking to sort out the sediments."

Miller, a tennis and basketball player at Rollins, did go to the tavern to drink licit beverages. "We'd play pick-up basketball games in Orlando, and the losing team would buy cold root beer for everyone at Harpers," he said. "When he opened the tavern in 1932, it was with the idea that when Prohibition was repealed, he'd be ready. He quietly accumulated a stockpile of regular





booze and had a bombast the day it was repealed."

Although, as Miller noted, Harper never ran afoul of the law for his bootlegging activities, the *Winter Park Herald* reported on March 29, 1935 that he and four employees were arrested for liquor violations following a controversy surrounding payment of a \$300 license fee charged by the city. Apparently, even though Harper was willing to pay the fee, he had not first procured the necessary state and county licenses required by the city. And in those days, when the temperance movement was still strong, to get a county license, "petitions containing the names of 51 percent of the qualified voters in the precincts in which the saloons were operated had to be secured." Harper paid a "heavy fine" of \$100, secured the proper licenses, and in October of that year opened the restaurant adjoining the tavern that would go through many metamorphoses before becoming Le Cordon Bleu.

Harper established close relationships with a number of Rollins students. "The athletes hung out there and he quietly helped guys," Miller related. "He was a big sports fan and was for Rollins all the way. If one of the Clubbers got into a little trouble, he would tell some of us—or if it was a KA he'd tell Tommy Johnson '34—to get the guy in line or he'd put the pressure on him."

One beneficiary of Harper's generosity was Jack Myers '42, an X-Clubber and Miller's cousin, who along with his wife, June Reinhold Myers '40, became good friends with Harper.



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"When I was called into the military service in 1942, June and I decided to elope while we were in Harpers for dinner. Francis bought us a bottle of champagne when we told him. We had gotten a lawyer, Red Winderweedle (whose firm still survives in Orlando as Winderweedle, Haines, Ward & Goodman), to marry us, but we didn't have much money, so Francis Harper loaned me \$100 to elope," Myers said.

"I got married on May 31 and shipped out June 16, 1942." Unwittingly, Harper had helped along a marriage that has lasted 53 years.

"Our sorority and fraternity mates had double-dates at Harpers. Hugh McKean used to go there a lot, as did John Tiedke. The bartenders when I was there, S.J. and Charlie, were very friendly to Rollins students. Shrimp cocktails were 30 cents and a club steak was \$1.99. Beer on draft was five cents and Michelob was 10 cents. The girls had to be back at their dorms at 10 on weeknights, 10:30 on Fridays, and 11 on Saturdays, but sometimes the men would gather after we dropped the girls off and we'd go back to Harpers," he said.

Harpers also played a role in the marriage of Winifred Martin Warden '45, who recalled that "We all went there all the time for fun in the evening."

"My boyfriend was in the Air Force, stationed in San Antonio, Texas," she said. "He couldn't get away and I couldn't get away, so he sent me an engagement ring in the mail. It was really beautiful and my sorority sisters got all excited and we went down to Harpers and had a dinner and a big party."

Women chafing under the curfew occasionally ventured out after hours, as Nancy Siebens Binz '55 related.

"In our sorority [Kappa Alpha Theta], a few of us liked our beer and would sneak out at night. We were locked in, so to speak, by our housemother, Mrs. Webber, who was wonderful. We'd go out a window, climb over a low roof, and go to Harpers. Later, we'd come back the same way," she said.

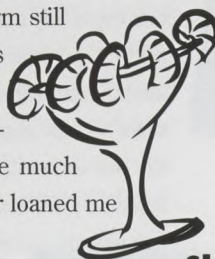
But she also associated a moral lesson of sorts with Harpers.

"There was a student, whose name I can't remember at the moment, who had a trust fund from his grandparents. He'd use money from the trust fund to take all of us 'swingers' out to Harpers. We all came from wealthy families, but we didn't have a lot

of money to throw around. I saw this young man kind of trying to buy friendship by buying us beers. And he had enough in his own soul and personality that he could have been a friend to anyone. Even at that time, it made me think that when I became a grandparent, I wouldn't give money directly to my grandchild, but it would be better for the parents to control it. So it helped me to think out the way I wanted my grandchildren to be raised."

Throughout the 1940s and '50s, Harpers leased the restaurant to various restaurateurs, few of whom lasted very long. In November 1943, it opened under the name Tom and Eddie's. Three months later a new person took over and called it Lanky's. In 1948 the Durrers of Baltimore took over, until in September 1950 Harper took it over again himself. Finally, in 1967, George and Monique Vogelbacher, along with another Swiss couple, leased the restaurant and called it Le Cordon Bleu. After buying out the other couple, they also became man-

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# Harper's Tavern

agers of the bar as well. They turned Le Cordon Bleu into an upscale establishment that mirrored the growing, increasingly affluent town of Winter Park.

"The students made the character of the bar, especially at night," George Vogelbacher said. "Daytime drew more of the local regulars, businessmen, and older people. We had three or four generations of families come to the bar and restaurant. Soccer alumni from Brazil to California who came back to play in the alumni game would come to Harpers after the game. With the new drinking and driving laws, students tended to walk from one bar to another and always ended up at Harpers. They could leave their cars here in the lot and walk back to campus."

By the beginning of the Vogelbachers' tenure, "Rollins was the 'Cheers' of Rollins," as Dave King '68 said. "On your 21st birthday, that's where you went."

"I can remember so well being a freshman and it being the thing for juniors and seniors, upon turning 21, to go to Harpers," said Linda Buck '68. "I, unfortunately, turned 21 in June, so I had to wait the whole summer for my birthday celebration. Harpers was good to us; think of what they had to put up with all those years."

"The back room was very lively, even though they didn't have music back there much when I was in school," said Cary Kresge '67. "The fireplace was donated, I think, by Bruce Behrens '66 and his then-wife Sugar Abbott. We used to have limbo parties and there used to be pictures hanging in Harpers of us in various stages of limbo. We'd always point at them and laugh when we came in later years. I also remember Bob Showalter '71 playing piano for us, and he may have even worked there part time as a piano player. Nowhere else had the history or catered to the Rollins crowd the way Harpers did."

Some students had a remarkably casual, trusting relationship with Harpers' staff; someone from every generation remembers a "buy now, pay later" story that one can find

nowhere else. Kresge remembers Dick Barnett, who managed Harpers in the '60s, allowing some students who wanted a case of beer to pay the next week if they were short of money.

"Harpers was the only bar I have ever left repeatedly without paying my tab," said Pete Daiger '78. "I'd be drinking and having a good time, and sometimes I'd just forget! Susie Butler, who was the bartender there for years, would tell me how much I owed the next time I came in, and I would pay up."

"The first place my wife and I ever kissed was in the parking lot at Harpers," Daiger said. "I had my wedding dinner at Le Cordon Bleu, where the food was always fantastic. When I read in the paper that it had burned down, I couldn't believe it. I immediately drove down to see the building for myself."

How many other bars keep a file of students' credit cards to use when they come in? Jessie Cardwell, bartender since 1976, kept a "huge stack of credit cards for some of the kids so they wouldn't lose them," Vogelbacher said. "We didn't do that for anyone else. That's too much responsibility, really; you also need a lot of honest people at your place who wouldn't abuse that."

Sometimes the kids would ask Monique to put their beer tab at Harpers under the name Le Cordon Bleu, because their parents complained when the tab was too large, but if they thought it was for a nice dinner date at Le Cordon Bleu, they wouldn't mind so much. So we trained our people to bring the credit cards over to the restaurant," he said.

Pam Booth Alexander '68 related that she used to cash a lot of personal checks at Harpers. "When my father came to Parents' Weekend my senior year, I took him to Harpers. He was surprised that it was a bar; he had thought all those checks were written to a drug store or something. Maggie, the waitress, would say, 'Will it be the usual?' and other things to make me look foolish."

Pam belonged to the "Lambie Pies," an informal, coed, honorary drinking society that existing during the 1960s and early '70s.



Photo from ad in 1952 Tomokan



(l-r) Herbert LeFevre '50, Joe Popeck '50, Ed Granberry, Jr. '50 and bartender John Langdon Brown



The Harper Brothers



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They usually met in orange groves and other places, but periodically held meetings at Harpers. At a time when little social disrepute was attached to drinking, Lambie Pies expressed the seemingly universal urge of college students to ritualize (and thus glamorize) drinking. This urge reached its apogee, perhaps, in the "12 Hours at Harpers" drinking binges/competitions held by the KAs from the 1970s to the early '90s. A plaque commemorating this annual event, in which teams of four would hold court in Harpers until the record was broken or they fell by the wayside, still hangs on the wall in Le Cordon Bleu. The record ultimately reached 19 hours.

"That was when drinking wasn't seen as such a bad thing and there were no mad mothers," Vogelbacher said. "The radio stations would promote it, beer companies would sponsor a couple of cases of beer. But I was finally convinced by some customers who were in insurance that sponsoring such events was not a good idea."

Cementing relationships between Rollins students and the bar was the staff. In every era were bartenders who stayed on for years and provided a sort of informal, guilt-free, thoroughly fun *in loco parentis* for the regulars. In the '70s it was Steve Rogers, whose demeanor earned him the nickname "Grumpy" but who still visits some alumni. Monique Vogelbacher has always served as counselor-in-waiting and still gets invitations from students to go out on the town with them. In the last 20 years, the personification of Harpers has been Jessie Cardwell (how many of you actually knew her last name?). She doesn't pull out her file of bawdy jokes and pictures any more, but she still gets invited to weddings and her name rings from every mouth at Reunion.

"What am I going to do without my

spoiled rotten brat children?" she asked. "That's what I called them, because I spoiled them rotten. When they graduate, I tell them, 'You're coming back.' Students who graduated 20 years ago who come back to Orlando or to

visit Disney stop in and visit us. Some of the older ones tell me, 'I was drinking here before you were born,' which is pushing it a bit because they don't know how old I am.

"I really enjoyed working there, and I'd love to see it rebuilt,"

she said. "All my friends were there; my life, really. If they reopen and ask me back, I'll go back. If we had a choice we'd probably all stay

there until we retire. Nanette was there 15 years, Mary Lou in the daytime was there 13 or 14." Jessie is currently working at Suspenders in Cassleberry.

If there is a single family that embodies the connection between Rollins and Harpers, it is the Myers, three generations of whom have made it their hangout. "My parents told me about when they used their cigarettes to burn the cockroaches that emerged from the cypress tables," said Jack Myers, Jr. '69, '70CR. "For me, it was just a really comfortable place with a lot of camaraderie, where you would go to play pool and see your friends. My son's graduation party was there."

"Le Cordon Bleu became our favorite eating place when we went to Winter Park," said Jack, Sr. "The last time we were there, we took our granddaughter, now a student at the University of Florida, to have a remembrance drink and to tell her what we did when we were in school."

The Harpers building still stands. The top floor apartments are gone, as is much of the rear of the building, and the famous Harpers sign is scorched. The bar and restaurant were

unharmd. Despite the structure's advanced age, and contrary to assumptions that its ancient wiring caused the fire, it was a new back-up compressor for the freezer out back that started the blaze. In fact, Harpers had just done \$10,000 worth of electrical work and planned to install new carpet and tile, Jessie said. The flame hit an open gas line (which took two hours to shut off), caught the outer staircase and porch, and moved to the upper stories. It was fueled by the aged wood and an airspace between the first and second floors, which is why it took four hours to extinguish.

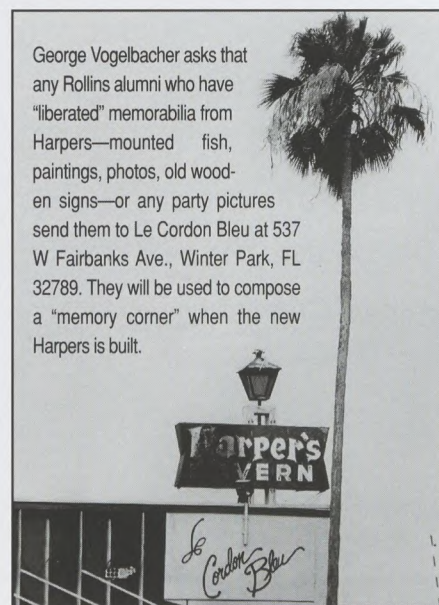
Soon after the fire, Harpers held a celebration fund raiser, with catered barbecue and free liquor served by the staff. Several musicians played, including Tim Coons '76. Other Rollins alumni in attendance (the list is by no means exhaustive) were: Rick Johnston '58, Derek Fuchs '80, Jim Killiam '82, Mike Stewart '82, Drew Hill '83, Dan Richards '84, Peter Lindemann '84, Craig Polejes '85, and Cherie Biederman '89. Although the word then was that Harpers would be bulldozed, Vogelbacher has since confirmed that Harpers will be rebuilt and that he will be a part owner. "It's a sure thing," he said.

"What are we going to do at Reunion without Harpers?" Coons asked forlornly. "You'd just say to everyone, 'I'll see you later at Harpers.' You didn't even think about it."

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George Vogelbacher asks that any Rollins alumni who have "liberated" memorabilia from Harpers—mounted fish, paintings, photos, old wooden signs—or any party pictures send them to Le Cordon Bleu at 537 W Fairbanks Ave., Winter Park, FL 32789. They will be used to compose a "memory corner" when the new Harpers is built.



