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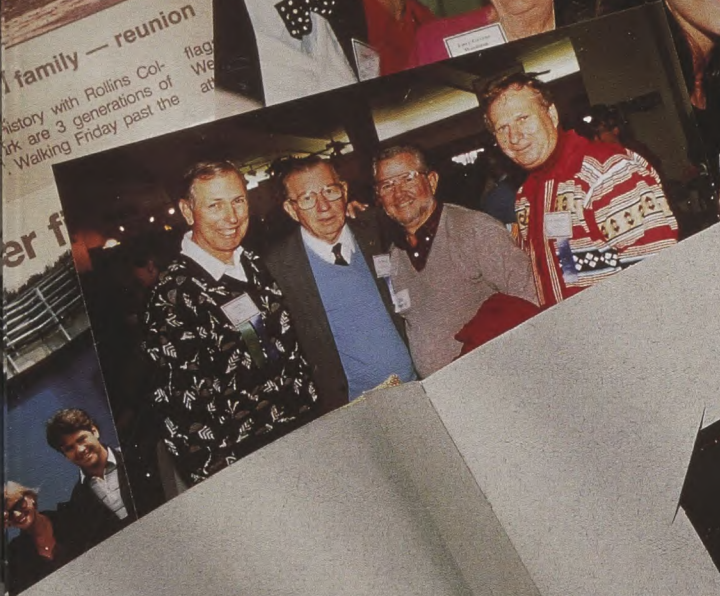
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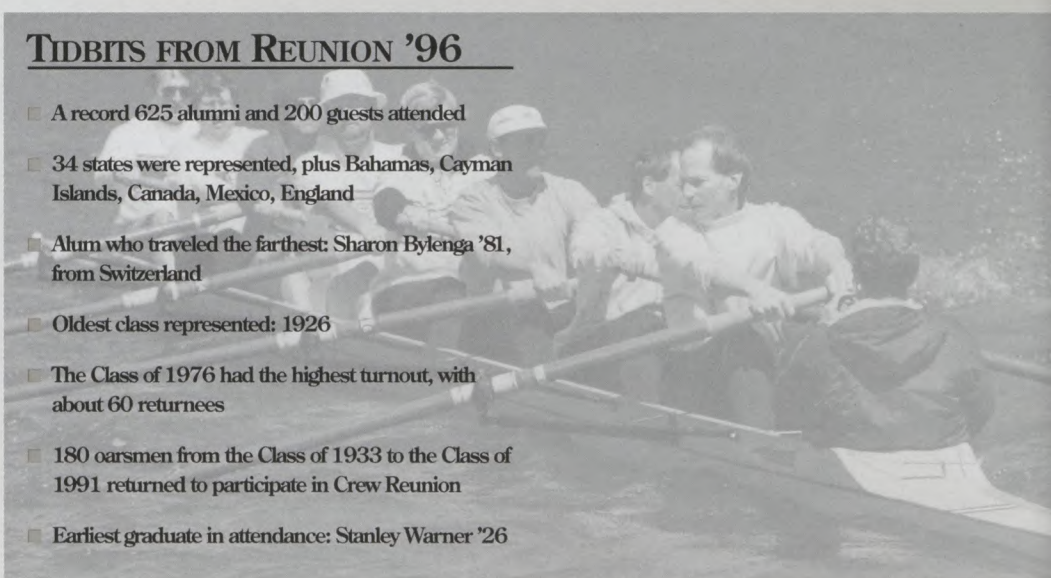


# LIVING THE MEMORIES ROLLINS COLLEGE FIAT LUX REUNION '96 MDCCCLXXXVI



## TIDBITS FROM REUNION '96

- A record 625 alumni and 200 guests attended
- 34 states were represented, plus Bahamas, Cayman Islands, Canada, Mexico, England
- Alum who traveled the farthest: Sharon Bylenga '81, from Switzerland
- Oldest class represented: 1926
- The Class of 1976 had the highest turnout, with about 60 returnees
- 180 oarsmen from the Class of 1933 to the Class of 1991 returned to participate in Crew Reunion
- Earliest graduate in attendance: Stanley Warner '26





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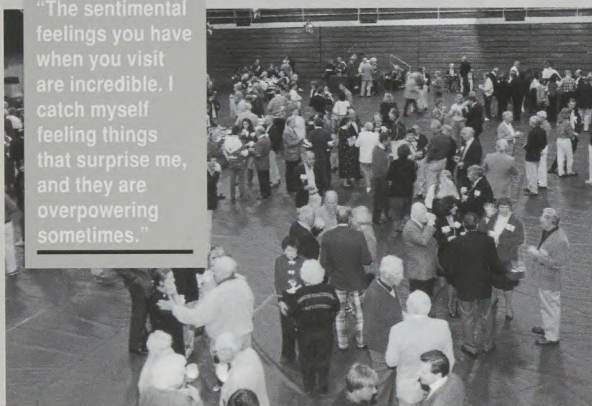
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"The sentimental feelings you have when you visit are incredible. I catch myself feeling things that surprise me, and they are overpowering sometimes."



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## Disney exec joins Board of Trustees



Judson C. Green, president of Walt Disney Attractions, was elected Feb. 23 to the Rollins College Board of Trustees.

"Judson has distinguished himself as a leader within the Disney Company and in our Central Florida community," said President Rita Bornstein. "We are honored that he has agreed to help lead Rollins into the 21st Century."

Green has held several positions with Disney since joining the company in 1981. Prior to assuming his present position in 1991, he was the Walt Disney Company's chief financial officer. As president of Walt Disney Attractions, he is responsible for directing the operations of Disneyland, Tokyo Disneyland, and the Walt Disney World Resort.

In other action, former Orlando Mayor Bill Frederick was elected to chair the Board of Trustees. Frederick has served on the board since fall 1990. He succeeds Michael Strickland '72 '73, president and CEO of Barnett Bank of Palm Beach County.

Barbara Lawrence Alfond, a 1968 graduate of Rollins, was elected vice chair of the College's Board of Trustees. Alfond, who is active in many philanthropic projects in her Boston, Mass. community, has served as a trustee since 1989.



JOANNE HANLEY

## TRUSTEES HONORED



LARRY R. HUMES

Joseph Guernsey was honored at Rollins' Board of Trustees meeting last February for his dedicated service to the College and the Central Florida community. President Rita Bornstein presented Guernsey with the William Fremont Blackman Medal, which is named for Rollins' fourth president. The Orlando businessman has served as a trustee of the College for the past 39 years. He is pictured above with President Bornstein (center) and his wife, Virginia.



LARRY R. HUMES

R. Michael Strickland '72 '73, outgoing chairman of the Board of Trustees, was honored with the Rollins Decoration of Honor for his many years of faithful service to the College. Strickland, who is president of Barnett Bank of Palm Beach County, has served Rollins in many volunteer roles over the years, including national chair of the College's Centennial fund-raising campaign. Above, current chairman of the Board and former Orlando Mayor Bill Frederick assists President Bornstein in presenting the award.

## Rollins Brevard: 45 years and going strong

Elaine Fowler '96 (l) and Dawn Sorensen Sanders '91 join Thad Altman '87 as he hosts the alumni table during Rollins Brevard's 45th Anniversary Celebration at the Radisson Oceanfront in Melbourne, Fla. on March 23, 1996. More than 200 alumni, students, faculty, staff, and guests attended the Homecoming dance and party organized by the Rollins Brevard Student Government Association. A former County Commissioner, Thad Altman serves on the Rollins Alumni Association Board of Directors and the Rollins Brevard Advisory Board.



## Winter term course takes students back to their roots

While some Rollins students enjoyed an extended holiday through J-term, those who signed up for Dr. Joe Siry's "Poverty and the Local Environment" course tilled the land.

As part of his environmental studies course, Siry required students to perform volunteer work for Coalition for the Homeless or Grand Avenue Elementary School in Orlando. The group planted a vegetable garden with string beans, tomatoes, watermelons, and carrots at Grand Avenue with the help of schoolchildren. The food grown in the garden will eventually make its way into the school's cafeteria with a little help from Mother Nature.