BEVERLY BROSTUS





What is it like to be a new student at Rollins these days? Four years ago, we set out to answer that question by following an entering freshman around during her first week at Rollins. We randomly plucked Marilou Lao out of the registration line in the Enyart-Alumni Field House and found the Alliance, Ohio native to be rather typical of those in her class: nervous, excited, anxious, and curious, all at once.

Has it really been four years already? Staff photographer Larry Humes shadowed Marilou one more time—this time to get a glimpse of a graduating senior.

**Photo Essay by Larry R. Humes**

# Portraits OF A



Getting fitted for cap and gown.



Posing with classmates for the senior class photo.



Re-introducing Pres



Marching to Enyart-Alumni Field House for the commencement ceremony.



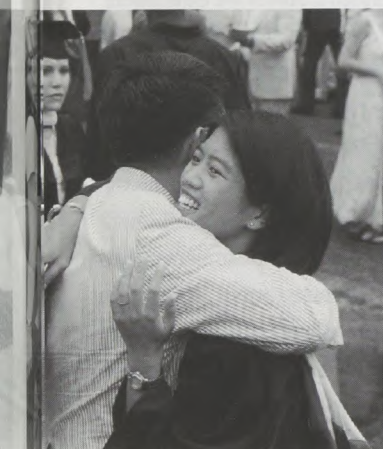
# GRADUATING SENIOR



enstein to family members at the President's Reception.



The rite of passage.



receiving a congratulatory hug from big brother.



Celebrating with mom, grandma, and roommate Marni Lebowitz.



Marilou and Marni: Rollins friends for life.



An emotional mother/daughter moment.



It's official! Proud grins from the new college graduate, mom, and big brother Norman. (Dad was attending brother Andrew's high school graduation the same weekend.)

**F**our years ago, I never would have thought that my college career would pass so quickly. The past few years have been wonderful to me. The friends I made I will hold dear to my heart, and the relationships built with my professors will remain foremost in mind.

What I found so captivating about Rollins was that it really does have something to offer just about everyone...academically and socially. As an undecided major four years ago, I found myself studying and loving English and communications. Both departments filled my mind, not only with knowledge from texts, but with the amazing insights of my professors. The small classes and close relationships with the faculty helped me feel comfortable with the school.

Rollins also opened many doors outside the classroom. The activities around campus made for interesting memories and lifelong friendships. I found that being able to join various groups, both Greek and non-Greek, introduced me to new people with diverse ideas and beliefs to be shared. Also, a fond memory that will always remain with me is the ever-popular Fox Day. Thinking back to the times when the phone would ring at 6 a.m. and everyone would rush to Cocoa Beach will always bring a smile to my face.

When I came to this campus four years ago, I would not have believed that the path I would follow would eventually lead me to strength and confidence. Rollins has done its best in preparing me for the future by teaching me the art of perseverance. During my time here, I watched myself grow and mature in different ways. My time at Rollins will always remain special to me. From freshman orientation to commencement, I was lucky enough to capture the enchanting essence of such a wonderful College and its community.

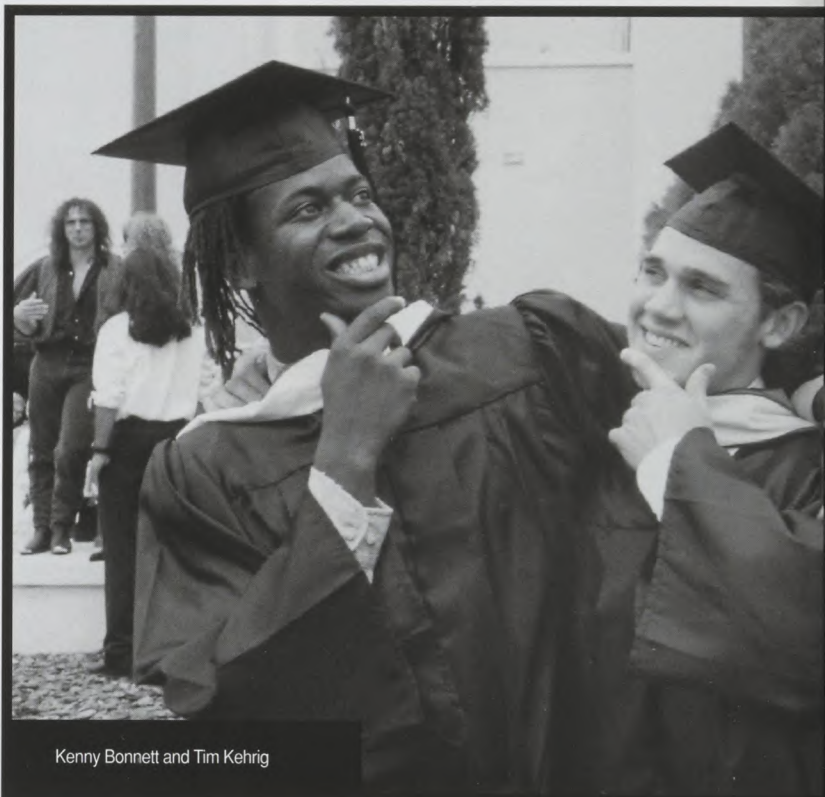
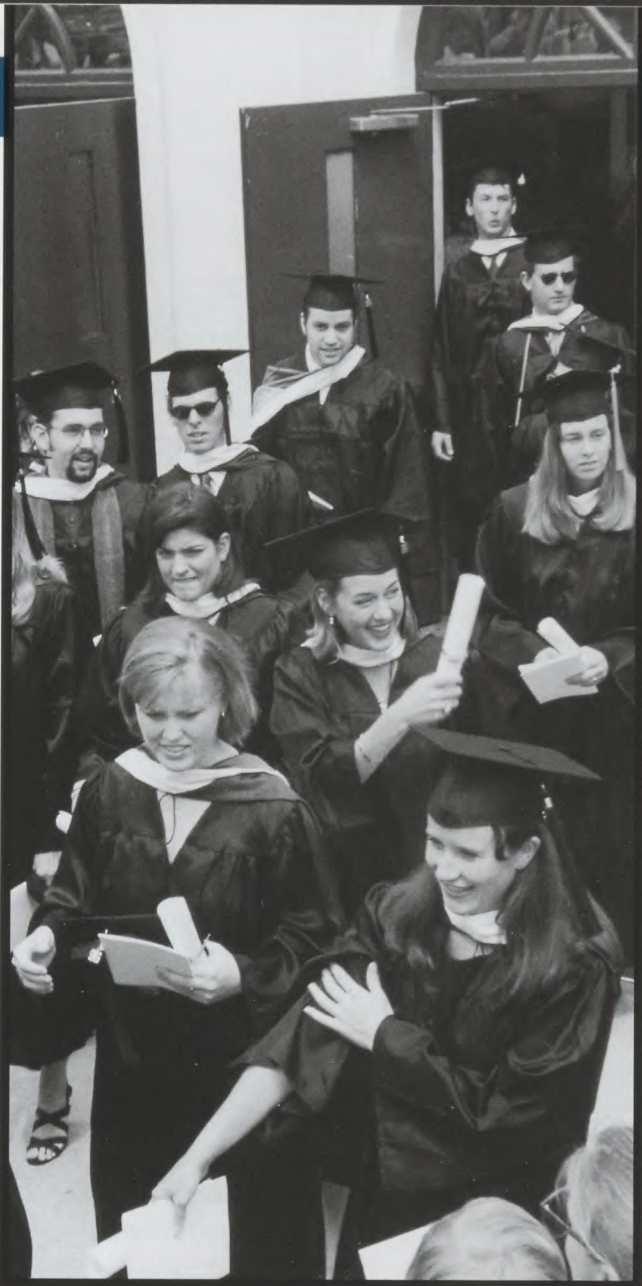
—Marilou Lao  
Class of '96



## Commencement '96

# Moving on to New Challenges

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Kenny Bonnett and Tim Kehrig

With family and friends assembled, about 285 members of the Class of 1996 gathered in Enyart-Alumni Field House May 26 to share in their achievements at Rollins' 106th commencement ceremony. Rollins President Rita Bornstein paid tribute to this year's graduates, noting their many accomplishments.

"During your years at Rollins, you improved the quality of life on campus in many ways," Dr. Bornstein said. This year's class left its mark by participating in student government, leadership retreats, the new peer mentor program, the Wellness

Expo, and a host of other events, she said. "You devoted time and energy to building stronger communities outside of Rollins by teaching prison inmates and homeless people to read, by providing programs for the children of migrant families in Apopka, by building Habitat for Humanity houses in West Winter Park and Uganda, and you helped construct community facilities in Guatemala, Honduras, and the Dominican Republic."

The class helped to resurrect J-term, charter a new sorority (Kappa Delta) and a Rotaract chapter, as well as launch

"Carnival Latino." They also welcomed to campus noted playwright Wendy Wasserstein, poet Maya Angelou, actress Olympic Dukakis, Rollins' own Fred Rogers, creator of "Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood," ice cream makers Ben and Jerry, and entertainer "Super Tyrone," who performed for the Cancer Society benefit concert in the spring.

The Class of '96 also represents the first generation in the history of the nation that will not be better off than their parents, commencement speaker Robert Atwell observed in what Dr. Bornstein termed a "sobering

but challenging" address about public service, civic obligations, and the quality of public life and discourse.

Atwell, president of the American Council on Education, called on graduates to help "build more consensus into this badly fractured nation" by respecting and improving public service, informing themselves with serious reading, and leading the nation to a fairer and more tolerant society."

"Quite honestly, my generation is leaving you with a terrible mess," he said, citing disparities between the rich and poor, the



slowdown in economic growth, downsizing and reengineering in the work force, and a \$5 trillion national debt.

As graduates confront "this daunting array of problems," he said, "you have probably discovered we are a badly fractured and gridlocked society—fractured because we are the lowest consensus society of any of the major democracies. We simply do not agree in this country about the kind of society we want."

He called on graduates to help restore a view of politics as "part of the possible as opposed to the anarchy of a shout-ing match." He cautioned them to prepare for sacrifice. "You will need to make substantial

reductions in entitlements now about to be enjoyed by my generation of citizens. We will resist, but you will be right. Rising expectations and diminishing resources are the cruel realities of your immediate future."

Dr. Bornstein, who serves on the board of directors for the American Council on Education, conferred the honorary doctor of laws degree upon Atwell as a "persuasive advocate for higher education" in Congress. Harvard University Emeritus Professor Ernst Mayr, one of the preeminent biologists of the century, received an honorary doctor of

science degree. Mayr, 91, best known for the contributions he has made to Darwin's theory of evolution, is Alexander Agassiz Professor Emeritus at Harvard's Museum of Comparative Zoology, which he directed. Rollins paid tribute to him last year by placing a stone in his honor in the College's Walk of Fame. "I have the fondest feelings for Rollins College and Winter Park," said Mayr, who cited the quality of appreciation as one of the most important qualities in life. "It has to be expressed again and again," he said.

As a representative of her class, valedictorian "Mimi" Hao Nhu Tran of Orlando said she found the essence of her education expressed in a quote from B.F. Skinner, who wrote: "Education is what survives when the facts are forgotten." Tran, an honors biology major, attributed her education to the friendships and relationships she forged on campus. "My education at Rollins has not developed from memorizing a litany of facts printed in textbooks," she said.

Tran was among five students honored with General Charles

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—President Rita Bornstein

McCormick Reeve Awards for scholarship for maintaining the highest scholastic record the last three years at Rollins. Others honored were Marc Anthony

## Personal Best

### Taking the high ethical road

Her college years, she said, were the best four years of her life, but for graduating senior Beppy Lynn Landrum, the high point came on stage commencement Sunday when she received the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Medallion for service, one of the college's highest honors. Through her work with Omicron Delta Kappa national honor society and other campus organizations, Landrum, of Stuart, Fla., was cited for "her willingness to take the high ethical road over the options of expediency or convenience. She has the uncanny ability to elicit from others whose lives she touches, a newly-discovered faith in themselves and their own personal worth," Student Affairs Dean Steve Neilson said in tribute.

"Getting the award was the culmination of everything I worked so hard for," Landrum said. "If I could go back and do it all over again, I would," she said, "because I discovered myself at Rollins." In those four years, she took advantage of all the opportunity she could, sometimes overextending herself—especially her senior year. By doing so, she said, she was able to discover herself and her strengths.

Her activities read like a litany of personal progressions: Student Government Association, president of Honor Society, associate chief justice of the Student Hearing Board, swimming, triathlon, captain of cross country. She helped to direct a Student Government "Winterfest" student production, tackled the "honors in the majors project" her senior year—a project on Nobel Prize-winning author Toni Morrison, and interned in the state attorney's office.

The educational process, she said, helped her to focus her interest on a career in international law, which she is advancing this summer with a job in Rollins alumnus Richard Troutman's Winter Park law firm. Beppy, (whose name is Dutch for Elizabeth) wants to work in the Netherlands, where her uncle is a judge. She hopes to pursue graduate work at the University of Virginia in the near future.

With a major in English literature and a double minor in communication and German, her interest in law developed gradually and came together, she said, after she enrolled in one of Rollins Professor Marvin Newman's communication classes. "I had been fascinated by law and government, but that's when it clicked for me," she said.

"Looking back on my senior year, I'd like to say I'd do it differently," she reflected. "But I lived up to everything I set for myself. It was, by far, the most challenging year."—AWM



Beppy Landrum, recipient of the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Medallion





## Personal Best

**"Education is what survives when the facts are forgotten."** —B.F. Skinner

Born in Saigon, reared in Florida and Virginia, Hao Nhu Tran is a product of her Vietnamese heritage and American upbringing. An honors biology student, "Mimi," to her friends, ranked among the top in her class scholastically while devoting time to athletics, her sorority, and community service. To those who know her, it's no surprise she was chosen valedictorian of the Class of 1996, for she represents what she called "the kaleidoscopic character that is Rollins"—a place, she said, that "has allowed us to cross social, cultural and sociological boundaries—off campus and on." On the eve of her graduation, she observed, "This is the culmination of my hard work. I'm very flabbergasted and honored to represent my class."

When she arrived at Rollins, Mimi had one goal in mind—to work hard and establish her grades to get into medical school. With that in mind, she became actively engaged in molecular biology research, taking on a senior research project on ovine (sheep) DNA that her professors said few undergraduates have an opportunity to do. The project involved isolating and characterizing a gene which enhances the likelihood that pregnancy will be established.

The determination and commitment that led her to graduate at the top of her high school class, also carried over to Rollins, where she graduated with a 3.954 grade point average. In just a few short years, she was awarded some of the college's top academic achievement honors: the Archibald Granville Bush Award three years running, the George Pearsall Scholarship, the Paul White Vestall Award twice, and the Walter B. Johnston Health Sciences Award. She also received the Outstanding Senior Scholar Award in science and mathematics, a Division of Science and Mathematics Award, an achievement award in biology,

and a Senior Scholar Athlete Award, all of which will serve her well at the University of South Florida, where she plans to begin work on a medical degree, specializing in pediatrics or pediatric oncology.

Mimi credits faculty and friends for her success at Rollins, but most of all, she acknowledges the efforts of her mother, Le Nguyen, who fostered in her qualities of tolerance, patience, and optimism. Born in Saigon, Mimi came to the United States with her mother before the fall of Saigon. "She's been more of a guidance to me. She has given me the opportunity to do things and given me the chance. Still, she said, it's the friendships, the relationships at Rollins that will linger with her the longest. As she noted in her valedictory address, the essence of her education she found in a quote from B.F. Skinner: "Education is what survives when the facts have been forgotten." —AWM



Mimi Hao Nhu Tran, Valedictorian



Consalo of Vero Beach, Fla., Cheryl Lyn Deutsch of Miami, Craig Warren Johnson of Winter Springs, Fla., and Laurel Kathryn Tripp of La Belle, Fla.

The Algernon Sydney Sullivan Medallion for service went to Beppy Lynn Landrum of Stuart, Fla. for demonstrating "her willingness to take the high ethical road over the options of expediency or convenience," whether serving on the Student Hearing Board or presiding over chapter meetings of the national leadership honor society Omicron Delta Kappa.

The Sullivan Medallion Citizen Award went to Judy Peterson, founder and president of Beta, a residential and educational facility for unwed pregnant teens. She was recognized for volunteering "to open her home and her arms to bring a measure of hope and opportunity for self-sufficiency to young women who had neither."

Three Rollins faculty members received Arthur Vining Davis Fellowship Awards for their academic accomplishments: Gloria A. Child, associate professor of mathematics, recognized as a proponent of active learning committed to helping students "see, understand, and do mathematics"; Kim White-Mills, associate professor of organizational communication, who has played a public role in advising four separate student organizations, two of which she has founded—Black Student Union and Model United Nations; and Marvin E. Newman, professor of legal studies and organizational communication, who has

led faculty efforts in the reinvention of the Rollins Conference Plan.

The Hamilton Holt Medal went to Masajiro Nashiro, chairman of the Educational Foundation, Okinawa Shogaku school, "for his service to education and his efforts to promote international goodwill." He was part of a delegation of Okinawans visiting Rollins to sign an agreement of cooperation between the two schools.

In tribute to the Class of '96, Dr. Bornstein noted that members of the class will be scattered around the world, among them Tony Konkol and Nancy Disher, who will teach at the Okinawa Shogaku school as part of a teacher exchange program. Other graduates also will be in Korea, in France under a Fulbright grant, in Mississippi for Teach for America, acting at Circle in the Square in New York and Civic Theater in Central Florida, and dancing with the Atlanta Ballet. They will pursue international relations at Miami, chemistry at Duke and Tennessee, chemistry and pharmacology at Purdue, graphic design at Rochester Institute of Technology, arts management at Carnegie-Mellon, and law at Villanova, Florida, and Tulane, among other institutions. "We will miss you more than you can imagine," she said, "but we look forward to welcoming you back as alumni."

—Ann W. Mikell



## Survival greatest challenge facing higher ed, speaker says

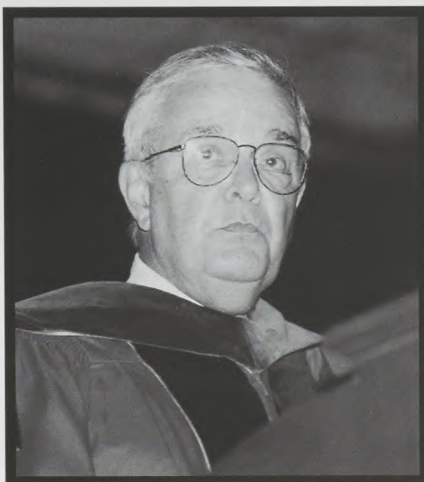
Asked to cite the most pressing issue facing higher education, commencement speaker Robert H. Atwell, one of the nation's leading higher education advocates, said tersely, "Survival." Atwell, president of the American Council on Education, said during a campus visit that competition today is "extraordinary." "What we have is rising expectations of colleges and universities and, to some extent, diminishing resources with which to meet those needs."

That's particularly true in Florida public higher education, he said. "It's very important that Florida have the private sector as an option to pouring more and more money into trying to meet the demands of the public sector. The public sector needs more money, but the [state] Legislature obviously views private colleges as an important resource, and indeed they are."

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—Robert H. Atwell

The price of a college education continues to be an issue, he said. "Prices are now still rising at double the rate of inflation, and that has to stop and everybody understands it." Costs for both the public and private sector are going up at the rate of 6 to 7 percent a year, Atwell said. "We not only have to justify the price increases that have been very, very large, we've got to do something about them, cutting those rates of increase back, and that seems to be happening."



Robert H. Atwell

Concerning the outlook for federal funding of education, Atwell observed: "We will be able to hold our own if we are fortunate and if we work hard—hold our own, and that's about as good as we're going to do."

"There is a Congressional commitment across party lines to the federal role in providing access via need-based financial aid. We worried about that last year, but the message is pretty clear: People do believe the federal government has a role in higher ed."

Other issues continue to pose challenges for American higher education, particularly the "technology revolution," he said. "I think we're in danger of having a lot of colleges and universities being swept away in a tidal wave of technology wherein people can stay at home with CD-ROMS and the Internet and interactive TV, and so forth, who will be able to get an education without ever going near the campus....And where does that leave our art historians with their slides?"

Still, Atwell said that based on polling and focus groups conducted by the American Council on Education, "If you ask people what they don't want to see cut, Social Security tops the list and the second...is student [financial] aid."

—AWM

### Bringing hope and opportunity to young women

Judy Peterson is proof positive that some directions in life can lead not only down the path less traveled but the one least expected. As founder and president of Beta, a residential and educational facility in Orlando for unwed pregnant teens, Peterson was honored this year with the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Citizen Award for volunteering "to open her home and her arms to bring a measure of hope and opportunity for self-sufficiency to young women who had neither."

How Peterson, a management consultant, came to establish Beta 20 years ago, however, puzzles her even today. "I have no answer for how Beta got started," she said, reflecting on those early years. "It was not planned. I did not start out with noble, great goals. This was a happening." She said she was between jobs when she went to a meeting in Orange County to find out about the number of homeless pregnant women and whether there were any services for them. "We found out there weren't," she said. And the rest, as they say, is history.

Peterson first found herself serving on a standing committee. Then she began taking in women and children. "They had no place to go," she said, "so they came home with me. I was only going to do this for two weeks!" At the time, she and her husband, David Peterson, now a school psychologist for Orange County Schools, already had three children and David had only recently completed his doctorate. Under the circumstances, she had to come up with another plan. With just \$85 and the backing of two supporters who co-signed for a loan, she and volunteer Kathleen Perry found a housing facility and were able to buy the first Beta house on Annie Street off Orange Avenue in Orlando. The first occupants were 11 young women.

Today, the average age of young mothers is 15, and only 3 to 5 percent place their children, because societal norms, she said, have made it more acceptable for mothers to keep children.

Beta's live-in residence on Lake Underhill offers social and counseling services and provides a school program for 8th through 12th grades. At Wymore Alternative High School, Beta offers free developmental day care, and Orange County Schools provides classes. Beta counselors work under the guiding principle that "if you educate the mother, the child will follow," Peterson said.

"The key that unlocks the door is education," Peterson said, adding that Rollins students and faculty have been actively involved in Beta's counseling programs and work over the years. Former President Thaddeus Seymour served on the board for about 10 years.

Peterson has stepped back from the day-to-day responsibilities of Beta. As corporate president, she now leaves the duties to executive director Ray Larson. Even now, though, she maintains, "it's extremely important we assume responsibility for the quality of life in a community. It has to be a personal commitment to resolve problems, for individuals to take the time and care to attend to other human beings, especially where children are concerned," she said. "One thing in 20 years is how much I appreciated the women and being part of their lives," she said. "We enjoyed them, and it was a privilege to be with them."—AWM



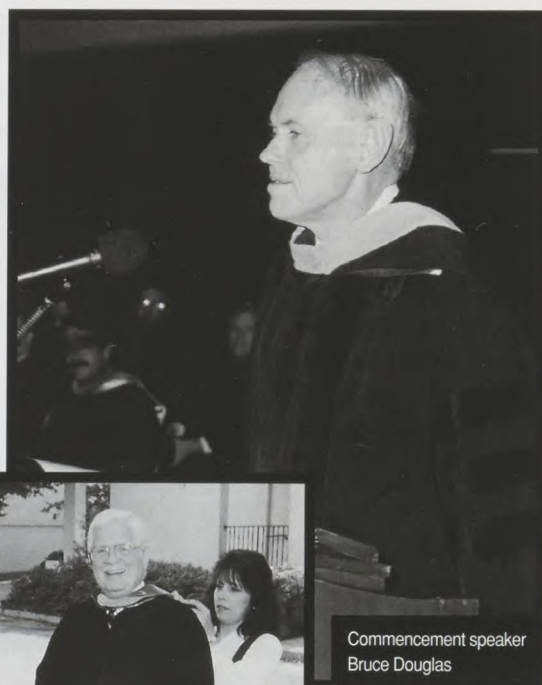
Judy Peterson receives the Sullivan Citizen Award from Chapel Dean Pat Powers







(l-r): Crummer Dean Ed Moses with faculty Ralph Drina, Michael Cipollaro, Mark Johnston, and Barry Render



Commencement speaker Bruce Douglas

## Crummer grads share enthusiasm for learning

Amid the proud smiles of family, friends, faculty, and staff, 111 candidates received the master of business administration degree from the Crummer Graduate School of Business on April 27. This was the 39th commencement exercise in the graduate school's history, and the sunny skies mirrored the excitement felt by all participants.

Representing three different MBA programs, graduates experienced their MBA studies in a variety of ways. Many full-time students traveled from distant nations to join the Crummer School, including the countries of Ecuador, Poland, China, Canada, and Kenya. Other students were native Central Floridians. The Professional and

Executive MBA students had worked full-time while pursuing their degrees, and many had patient families waiting for them at home after a long day of work and classes. One thing that each student had in common, however, was an enthusiasm for learning. It was this enthusiasm that motivated them to start the program, and that led to this moment of accomplishment.

And it is just such enthusiasm that commencement speaker Bruce Douglas, president of The Douglas Company, recognized as invaluable to business leaders. Asking graduates to look around them and guess who would be the most successful, he described the ideal business manager as someone who



Assistant Dean of Career Development and EAMBA director Roland Ruble

is "hard-working, dependable, consistent, courageous, analytical, and able to communicate with others at all levels." The least successful would be those who "take credit for the work of others, are intellectually lazy, inconsistent, lack guts, are supercilious, and reclusive." Fortunately, he noted, all the characteristics of a successful business person can be learned. Completion of the Crummer program is a significant part of that learning process.

As President Bornstein said, the Crummer graduates had "many reasons to be proud."

MBA program. For full-time graduates, the *Wall Street Journal* Award was presented to Diego Illingworth for earning the highest GPA, the John C. Meyers, Jr., Award for Scholarship and Leadership was presented to Matt Hewitt, and the Financial Executive's Institute Medallion was given to David Donnelly for excellence in financial analysis and management.

Professional MBA candidate Peter Gorman was honored with the PMBA Class IX Leadership Award, while Gregory Wann was selected to receive the PMBA Class IX Scholarship Award.



Executive MBA students Laura Hunt and Michael Pollack shared the honors of the EMBA Class XIII Scholarship Award, and Michael Pollack also received the EMBA Class XIII Leadership Award.

Additional accolades were evident on students' graduation apparel. The gold tassels on the caps of 19 students distinguished those who were graduating with honors, achieved by graduating with a cumulative GPA of 3.85 or higher. Twenty-four new inductees into the Beta Gamma Sigma business honor society wore blue ribbons and gold pins on their gowns to signify that they had finished in the top 20 percent of their graduating class.