Siry said the project served multiple purposes, including putting both Rollins and Grand Avenue students in touch with the environment in which they live. "It's a way to show them that the fundamental way for people to exist in the environment is to grow food."

The assignment also gave Rollins students the experience of life off campus, said Siry. "It suddenly dawns on them what it's like to be in an inner city school. They become aware of their own gifts and their own future. All of a sudden, they don't take Beans for granted."



LARRY R. HUMES

The class planted a butterfly garden (above) at a Coalition for the Homeless shelter in an effort to add beauty to the area. Students also spent the night at the shelter. "It puts a face on poverty," Siry explained. "It's not an abstraction. You get a feeling in your own guts what's going on."—KDH

## U.S. News survey ranks Crummer School's PMBA program among nation's "Top 25."

The professional MBA program at the Crummer Graduate School of Business at Rollins has been ranked among the "Top 25" part-time programs in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report*.

The magazine ranked the Crummer School's PMBA program 21st in the country in a survey of business school deans and MBA program directors. The annual ranking of the top graduate schools in the country is regarded by many as an important part of the evaluation process for MBA applicants. A nod from this resource is often a strong boost to a school's recruiting capabilities and indicates that the business school community recognizes the strengths of particular programs.

"I am delighted that the deans and directors from around the country are recognizing the quality and innovations that are taking place at the Crummer School," said Crummer Dean Edward A. Moses. "The School has long been noted for its unique approach to MBA education, and

this ranking tells us that our efforts have proved successful."

While the publishers only print the top 10 part-time MBA programs, the Crummer School's inclusion in the top 25 signifies the program's success in meeting the needs of its markets and in serving as a leader in graduate business education. Other part-time schools ranked in the top 25 include Northwestern's Kellogg, University of California at Berkeley's Haas, the University of Chicago, Emory's Goizueta, and Carnegie Mellon. Of all the schools ranked, the Crummer School has the smallest student population.

The 32-month PMBA program offers classes in the evenings to meet the needs of working professionals. Students are given notebook computers and use them in the classroom. Students also are afforded the opportunity to travel overseas to consult with international corporations as part of the school's Global Business Practicum.—AWM





## Students find Outback program "just right"

Watching an Outback restaurant commercial is about the closest most people will ever come to visiting Australia. Not so for many of the 35 students on average who take advantage of Rollins' Australian studies program each winter term.

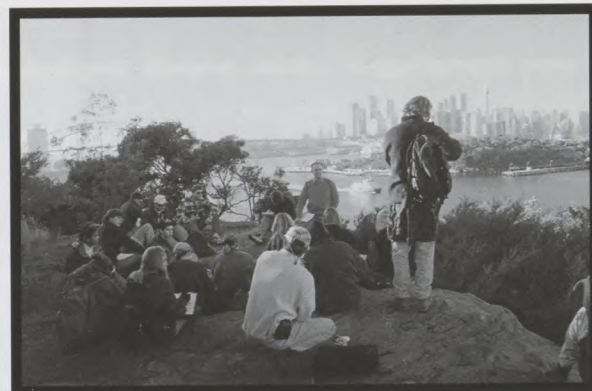
In its 21st year, the course offers students an in-depth look at Aussie art, literature, economics, flora and fauna, environment and culture. A number of Rollins students have been fortunate enough to obtain first-hand knowledge of the continent through four-week visits during winter term. Maurice Symonds, an Australian native who began coordinating American student visits to Sydney in 1981, said living in the environment provides students with an unparalleled opportunity.

"The students have brought back an understanding of Australia to America that I feel can't be obtained any other way," said Symonds. "It's an exceptional experience."

The students board with Australian families during their stay, which further enhances their understanding of the culture. "They get a day-to-day basis of Australian living," said Symonds. "They go out with the family; they argue about differences in their cultures; they watch TV together."

Sales, who has taught Australian environmental studies for the winter term program since 1981, said exploring the land in Sydney with visiting students is rewarding for him. "I really enjoy taking students out in the surrounding areas and showing them the changes that have occurred through settlement in the environment and the way in which the environment influenced where people settled and what they did."