In addition to the student honors, two awards are presented each year to Crummer School faculty in recognition of their dedication. This year, one professor was honored with both awards. Based on a faculty vote, the Charles A. Welsh Memorial Award for Outstanding Faculty Performance was presented to Jack W. Trifts. The Executive MBA students also selected Trifts as recipient of the Executive MBA Outstanding Teacher Award.

While studies often seemed



ROBERT GOYNES

George Steinbrenner, principal owner of the New York Yankees, served as keynote speaker at the Crummer School's 1996 Scholarship Banquet. The event raised over \$55,000 for MBA student scholarships.

to take up every minute of free time, Crummer MBA students managed to lead full and exciting lives outside of the classroom. While enrolled, six students were married and four were engaged. Family sizes increased, as well; four students had children,

two are expecting children, and one grandchild was born.

Leaving the audience with one word of advice, Bruce Douglas cau-

tioned that above all else, "no one should take themselves too seriously." With that, 111 new graduates stood and cheered. After months and years of hard work, the license to truly revel in their achievement was welcomed with resounding delight.

—Jennifer Finfrook

**"The ideal business person is hard-working, dependable, consistent, courageous, analytical, and able to communicate with others at all levels."**

—Bruce Douglas

## Personal Best

### "I want to be a college professor when I grow up."

One might think that as a grandmother of two with one on the way, Cheryl Butler would be looking ahead to the twilight of life and brushing up on her cookie baking skills.

Nothing could be further from the truth.

Butler, "48 and a half," just earned an M.B.A. from the Crummer Graduate School of Business and is seeking admission to a university to complete her doctorate in accounting. She recently sat for the CPA exam. Her goal is to teach accounting at the college level.

"I want to be a college professor when I grow up," she chuckled.

Butler came to Crummer on scholarship.

"Rollins' master's program has a fine reputation. I did not hesitate to enroll especially after being offered a scholarship."

Butler said she was pleasantly surprised over the "international flavor" of the students in the program and the travel opportunities.

"I went to Ireland last spring with one of the consulting projects. I'd never even been out of the country before. That more than anything else gave me a certain amount of confidence."

Studying alongside classmates from different countries proved to be an additional educational experience.

"I have friends all over the world. If I go to Russia, I have somebody to visit."

Butler is currently looking for work while awaiting acceptance into a doctorate program. She has so far been rejected for admission five times, although she has consistently made the recruiting shortlists. Ideally she would like to attend Florida State University.

"I get the feeling (recruiters) are looking at me saying, 'Why is an old lady like you applying?' This may be something I'm running into."

Not to be daunted, Butler is just going to work harder.

"I plan to take the GMAT again and raise my score, if possible."



Cheryl Butler receives congratulations from Crummer Dean Ed Moses



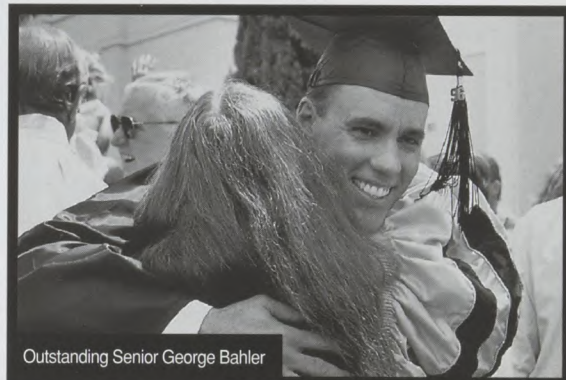


## Holt School's non-traditional students embark on new journey

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Proud graduates Michelle Good and Sandra Gray



Outstanding Senior George Bahler

Commencement for the Rollins College Hamilton Holt School (evening degree programs) May 25 honored 225 "non-traditional" graduates receiving bachelor's and master's degrees. Among those graduating was Tom Joyner, 37 (B.A. English), who first attended Rollins 20 years ago, and Sandra Gray, 45, who graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor's degree in psychology. Gray, who entered college for the first time in her late 30s, plans to obtain an advanced degree in psychology or counseling so that she can become a medical crisis counselor.

George Bahler, 34, who received the Outstanding Graduating Senior award, also graduated summa cum laude. Bahler spoke about struggles with alcohol and drug addiction, motivation, and self-confidence that prevented him from obtaining a college education earlier in life. He received a standing ovation. Hoyt Edge, pro-

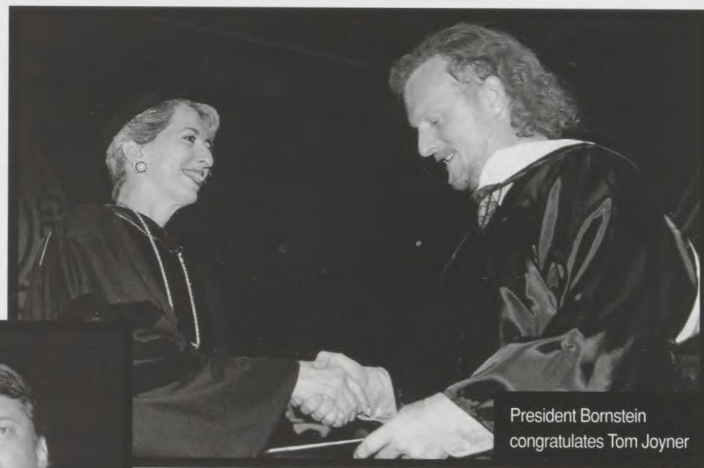
fessor of philosophy, received the Walter E. Barden Distinguished Teaching Award.

Three graduates received Outstanding Student awards from the Graduate Program in Counseling: James Holt, Francesca Lampugnani Barger, and Gerald Quimby. Bernice Muroski-Brown received the Kappa Delta Pi Award for Outstanding Graduate Student from the Graduate Program in Teaching and Education.

John Puerner, keynote speaker and president/ CEO of *The Orlando Sentinel* and *The Sentinel Communications Company*, spoke about the relationship between education and civic responsibilities and the necessity to become involved in the community in or-

der to strengthen civic life. College graduates earn more, he noted—about 90 percent more than a high school graduate." They also will advance further because they have "embraced technology and cultural changes

employers value." Puerner urged graduates to share "the virtues" of their education with the community and to achieve great things, but to "measure excellence not only as it is measured by the marketplace, but



President Bornstein congratulates Tom Joyner



**"The answers of the last generation have become the questions of the new generation..."**

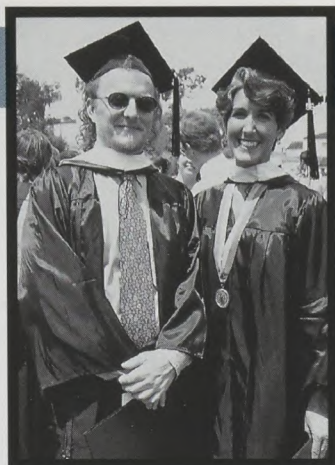
—John Puerner (I)



also by the excellence that lies within each of you that Rollins has helped honed."

Our world is changing rapidly, he noted, and it will be challenging to keep up. "The answers of the last generation have become the questions of the new generation...We need prudent people like you with the courage to get involved in the issues facing our community...to stay informed and use public forums to make your views known."

Puerner advised graduates to express their opinions by voting—if they have made an effort to research the candidates. "As the Federal government devolves decision-making to the



community level, we will be increasingly dependent on the quality of people who hold office. You have the ability to help Central Florida navigate, and to choose the right direction. The wind is up. The tide is high and the opportunity for a long and fruitful journey awaits us—only if we choose to get involved."

—Linda Carpenter

## Personal Best

### Rebuilding after tragedy

Personal tragedy and life transitions that would devastate many people emotionally have led Holt School graduate Lee Michaels to turn her pain into something positive and create an entirely new, exciting direction in her life.

Within days of commencement May 25, Michaels, 49, left for Palau, Micronesia to begin training for a two-year stay as a Peace Corps Volunteer organizing reading skills programs for teachers and students in Micronesia.

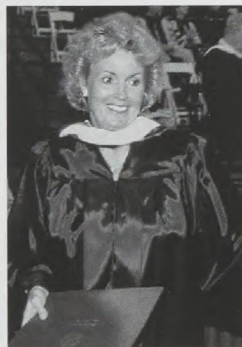
"It's something I have wanted to do since high school," said Michaels, an English major who tutored as a VISTA volunteer for two years while completing her A.A. degree at Seminole Community College. "It has taken a lot of transitions to prepare for this move."

Michaels decided to go back to school about the time her marriage of 25 years ended. For six years she stuck with her plan, juggling family needs and responsibilities with classes at the community college. "That's when I got a scholarship to Rollins," she recalled. "I was able to turn my life around because of the Rollins scholarship and the Holt School. That was the key."

A year and a half ago, however, she suffered the loss of her daughter to complications from a diabetic coma. Through the sensitivity and support of a Hospice counselor who also had lost a daughter, Michaels was able to deal with her grief and begin channeling it, thinking again in terms of possibilities.

"Losing a child is the worst thing that can happen," she said. "All the hopes and dreams you had for that child are gone. But Hospice helped me to accept how I felt and to find what was important to me in my life—to find something else that meant something to me. That's when I remembered the Peace Corps, and that's when I decided I wanted to help other people less fortunate. To me, this is the best way to do it."

Ten other people from across the country will be taking part in the program, she said, including one woman whose friendship she developed over the Internet. "It will be a radical culture shock," she said. "But it's rewarding to help people in need."—AWM



Lee Michaels

## Personal Best

### Education Important Life Goal

Because his father urged him to complete his college education early in life, Derek Madison doesn't believe he has accomplished anything extraordinary by obtaining his bachelor's degree at age 29.

"I had good role models," says Madison, who received a bachelor's degree May 25 from the Rollins College Hamilton Holt School. "My father gave up a lot at an early age for his family. He really wanted to be a doctor, but with five children to support he couldn't continue his education. He returned to college in his 30s, and didn't finish until he was 40. So he always stressed education."

Madison's younger brother, now 24, was the first among his siblings to obtain a college degree; his younger sister graduates from Florida A&M University this month.

Like many "non-traditional" students, Madison completed his degree in urban and public affairs while working full time at Rollins College and caring for a wife and three children. It took about six years to complete the B.A. in evening classes, not including the first year he spent at Doan College in Nebraska.

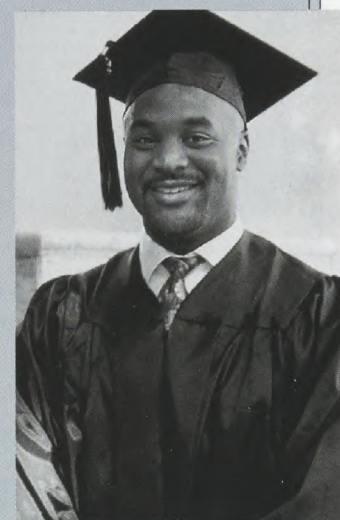
"I had a football and track scholarship; my spirits were really down when I had to drop out because of a serious knee injury," he says. A few of his classes taken at Doan transferred to Rollins when he began working in the physical plant about six years ago. After a year-and-a-half he transferred to the campus safety department where, as the day-shift supervisor, he coordinates day-to-day operations.

"I originally planned to go for an associate's degree only. Before long, however, I realized that I had completed quite a few courses." When he realized he was close to obtaining sufficient credits for the bachelor's degree, his goals seemed more within reach.

Juggling college studies, a full-time job, and family is no easy task, he admits. "It's been rough at times. You have to use serious time management. Fortunately I have an understanding family." In addition to family, Madison often mentions other "blessings" he has received in support, including a Habitat for Humanity House which Rollins students, faculty, and staff built for his family in 1993.

Madison hopes to attend graduate school and obtain a master's degree. An internship with a local urban planning group and independent research with the City of Winter Park sparked his interest in urban planning. "I would like to do more with the community so that I can be a positive influence." He also plans to be more active in his church, where he is an ordained deacon.

Madison's experience at the Hamilton Holt School was "wonderful," he says. "The instructors were great, and I met so many students in situations similar to mine; it really created a strong group feeling." —Linda Carpenter



Derek Madison





## Brevard grads look forward to bright future

Rollins College conferred baccalaureate degrees on 94 Rollins Brevard students May 25.

In keeping with the College's theme of "Building Leaders in Brevard," John D'Albora, chairman and CEO J.V. D'Albora Company, was asked to deliver the commencement address. D'Albora, a lifelong resident of Brevard County, is the third generation of citrus growers in his family. He also is an active member of the community having served on such boards as the Rollins Advisory Committee,

Florida Citrus Commission, Farm Bureau and Canaveral Port Authority.

D'Albora told the graduates to "think, act and look like a winner and you will be a winner." "Don't forget to keep your eyes on the brass ring," he urged. "Never lose sight of your objectives."

D'Albora said they will have to work hard to stay competitive in a world that is constantly changing. "Mastery of a skill or profession no longer guarantees success. The value of a

skill learned over many years may vanish instantaneously in the undertow of innovation. To be competitive in the workplace, a person needs psychological fortitude, a capacity to recover quickly from setbacks and simple confidence."

In her address to the graduates, class valedictorian Dana Packard praised the faculty and said they will play an integral

part in the future of the class of 1996. "Though they may never realize their full and beneficial influence, we will never forget them," said Packard. "Whatever successes we may achieve, whatever accomplishments may become ours, they too shall participate, and we will gladly share our triumphs with them."

Packard said the full-time and adjunct faculty members brought a "special dimension of real world experience" into the classroom. Dr. Edward Harrell brought history alive by taking students to Washington, D.C. and St. Augustine. Dr. Mary Robsman helped prepare future teachers by taking them to Kennedy Space Center's Education Station to experience the frontiers of new technology. Dr.



Class Valedictorian Dana Packard with her "cheerleaders"—loyal Rollins Brevard students and graduates.

MARIANNE BARTMAN

### Personal Best

#### Internships can lead to job after college

Jennifer McCarthy was a step ahead of most college graduates before she received her degree. McCarthy worked for free on internships during college, racking up valuable work experience—and got a job as a result.

McCarthy, 25, graduated last month from Rollins College with a degree in organizational behavior. She interned at HealthFirst Inc. for just three months in her last semester when she was offered a job in the marketing department of the company's new partnership with Sportscare. She will work as a field representative in Melbourne, supporting all sports, wellness, and preventive medicine marketing campaigns.

"I would tell any student to absolutely do any type of internship you can do," McCarthy said. "Jobs are very limited in this town. It's very competitive. You have to do everything you can to stand out from the crowd."

Jodie Queen-Hubert, director of Cooperative Education and Career Services for Pace University in New York, said that students relying solely on their degree will find themselves ill-prepared in the fiercely competitive job market. "If you have just a degree, you are at the lower end of the hiring scale," said Queen-Hubert. "The only students who are going to have an easy time of it have proven experience in their field and the strongest grades."

Queen-Hubert says it's essential for students to get a job or internship in their field while in school if they want first crack at full-time jobs after graduation. "Competition is stiff," she said. "Students need to keep a lot of options open, they need to be flexible with what they expect in salaries, expand the territory for job sites, and consider a varying degree of jobs. They need to do what they have to do to get their foot in the door."

By Dwight R. Worley  
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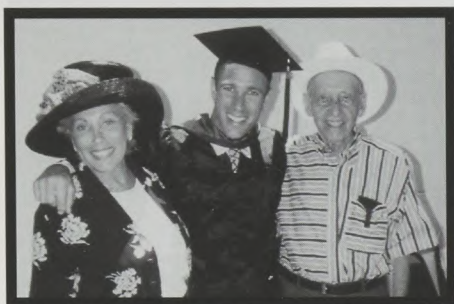


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Jasmelita Kennedy went into labor with daughter Sarah during fall midterms.





Graduate Neil Glaser celebrates his graduation with his mother and grandfather.

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Sandra McIntire inspired her students through her volunteer work with the Yellow Umbrella and the National Coalition against Domestic Violence.

Special awards were given out at commencement to outstanding students, faculty members and community members. Professor Harrell received the Christa McAuliffe Outstanding Teaching Award in recognition of his 24 years of superior service. He was noted for his appreciation and understanding of non-traditional students and engaging lectures.

Packard and Joyce Wilden received the General Charles McCormick Reeve Scholastic Award for demonstrating the highest levels of academic achievement in their studies at Rollins Brevard. Both were also commended for their leadership in student activities.

Outstanding students in each discipline were also honored including: Todd Stirtzinger, accounting; Rex Drulard, business administration; Sean Kern, computer science; Sandra Robinson, education; Elaine Fowler, English and history; Amy Jackson, organizational behavior; and Patricia Shenton, psychology.

Commencement speaker D'Albora received the Rollins College Award of Appreciation for Support of Quality Education. In recognition of his lifetime of achievement, he was also made and honorary inductee into Sigma Beta Delta, the national honor society in business administration and management.—KDH

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# Going Abroad, Growing Abroad

## Studying Them, Finding Me



DOMINICAN REPUBLIC PHOTOS BY BOB LEMON

Going abroad at Rollins these days is anything but a junket. It may mean helping villagers in the Dominican Republic move rocks up an 80-foot river embankment to construct a wall. Or learning to mix cement in Guatemala to help locals raise the roof on a community center.

Some of Rollins' study abroad opportunities are just plain hard work. They're supposed to be. Each January since 1988, several

Rollins professors have conducted service learning courses in the Third World, allowing students to both study and work overseas. These monthlong Winter Term courses offer students a heavy dose of learning about a foreign people and culture—typically while living with a foreign family—in a short period of time.

The courses aren't just do-gooder "work projects" in far-off lands. During the fall semester before departure, students complete readings



BY MELANIE S. TAMMEN '83

and attend group sessions that examine issues of ethnicity, intercultural understanding, politics, and development economics. Then, just prior to leaving Florida in the first days of January, they attend a two-day retreat focused entirely on the history, culture, and present-day politics of the nation they will visit.

Still, despite the conventional learning students experience, the degree of personal develop-

ment they undergo can be astounding. Take, for example, freshman Jeffrey Pohlig, whose journal entry upon returning from the Dominican Republic—one of the poorest nations in the world—reads: "I learned about people. I learned that people really are more similar than different. People have different ways of doing things, different living conditions, and maybe even completely different lives, but all enjoy the same things and have the same dreams."





### **Mountain farming village in the "D.R." becomes Rollins classroom**

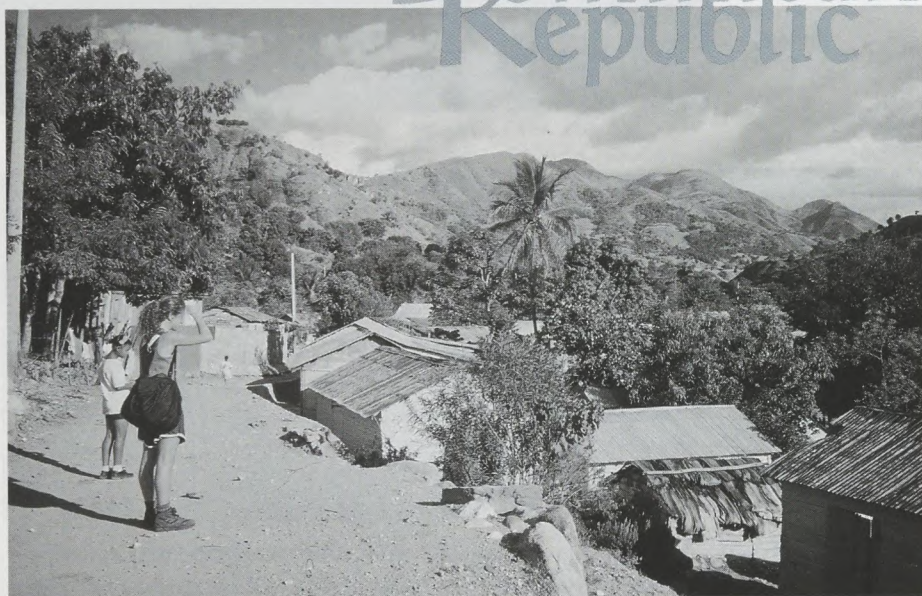
In January 1996, 14 Rollins students traveled to the Dominican Republic with religion professor Arnold Wettstein, art professor Robert Lemon, and chemistry professor Pedro Bernal. The students first received intensive language training in the capital of Santo Domingo, while living in a Roman Catholic pilgrimage center.

Afterward, they traveled to the mountain farming village of Guayabal, in the hills outside Santa Domingo. The selection of Guayabal grew out of earlier labors by Rollins' chemistry department chairman Pedro Bernal, a Dominican, who worked on a purification system that has brought purified drinking water to several thousand Dominicans in that region. In Guayabal, Rollins students helped residents finish a large "enramada"—an open meeting structure for civic and educational gatherings—by erecting eight ferro-concrete columns, assembling trusses, and constructing a roof of galvanized tin.

The students also helped the Dominicans construct a retention and security wall around the village church. The wall was assembled from readily available river rock, which required students and villagers to move the rock from the river bed up an 80-foot embankment in a human "rock line."

"For the people of the village," said Lemon, the amenities of their common areas were improved. And for our students, the workplace served as a venue to share a common goal and to labor and communicate with the villagers."

(Clockwise from upper left): Jennifer Gaines (/) and Ilisa Sokolic with their Dominican brothers and sisters, Guayabal. Professor Bob Lemon takes public transportation to the coffee field. Senior Rebecca Lemon learns to pick coffee beans. Above Guayabal. Rollins students at their construction site.



I've seen my Dominican mother accomplish 10 things at the same time without ever breaking a sweat or speaking one word of complaint. She showed me that accomplishment and patience can be very rewarding.

—Jennifer Bundesen,  
Hamilton Holt School







GUATEMALA PHOTOS BY JOHN LANGFITT



I took the eastern road somewhat farther today, to the crossing of a stream. Every stream has the grace to provide a rock for sitting; this one beckoned me by comfortable size and rounded shape. . . . Suddenly a burro clambers down the steep trail on the other side, laden with sisal sacks stuffed to bursting with the crops of highland fields followed by his master, certain that his beast will know the way. He does. The declining sun behind the western mountains signals the farmers' descent from their fields. Miguel suddenly appears, returning from the other side, coming to where I sit, with a broad smile. How pleased we are to see each other. He shows me the oranges he has been harvesting, looks about and smiles, "Tranquilo," and is off . . .

—Professor Arnold Wettstein

### **Baño blitz in Guatemala**

Also during January 1996, 18 Rollins students traveled to Guatemala for a course with John Langfitt, assistant dean of the Knowles Memorial Chapel, and philosophy professor Tom Cook. The group spent the first week in concentrated Spanish language study, and heard lectures from United Nations officials, local political leaders, charitable and development workers, naturalists, and author/ activist/attorney Jennifer Harbury.

Students then spent two weeks in the village of El Jute, living with families and helping to construct a community center. From local residents, they learned how to wire together the steel tubing that provides reinforcement for concrete block walls in earthquake-prone Guatemala. They mixed mortar, laid cement block, cut trees, built scaffolding, and poured concrete.

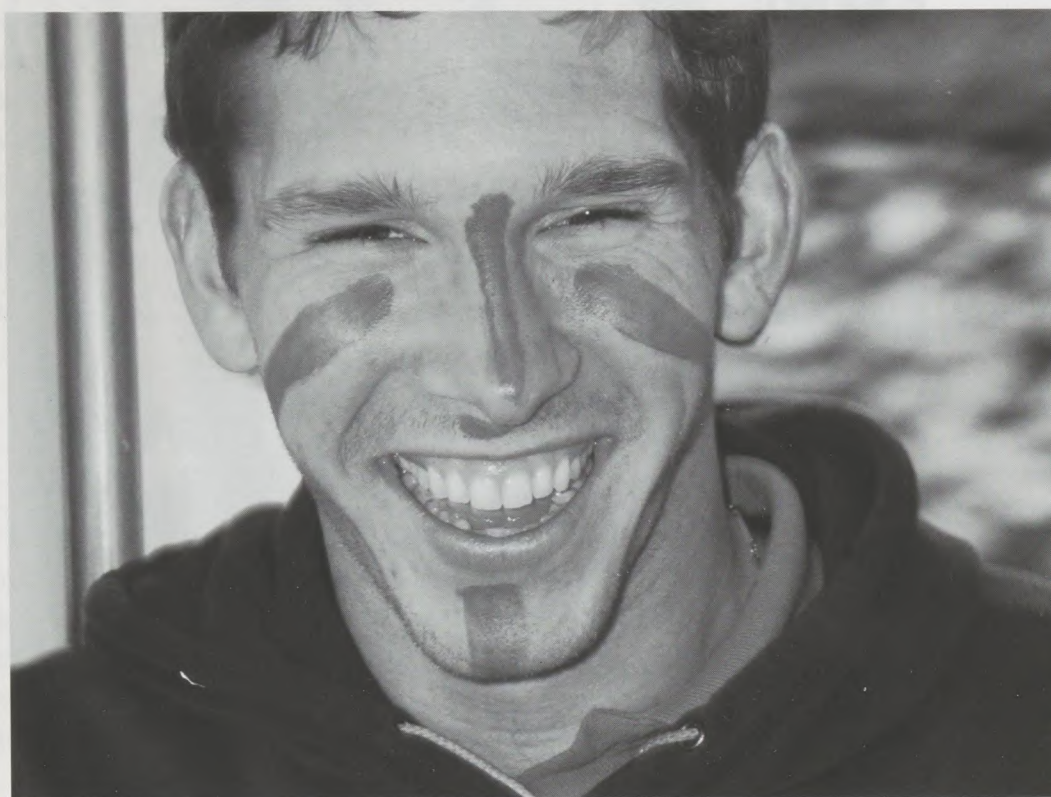
During a planned "weekend off," half of the students in Guatemala chose to travel to Jicaro, a remote rural village with no electricity, no running water,

and (until their visit) no latrines. In what they endearingly call their "baño blitz" (baño is Spanish for bathroom), Rollins students helped the villagers construct Jicaro's first two outhouses.

### **Courses in developing nations newest initiative in Rollins' distinctive Winter Term**

The Winter Term "service learning" courses in developing nations are designed to help students learn about a distinctive foreign culture and the political and economic constraints to development in the world's developing nations. These courses also provide students a first-hand introduction to the realities and causes of poverty endemic to many developing nations, and offer them an opportunity to help bring about positive change. Since the first Winter Term service learning course was taught in Jamaica in 1988, Rollins has offered several such courses each January. In addition to Jamaica, Dominican Republic, and Guatemala, Rollins professors have conducted courses in Honduras and Uganda.





(Clockwise from far left): Exploring a Mayan Village. Kevin Mullin is all smiles after village children paint his face with berry juice. Students use human "rock line" to build community center foundation.

### **Faculty collaborate to help others venture abroad**

In the inaugural venture to Jamaica, Arnold Wettstein (then dean of the Knowles Memorial Chapel) and John Langfitt led a group of students to teach in primary and secondary schools. Their positive experience led them to repeat the course in Jamaica for several years. And back home on the Rollins campus, the interest of other faculty members was ignited. In 1992, Wettstein and Langfitt established contacts in Guatemala and prepared to teach a new course there, while preparing other Rollins professors to take students to Jamaica.

When the pioneering team of Wettstein and Langfitt arrived with students in San Juan de Flores, Guatemala in 1992, they found a village with an unreliable water supply and little public shelter. During that trip, and successive trips in 1993 and 1994, they taught a group of about 20 Rollins students who helped the villagers construct a community center, repair a health center, build security walls, and dig a well to create a new water source.



The work of Wettstein and Langfitt inspired economics professor Charles Rock to develop a service-learning course in Honduras. During January 1994, Rock's students joined Wettstein's and Langfitt's students in Guatemala for nine days of intensive language training and then proceeded to a Honduran village for 10 days of living with families and assisting villagers in the construction of a Habitat for Humanity house. Wettstein, meanwhile, learned from Rock's experience with Habitat for Humanity and pioneered a Habitat-based program for Rollins students in Uganda in 1995. That same January, Cook joined Langfitt in

taking students to a different Guatemalan village, Llano de Morales, to help construct a health center.

In 1995, the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation of Menlo Park, California, awarded Rollins a grant of \$75,000 to support a three-year initiative of Rollins faculty to develop January Term service-learning courses in other foreign locales. In January 1997, Rollins professors will teach service-learning courses—with 12 to 18 students each—in the Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Uganda, and India.

### **Two-fold learning opportunity**

In addition to serving as a vehicle for learning about the history, economy, language, and people of a foreign nation, service-learning courses offer Rollins students an opportunity to experience the satisfaction gained from volunteering in a community.



Some Rollins students have participated in volunteer work in Central Florida before going abroad. For others, this is their first experience with volunteering in a community, and they often come home and find themselves signing up for volunteer work with an Orlando-area organization. In many instances, they volunteer at the construction site of a local Habitat for Humanity house.

### **Service learning: Passing fad or meaningful education?**

So what is one to make of all this feel-good teaching/learning/volunteering stuff? A passing fad? Not likely. In this hurried, scheduled, technological world, today's students increasingly are drawn to volunteering in their communities as a way to find meaning in their lives and connect with the vast world across Fairbanks Avenue and abroad. Rollins professors, for their part, are attracted to the challenge and personal enrichment of venturing abroad to teach in a foreign "classroom" they developed themselves.

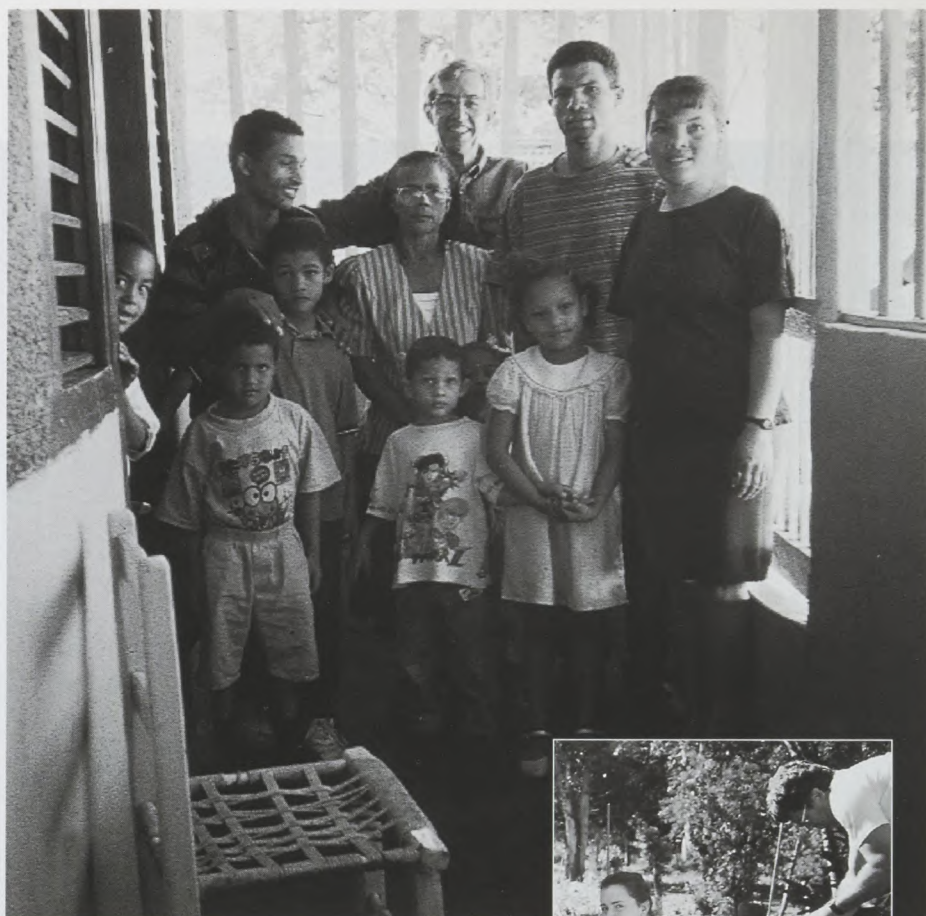
In a 1994 article for *The Orlando Sentinel*, President Rita Bornstein noted the Winter Park Chamber of Commerce had named Rollins College "Citizen of the Year" for the volunteer work of its students, faculty, and staff, and asked: "Can a college rightly be called a good citizen?" Her answer: "As the character of institutions has become more service-oriented and outwardly focused, the ivory tower has become the town hall. As a town hall, providing opportunities for research, deliberation, and action in service to its community, a college serves three important goals. It develops in its students the habits of good citizenship through civic involvement and service, promotes a spirit of community within the college, and improves the quality of life for its neigh-

It was the people's simplicity and the quiet way in which they carried out their lives that affected me . . . how they could make do with so little. Their kindness and generosity will always be with me, and I'll try to never forget to smile at people when I walk past them.

—DeAnne Wingate, senior

bors. Yes, a college can be a good citizen." But can Rollins' brief, monthlong service-learning courses really offer students a meaningful experience they will treasure for a lifetime? This question is perhaps best answered by John Langfitt's account of his students' departure this year from El Jute, Guatemala:

"All the students' host families gathered to see them off. In fact, the whole village joined the assembly—the grandmothers, the children, the three ladies who cooked all our meals, the pigs, dogs, and cats. The students climbed on top of the bus to stow away their luggage, and insisted on staying on top to wave farewell. The bus pulled out of the village with all 18 students on top waving goodbye, as the entire assembled village waved back. Tears flowed as the entire assembled village waved back."



(From top): Professor Arnold Wettstein with host family in Guayabal. Brick-layers Amy Steele and Professor Tom Cook, El Jute. Guayabal.

Melanie S. Tammen '83 majored in international relations at Rollins. Prior to returning to Rollins in 1993 as director of foundation relations, her work as a public policy analyst in Washington, D.C. took her to several foreign nations and speaking engagements in the former Soviet Union and Guatemala.



# CLASS NEWS

*Class News Editor: Diana S. Johnson*



**32 Florence Walker Provenzano** wants to get in touch with **Marilouise Wilkerson '32**. They lived together in Lakeside in 1929 and lost track of each other in recent years. Florence enjoys gardening and crafts and lives in Naples, FL.

**46 Halljeanne Chalker** returned for Reunion '96 and was thrilled to see that the atmosphere and aims of the College remain the same after 50 years. After spending 25 years in the Foreign Service, on all continents except Australia, she is now relaxing at home in Orange Park, FL.

**49 Sam Burchers** writes that sons **Sam III '82** and **Bryon** have completed an educational book *Vocabutoons* about using a memory technique to learn vocabulary. In testing on high school students, this method has proven to be 72% more effective than traditional sight-memory methods.

**50** A recent article, "Keyboard Colleagues and Friends," in the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* quotes **Joanne Byrd Rogers** as saying that the best thing about being part of a duo-piano team is that it is not so solitary as the life of most concert pianists. Joanne and partner **Jeannine Romer Morrison '51** perform music ranging from classical to pops in concerts all over the country. The former Rollins classmates teamed up to form their piano duo 20 years later. Quotes Joanne, "Jeannine and I have the same background and training, so we hardly ever disagree!" They will play Mozart with the Winter Park Bach Festival this year.



**52 Reunion Chairman: Kit Johnson Rutledge** Although **Bob Heath** retired from teaching in Ithaca, NY, he is currently teaching English in the Volusia Regional Juvenile Detention Center and is an adjunct professor of German at Daytona Beach

Community College. Once a week he acts as "Ambassador" at the Daytona Beach International Airport, assisting German-speaking passengers. Bob and his family live in Ormond Beach, FL.

**53 Albert Dealaman** is still playing drums with local bands in New England. He resides in Yarmouth, ME. **Jan McGaw Irwin** had a great visit with **Frank '52** and **Daryl Stamm Barker** and **Bill Cary '55**, whom she had not seen in 40 years. While in Hawaii she spent time with **Ardie Norcross Aucoin '52**.

**56 Jane Kilbourne** is a licensed clinical social worker in Knoxville, TN and would like to organize an alumni get-together in the Knoxville area.



**57 Local Chair: Joan Bennett Clayton**

**61 Patricia Trumbull Howell-Copp** and her husband are the 1996 chairpersons of the Manatee County Board of Realtors RPAC (Realtors Political Action Committee). Patricia lives in Bradenton, FL and is a realtor with Re/Max Gulfstream.



**62 Local Chair: Linda Qualls Coffie**

**65 Sara Dudley Brown's** corporate events firm, Sara Dudley Brown Unlimited, won an award for 1995's Best Corporate Event from The Washington Chapter of the International Special Events Society. **James Treadway**, former executive vice president of Paine Webber and partner in the law firm of Baker & Botts, has retired. He and family presently live in the country in north Westchester County with four Labs and one horse. Daughter Betsy plans to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro this year. **Jane Truesdall Johnson** had a showing of her paintings at a Soho antique store, Rooms & Gardens. Jane participates in the Embassies Program-US

Department of State, which exhibits paintings in embassies around the world. **Al Arbury** was featured in *The Delta of Sigma Nu* magazine for his accomplishments in the sport of rowing. Al was a member of the 1963 Rollins crew that competed in the Royal Henley Regatta, a four-day international event on the Thames in England. He is a member of the State of Michigan's Amateur Athletic Hall of Fame and was inducted into the Rollins College Sports Hall of Fame during Reunion '96. He is a former director and trustee of the National Rowing Foundation.



**67 Reunion Chairman: Tom Sacha**

**68 Katherine Fox** spent two fascinating weeks in Russia touring Moscow and St. Petersburg with an Art Academy. Kate lives in St. Michaels, MD. After living in Bermuda, Hong Kong, and London, **Carolyn Haas Swiney** now divides her time between Ireland and Sanibel Island, FL. On a recent visit to Florida, she met with **Carole Conklin Leher**, **Pam Booth Alexander**, **Suzy Probasco Geisler**, and **Susan Gregory Blakely '69**. **Nick** and **Joanne Mercer Jones** were named Citizens of the Year by the Lake Wylie Chamber of Commerce for their devotion to serving the community through their work with the River Hills Emergency Squad. Both are paramedics with the volunteer service. **David** and **Ree Cubellis Hirsch '67** live in Centerville, MA and enjoy traveling and working for themselves consulting with retail stores. **Vida Hull** went to the College Art Association of America meeting in NY, where she presented a paper, "Spiritual Pilgrimage in the Paintings of Hans Memling." Vida is associate professor and art historian at East Tennessee State University.

**69 Terry Law**, who lives with his family in Washington Crossing, PA, launched his own boxed Christmas card company and invites alumni in the Philadelphia area to contact him. **Karen Girard's** article about a trip to the 10,000 islands



was published in Atlantic Coastal Kayaker. Karen enjoyed a mini-reunion in Gainesville, FL with **Linda Bradley '70** and **Carter Reser Johnson**.

**70 Bill Bieberbach** joined WCI Management Group as vice president and general manager of Fantasy Harbour in Myrtle Beach, SC. He will be responsible for the coordination of the marketing, sales, and operations of the entertainment complex. Bill is on the Alumni Association Board of Directors.



**72 Local Chair: Holly Rogers Loomis**

**75 Jane Marks** is managing Speedo's involvement with the sponsorship of the top talent in pro-beach volleyball. She is currently coordinating Speedo's on-site Olympic sales and promotional efforts tied in with the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta. Jane lives in Los Angeles, CA. **Ann Flint** is Director of Adult Programs, Eastern Division, for the United States Tennis Association.

**76 Jo Gawthrop** was selected as a recipient of the 1995 Top Women in Business award in Central Kentucky. Honorees were selected based on community service and demonstrated leadership in their respective fields. Active in the Home Builders Association, Jo serves as a local, state, and national director. She is a charter member of the Greenspace Commission and served on the White Paper Study on affordable housing for the Home Builders Association of Kentucky. **Tracy Kolker Magaziner** had a great time at Reunion '96 and wants to get involved in bringing her classmates back for future reunions. **Dragana Nastasic Connaughton** moved from Palm Beach to Boston three years ago and is still having difficulty adjusting to the record-breaking winters. She enjoyed the Reunion '96 weekend and said that after 20 years, her classmates looked great!



**77 Local Chair: Mark Crone**

**Anthony DiResta** has been named director of the Federal Trade Commission's Regional Office in Atlanta, GA. Since 1984, Tony has been in private practice and recently was named a partner with an Atlanta law firm. He has written and lectured extensively on antitrust and First Amendment issues and is an experienced litigator.

**78 Darwin Kelly** has been named president and CEO of Quality Medical Consultants, Inc. He and his family live in Winter Park, FL.

## KNOW YOUR ALUMNI BOARD

### Susie Aspinwall '65

Consider Susan Cochrane Aspinwall '65 the Sherlock Holmes of Rollins College. There is nothing she enjoys more than tracking down and reconnecting with fellow alumni who have lost touch with their alma mater.

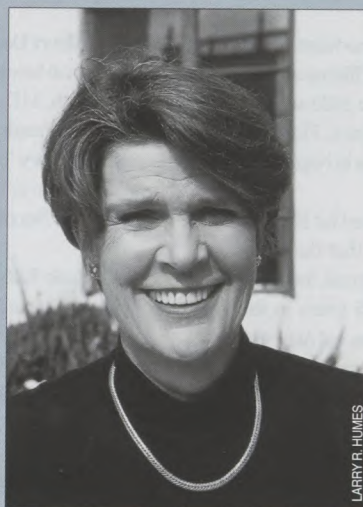
"I guess one of the reasons I enjoy working on reunions so much is because I love being involved in bringing people back," she said with a smile. "There is just so much magic in finding friends again. If I could, I'd set a goal of finding where everybody is and what they are doing. Finding people with whom you have lost touch is a thrill, and I know there are a lot of alumni out there who feel the same way I do. That's why reunion weekends are such an energizing, exciting time at Rollins."

In addition to her role as wife, mother, and community volunteer, Aspinwall chairs the Reunion Committee on Rollins' Alumni Board of Directors. It is a job for which she is ideally suited.

"Susie is the reunion volunteer extraordinaire," says Alumni Director Cynthia Wood. "Last March was the largest-attended reunion event in the history of the College. We would not have succeeded without her leadership and her enthusiasm. She is the catalyst that not only keeps us going, but makes sure we're focused and headed in the same direction."

Rollins College has been a large part of Aspinwall's life for more than three decades. A native of Short Hills, N.J., she fondly remembers as a child visiting her grandmother in Lake Wales, Fla. So it wasn't too surprising that after graduating from Westover School in Connecticut, that she informed her parents she would be attending college in Florida.

"I had intended to be a science major with a focus on biochemical research," she recalled. "But when I got to Rollins, my interests went in other directions, particularly history and politics. I had wonderful professors who made the subjects come alive."



LARRY F. HUNES

One of these was history professor Wallace Herrick. "He would pick an issue, and then half the class would argue one side while the rest of the class would debate the other side," she said. "I remember, for example, my side had to read seven books from the vantage point of Gen. Douglas MacArthur, while the other students argued from the standpoint of President Truman. What that experience taught us was that while you may think you are well educated on a given subject, there are always two sides to an issue."

As a student, Aspinwall joined Kappa Kappa Gamma and participated in numerous activities. She worked

summers for several banks in New York City and developed a particular interest in the area of investment trusts. After earning her degree in government and economics from Rollins in 1965, she returned to New York to work in the trust department of Chase Manhattan Bank. A year later, she married her husband, Lloyd, and moved with him to Washington D.C., where he was stationed in the Marine Corps.

The Aspinwalls eventually returned to Winter Park, where Susan spent 15 years working

in the trust department of SunTrust. Today, she keeps in touch with their three grown children and volunteers for local causes, including Rollins.

What is it that keeps her coming back to campus?

"Rollins gave me a lot," says Aspinwall. "It was a place where I was able to do a lot of growing in so many ways. A person once told me that the way you repay the special things people do for you is by doing things for other people. There are so many special people at Rollins who did things for me, it seems only natural that I would gravitate back."—LRH

**79 Michelle Orians Kirk** and her husband announce the birth of their third daughter, Kelly Nicole, on January 30, 1996.

**81 Charles Rahn (HH)** is owner of and investigator for A Very Private Eye, an investigative agency in Orlando, FL.



**82 Local Chair: Kathy Hart McLain**  
**Anthony Tamberg** has returned to his hometown, Toronto, Canada, where he and his

wife, Lynda, have established a dental practice partnership. They have two children, Erik, 3, and Kristen, 1, and enjoy regular visits from **Steve Brandt** and his family from Atlanta. Tony and Steve still enjoy a "friendly" game of tennis. **Frederick Staly (HH)** received the Distinguished Service Award from the Southern Police Institute at the University of Louisville for professionalism in law enforcement. Rick is only the second person to receive the award in 45 years. **John F. Fortier, Jr.** has been named treasurer and director of administrative services at Bay Path College, Longmeadow, MA.





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## Skip Masland '76

**W**hen Skip Masland attended Rollins in 1971, he hadn't a clue as to what he wanted to do with his life. In fact, halfway through the spring term of his freshman year, he no longer bothered attending classes.

"I ended up going to my finals nonetheless, knowing absolutely nothing," he recalled. "In one exam, for Professor Steve Phelan's humanities class, I wrote a three-page poem about what I had been doing that year. Instead of giving me an F, he gave me a D and basically said: 'I'd love to be running around and having fun, too, but sometimes you have to crack down, and I think you ought to take advantage of your writing ability.'"

Flunking out of Rollins served as a wake-up call for Masland. But more than that, Phelan's interest in his natural talent sparked a fire in the budding writer.

Instead of returning to his native Pennsylvania, Masland remained in Central Florida, where he got a job and attended Seminole Community College to make up his lost credits. The following year, he re-enrolled at Rollins.

"I spent a lot of time reading and writing," he said. "Outside of class, I got involved with fellow students in a rock and roll band called Harpoon. We played at a lot of the Greek parties and even ended up touring Yugoslavia during the summer following my senior year."

After graduating from Rollins in 1976 with a degree in English literature, Masland explored several avenues for putting his writing talent to work. He wrote for a few Central Florida magazines and a tabloid newspaper, then discovered advertising. For the past five years, he has served as senior writer in the Orlando office of Chernoff/ Silver and Associates, generating words for ads that are seen by millions on billboards and television and in magazines all over the world.

But the words of which Masland is proudest are about a fictional 9-year-old boy named William Willy.

"At the time, I was working with several writers and artists on a variety of projects," he said. "An artist who had illustrated another idea of mine came to me and said he had created a character named William Willy and asked if I could write a story about him. It took me about two years to write the book, most of that time spent

trying to figure out what kind of a story to write. I'd always enjoyed reading the Dr. Seuss books to my two daughters, so I tried that approach and something clicked."

*William Willy and the Washing Machine* was published by Moonglow Publishing in 1994. It was soon followed by *William Willy and the Birthday Cake*. The books, which appeal to preschoolers and early readers, focus on the adventures of an average boy who lives in a single-parent household and has to help with chores. In addition to helping children learn to read, Masland says he hopes the books also teach lessons about honesty, friendship, kindness, and love.

In addition to finishing the third book in the series, *William Willy and the New Kid Next Door*, Masland and his associates are developing an interactive Web Page and computer software that can be utilized by families as well as media specialists in elementary schools.

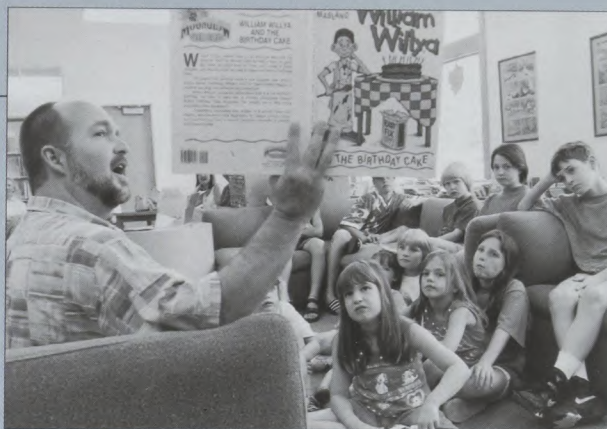


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While visiting his native Pennsylvania last summer, Masland took time to visit the local library and read to local students from his second book. Masland lives in Casselberry with his wife, Sherri, and daughters 8-year-old Haley Ann and 6-year-old Shelby Ruth.

What does he find so appealing about writing for children?

"Writing children's books is very fulfilling," says Masland. "Writing ads is something I enjoy and have made a good living doing. But this goes beyond that. When I stand up in front of a hundred or so kids and talk to them about how the character came about, I feel like I'm giving them something. The advertising that I write is gone in six months. There is something more permanent about this. It seems to be making a difference and a lasting impression on a lot of kids."

Masland credits many of his professors at Rollins with helping him channel and develop his writing talent. And he still cherishes his Rollins friendships "Even after a year of not speaking to someone, even when you only get together on the phone, there's a bond there. I think Rollins, in many ways, fosters that. It's a casual, open community where friendships are easy to begin and easy to maintain."—LRH

**83** Since returning to Rollins to star as Bobby in the Annie Russell Theatre presentation of *Company*, **Chris Gasti** has been on a national tour of *Meet Me In St. Louis*, starring Debbie Boone. He spent 18 months living and performing in Japan. Chris took a two-month excursion through Asia and experienced some of the most inspiring and exotic places in the world. He climbed Mt. Fuji, toured Tianenmen Square and the Great Wall, met Buddhist Monks in Tibet, hiked the Himalayas and Mt. Everest, went on a jungle safari in Nepal, and trekked through India's deserts by camel. He also visited the Taj Mahal, Malaysia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, and

South Korea. Chris said the experience was wonderful. **William Rauld** works for KLM Royal Dutch Airlines and resides in Lauderhill, FL.

**84** **Theodore Brovitz** stopped by the Alumni Office recently and reports that he is eagerly looking forward to Alumni Reunion '97 and Baseball Reunion, March 7-9. He plans to return to campus for all the festivities. Theodore resides in Fitchburg, MA. **Joe Shorin** and his wife Bonnie are proud to announce the birth of their second son, Kyle Archer, August 22, 1995. He joins 3-year-old brother Toby. The Shorins reside in Tenino, Washington. **Emily Whalen** married Kevin Gardner Demello on October 8, 1994. She received an MS degree from Hunter College and has been teaching severely emotionally disturbed students in the NYC public school system since 1987. **Teri Arnold Craven** and husband Jeff announce the birth of daughter Laura Marie on November 8, 1995. Teri will resume her position with AT&T in

Greensboro, NC. **Joy Young-Ramsaran** is assistant professor at the University of Miami School of Medicine. **Alison Hietbrink** is a flight attendant with Delta Airlines and lives in Savannah, GA.

**86** **Dana Peterson Niles** and husband David announce the birth of their second child, Lukas Gunnar, October 26, 1995. Lukas joins brother Tyler. Dana is an exercise physiologist at Mercy Howerford Hospital's Cardio-pulmonary Rehabilitation Department and Diabetes Education Department.

**87** **Local Chair: Beth Long Pittenger**  
**Cynthia Lindbloom** is a state prosecuting attorney and lives in Port St. Lucie, FL. She recently saw classmate **Kim Aylward**, who is working in international marketing and travels between Asia, Europe, and the United States.





**Natalie Callender Bagley** received her MBA degree from Suffolk University in Boston and is an account relationship manager in private banking. Natalie and **Elizabeth Angelone** get together as often as possible.

**88 Shelley Slomowitz Hymes** is communications director with the Joint Economic Committee of the Senate and lives in Washington, DC. **Lauren Nagel** presented a paper at the Art History Graduate Symposium at Florida State University. Her article entitled "The Icon and the Avant Garde in Russia: Aesthetic Continuity and Tatlin's *Painterly Reliefs*" will be published in the symposium journal, *Athanor*. Lauren is completing work on two master's degrees at the University of Florida and is exhibitions assistant at the Samuel P. Harn Museum of Art at the university. **Dan Garrison** has taken a position with Great American Insurance Companies. He and wife **Sue Sandford Garrison '91** and family will move from Dallas to Nashville, TN. **Nathan Benjamin** lives in St. Paul, MN and attends law school. **Jon Pfaff** and wife **Kristin Gates Pfaff** live in Western Australia, where Jon is a clinical psychologist. **Barbara Anderson** teaches Spanish and science at the Kenworthy School in Orlando, FL.

**89 Ron Falconer** is owner of Unfinished Furniture Warehouse and Falconer Properties and lives in Sarasota, FL. **Janet Phillips** married Jonathan Conner September 30, 1995 on Nantucket Island. Attendants were **Stephanie Powers Murray**, **Carolyn Ryan Jeffrey**, and **Stacey Trefts Stachowiak**. Janet and Jonathan relocated to the country of Bahrain in the Middle East and will be there for several years. **Jean-Marie Steele** is center director for Jenny Craig in Sarasota, FL. **Jamie Wanderman Schmaltz** and husband Bob announce the birth of son Zachary Richard on April 4, 1996. Jamie and family live in Wichita, KS. **Melissa Holgate Garner** and husband Mike moved from New York to Altamonte Springs, FL. Melissa is manager at Limited Express. **Heather Wheary Tips** and husband Steve recently visited Atlanta, where they spent time with **Bill** and **Leah Mitchell** and **Louise Dietzen**. Heather is sales manager at Jekyll Island Club Hotel and lives on St. Simons Island. She would like to hear from friends living in the area.

**90 Teresa Lawhorn (BR)** was among 49 Kennedy Space Center employees who were honored for their exemplary work at the spaceport. She is employed by NASA as a computer systems analyst in the Procurement Office. **Debbie Fuller** and **Craig Penn** were married in August 1994. Debbie is pursuing her master's degree in urban and regional planning at the University of Colorado in Denver and Craig works for Janus Funds. **Kellee Johnson Bradley** is director of marketing and communications for American Medical Marketing

LLC with offices in Atlanta, Sarasota, and New Jersey. Kellee will operate from the Sarasota office. Kellee and sister **Jolee Johnson** were among 1500 athletes who participated in the St. Anthony's triathlon in St. Petersburg, FL. **Michelle Throm** married Michael Lovelace April 6, 1996 in the Knowles Memorial Chapel. Alumni attending the ceremony were **John and Jill Slavens Wacker '91** and **Todd '91** and **Kelly Weidner La Sota '92**. Michelle and Kelly teach at the same elementary school in Orlando, FL. **Michael Lynch** is assistant director of alumni affairs and associate head baseball coach at Union College in Schenectady, NY. **Damon Musha** is marketing projects manager for PWG Vintners in California. The company is the largest producer of Australian-made wines in the world. **Helena Kjellander** won first place in the Women's Slalom at the 1995 World Waterski Championships in Roquebrune-Sur-Argens, France. **Andrea Minuti Wakefield** and her husband announce the birth of son Grier on February 17, 1996. Andrea met **Pam Harvey '91** and **Joline Furman Tonra** at **Kelli Toler's** bachelorette party in Delaware.

**91 Jeffrey Grasty** and wife Gina announce the birth of daughter Madison Marie on December 22, 1995. They live in Altamonte

Springs, FL. **Jill Mills** married **Dave Ciambella** in Albuquerque, New Mexico February 17, 1996. The newlyweds live in Winter Park. **Todd LaSota** is a special agent with Prudential Preferred Financial Services in Orlando, FL. **Fred Seymour** has accepted the position of manager of corporate communications with the Boston Red Sox. **Jeff Weidman** is president of Title Services, Inc., a branch of First Fidelity, in Knoxville, TN. **Lori Charlebois** is marketing manager for International Licensing Group in Atlanta. The company handles product licensing for the Olympic Games. **Erin Sweeney Geshwiler** teaches German and Algebra I at Riverdell Christian School outside of Washington, DC. Erin and husband James enjoyed traveling to Germany, England, and Ireland last summer. **Brian Moore** is in law school at the University of Florida, having received an MA in classics from UF in 1994. While working toward his MA, he taught two sections of beginning Latin each semester and served as president of Graduate Assistants United, a union representing the 3000 graduate assistants at UF. **Tawn Larsen-Hahn** and **Britt Larsen** placed 1st and 2nd respectively in Women's Tricks at the 1995 World Waterski Championships held last September in France. **Kim Steinberg**, who lives in Ft. Myers, FL, participated in the St. Anthony's



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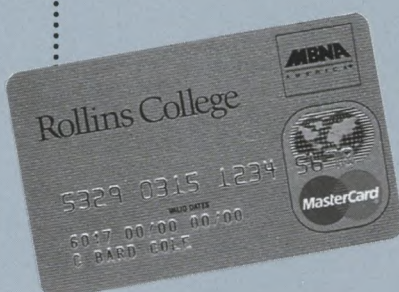
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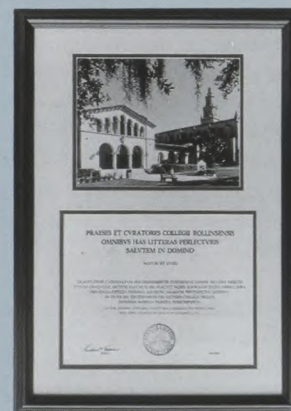
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triathlon in St. Petersburg, FL. **Gina Paduano** received a master's degree in biology from Connecticut College.



**92** **Georgia Collimore** recently moved to San Francisco after receiving her master's degree in social work from Florida State University. She reports that **Richard Bullwinkle** and wife **Michelle Morgan '93** had a son on July 4, 1995. Georgia would like alumni in the San Francisco area to contact her. **Stephen Kandell** received a master of science degree in environmental planning and resource management from Florida State University and is senior environmental planner with the Atlanta Regional Commission. **Crystal Brazzel** graduated from Texas University Law School. **Kristin Forrester** graduated in April from University of Texas Medical School with a master's degree in physical therapy. **Steve Rotz** is director of sales for Sports Magic Team in Orlando. He provides "play between the plays" during professional sports games around the country. **Graham Kimpton** is busy creating interactive CD-ROM games in San Francisco, CA. **Paul Lennix** is in dental school at the University of Alabama-Birmingham. **Kim Schorer** is pursuing her graduate degree in occupational therapy at FIU in Miami. **Leigh Sigman** graduated from Cumberland Law School and is practicing criminal law with her father and sister **Lisa Sigman Notari '89** in Orlando, FL. **Alex Johnston** is in his third year of a dual degree program at the University of Florida. **John Powell** is working on a second degree in engineering at Tennessee Technological University. **Sara Hill** and **Larry Walsh '93** were married in Dallas, TX on March 16, 1996. **Brenda Nichols-Baldwin** placed 2nd in Women's Overall as well as 1st in Women's jump at the 1995 World Waterski Championships held in France. At the same tournament, **Russell Gay** placed 5th in the Men's Tricks. Russell, in addition to running a ski school, designs trick skis and wakeboards for his company, Exocet. **Cecilia Hamilton Green** married William Edward Browne November 11, 1995. The wedding party included **Allison Conner**, **Lizzie King '93**, and **Tiffany Beurle O'Connor**. Other alumni attending the ceremony were **Sally Stevens**, **Chuck Resha**, **Christine Bloom**, **Mike Gregory**, **John Powell**, **Kathy Kraebel '91**, **Lachlan Brown '93**, **Lauren Payne**, **Anne Hansford '93**, **Chata Dickson '94**, **Greg Binney '94**, **Cara Crowley**, and **Emily Speers**. **Cecie** lives in Charlotte, NC. **Jennifer Holcomb** married **Kevin Pitts '90** on April 20, 1996 in Palm Beach. Members of the bridal party included



**Emily Finegold**, **David Helmers '91**, and **Ian O'Neil '90**. Emily and Kevin live in Baltimore, MD. **Meredith Ezrine** is account manager for Ring Radio/Cox Enterprises. She sells radio advertising for WACR/WJZF in Atlanta, GA. **Hillary Root** married Daniel Sullivan on December 30, 1995 in Naples, FL. Members of the bridal party included **Erin Foley** and **Barbara Povalski**. Also in attendance were **Cass** and **Nicole Escudero Christenson '91** and **Kim Kemper '91**. The Sullivans live in Charleston, SC, where Hillary is working on her PhD in molecular biology at the Medical University of South Carolina. **Janel Stover** was inducted into the honorary society for educators, Kappa Delta Pi. She is audio description coordinator with Special Audiences in Atlanta, GA.

**93** **Gretchen Fernandez** is pursuing her MBA at George Washington University. **Donn Flipse** is in the MBA program at the University of Miami. **Troy Fisher** is in his third year as head of the drama department at Montgomery Academy in Montgomery, AL. He was awarded the Key to the City of Montgomery for his contributions in the arts and education. He plans to pursue a graduate degree in directing. **Stefan Spath** is pursuing his master's degree in international business at the American Graduate School of International Management in Phoenix, AZ. **Paul Saenz** graduated from the University of Houston Law Center and has joined the law firm of Looper, Reed, Mark, McGraw as an associate working in the international commercial transactions department. **Joanne Bowlby** had a great time at Reunion '96, especially visiting with all the returning crew alumni—"It was fun hijacking the van with Cat, Spitz, and Xander." Joanne is working on her master's degree in public relations at Boston University. **Chelsea Hargraves**, who lives in Nashville, TN, recently married Brian Gary, the keyboard player for country music performer Rhett Akins.

**94** **Jon Wood** received his MBA degree with concentration in real estate and finance from the University of Florida. He and his wife moved to Orlando, where Jon accepted a posi-

tion as investment analyst at General Mills Restaurants. **Nichole White Weihrauch** is married and working on her master's degree in gifted education at the University of South Florida in Tampa. **Heather Smiley** has left Winter Park and her position as Rollins admission counselor to work for the American Cancer Society in Raleigh, NC. **Miguel Lewis** works for Big Brothers and Big Sisters in Miami, FL. After an upcoming backpacking trip through Europe, **Brian Hill** will settle in Dusseldorf, Germany and work for the Procter & Gamble marketing team of Grey Advertising. Grey produces advertising for P&G products in Germany and worldwide. **Lisa Moody** has been accepted at Penn State to pursue her master's degree in Spanish. She is one of seven who were chosen to receive a teaching assistantship at the University.

**95** While pursuing a degree in architecture at Auburn University, **Andrew Roman** has studied abroad in England, France, Italy, and Greece. Andrew was chosen by First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton to design ornaments for the 1996 White House Blue Room Christmas Tree and was invited to the White House in December. He says his Rollins years "have indeed prepared me for the world." **Scott "L.T." Gould** is attending the University of Miami Law School. **Johanna Weiss** is working on her PhD in environmental science and public policy at George Mason University. Johanna, who resides in Manassas, VA, is teaching introductory biology labs as well as working in a policy internship outside of DC. **Stacy Moss** is the tennis professional at Club Sports International in Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

## IN MEMORY

**Clara Wendel '25**, date unknown.  
**Albert Newton '28**, April 3, 1996.  
**Harriet Begole Randall '39**, December 17, 1995.  
**Arthur Edward Bernd '41**, date unknown.  
**C. Marc Gilmore '46**, March 25, 1996.  
**Helen Holman Edwards '47**, May 3, 1996. Her husband writes that she was "a wonderful wife and mother to her three children."  
**Mariella Waite Huber '52**, June 21, 1993. She was a librarian at the University of Florida.  
**Sam Smathers '58**, November 16, 1995.  
**Margaret Holbrook Martin '65**, date unknown.  
**Lowell Bates '71 (HH)**, April 2, 1996 in Port Orange, FL. He was a former Cub Scout master and Little League coach.  
**Christine Wise Morgan**, former acting dean of women, date unknown.



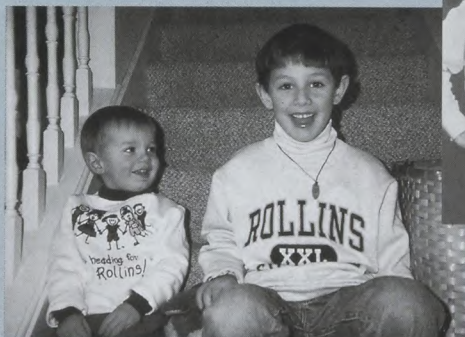


< On a recent trip to Germany and France with his wife and three daughters, **Fred Schert '69** (r) was reunited with renowned rocket scientist Dr. Herman Weidner, whom he met as a young science major at Rollins. Fred has fond memories of serving as Dr. Weidner's student escort when the scientist came to Rollins in 1968 as a guest lecturer and to receive an honorary doctoral degree. Fate brought Fred and Dr. Weidner together again in 1973, when Fred was serving an internship at the Ochner Foundation Hospital and Clinic in New Orleans, where Dr. Weidner's first wife was a patient. They became close friends but lost touch with each other when Dr. Weidner returned to his homeland of Germany. Fred's recent journey brought them together for the first time in more than two decades.

# SNAPSHOTS



Y **Beth Barnhorst-Eastman '82** reports that she had a wonderful time at her 15th Reunion in March. She picked up Rollins shirts in the Bookstore for 6-year-old Spencer and 1-year-old Parker. Beth lives in Durham, NH.



▲ **J.W. Barker '85** (l) and brother **J.B. Barker '86** have invented Spyder Lock, an anti-theft tire boot which provides protection for most vehicles. The Spyder Lock is manufactured through their company, C.P. Partners in Gardena, CA.

> In October 1995, at the Third Annual Mozart Festival, the Orlando Philharmonic Chorus made its debut. The Chorus, brought together by audition and invitation, rehearsed under the direction of **Suellen Fagin-Allen '74** (r front, pictured with *Elizabeth Price*). Rollins alumni were well represented in the chorus of 46. Along with Suellen were **Timothy Carl '88**, **Stan Cording '77** (and his wife Julie, teaching fellow in the English Department), **Janet Fredrick Costello '50**, **Susan Curran '76**, **Diane Evans '53**, **Linden Gould '81**, **Michael Hodges '88**, **Holly Rogers Loomis '72**, **David Patrick '77**, and **Gerry Wolfson '76**. Rollins was also represented by former members of the Chapel Choir and members of the Bach Festival Choir, including **Sylvia Daniel Kurth**, nurse at Rollins' Lakeside Health and Counseling Center. **Marybeth Koontz McCallum '80** joined the Chorus for its second performance at the Orlando International Airport in December.



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