Visiting Australian professors add to the enrichment of the program on campus. Graham Boardman and Colin Sales served as visiting lecturers for the 1996 winter term. Boardman taught Australian literature, and Sales taught regional environmental studies. "It's very interesting teaching to Americans who know



very little about Australia," said Boardman.

He said he finds students to be somewhat "reticent." "But, I don't think I'd like to be asked questions about American literature," Boardman chuckled.

He said having Australian professors is vital to the program. "I think that however well an American could teach Australian literature, it's not the same as being taught the subject by an Australian. I understand my country's attitudes in a way a person from the outside would find difficult."

Symonds, who retired from the program after this winter term, said he would hope students who take Australian Studies come away with a "sense of tolerance." "Acquisition of tolerance comes from the practical experience of meeting people from another culture."

The program originated at Rollins more out of necessity than any careful planning, according to Donna O'Connor, director of international programs. In 1975 there were too many students enrolled for the fall semester, and the College went looking for a place to send them. Someone came up with the idea of Australia and thus the program began.

For years, Rollins was the only institution in the country offering study programs in Australia. Interest later increased in the continent with the release of the popular *Crocodile Dundee* movies.

"It was just serendipitous," said O'Connor. "Rollins has been able to carve a niche out of it."—KDH

(r) President Rita Bornstein and husband Harland Bloland (front) were among the many spectators at the Family Weekend swim meet and waterski show.

(Below) A Rollins family takes in the beautiful Florida weather ordered just for Family Weekend.



ALAN KNAPP

## ALL IN THE FAMILY

It was a family affair for the more than 400 students and their families who participated in Family Weekend '96, February 9-11. Parents, grandparents, and siblings came from around the country and abroad to reunite with students and get a taste of life at Rollins. They met with faculty and administrators to learn more about teaching innovations, the future of information technology, residential life, financial planning, and internship opportunities at Rollins, among other campus issues. President Rita Bornstein updated guests on recent developments at Rollins and shared her vision for the College's future.

Families were also treated to an informal dinner featuring student performers from the Annie Russell Theatre production of *Cabaret*, as well as numerous social and athletic events, from the popular lakeside barbecue to tennis and golf tournaments.



# Should Rollins Keep J-Term?

## FACULTY VOTES

# YES

The Arts and Sciences faculty, after much debate, voted March 21 to implement an optional winter term beginning in the 1997-98 academic year. Cheers erupted in the Galloway Room following the vote: 51 in favor, 18 in favor of two other proposals, and three abstentions.

The revised January Term will be shortened to three weeks and will be optional for students and faculty. Alan Nordstrom proposed the alternative in response to intense criticism of the traditional January term, dubbed a "joke term" by many. Under Nordstrom's plan, which was devised with input from the Student Government Association, a quality control committee would ensure that academic standards are upheld. Nordstrom said he would also like to see men's fraternity rush moved from January.

Mandatory or optional May terms were alternatives rejected by the faculty. Most agreed that a May term would pose complications, particularly for graduating seniors.

The faculty in February voted to eliminate J-Term as it stood. Those who favor a winter term say it offers an innovative learning experience. Students have the opportunity to study abroad in such venues as China, Great Britain, and the Caribbean during the period. Students who choose to stay on campus can take advantage of a host of different courses, some taught by foreign exchange faculty.

Sharon Carnahan, assistant psychology professor, said Winter Term is "one of our most creative times." She spent years developing her J-Term program, which focuses on the state of Florida's children and includes spending a week working with migrant farm workers. "I can't do that in a regular semester; there's no way," said Carnahan.

Creighton Knight, past president of the Student Government Association, said students overwhelmingly preferred a winter term to a May term because of summer employment. Many students attended faculty meetings in which J-Term was discussed to persuade the members not to do away with the program.

Faculty members who supported dropping J-Term claimed it was not educationally sound. Politics Professor Rick Foglesong said that in the faculty's zeal to attract students, they tended to relax academic standards. "We bid down the standards to make (classes) more attractive to students," he said. "The schedule also posed difficulties with the academic year," he said, as many faculty found it difficult to prepare for Spring Term with only a week between terms. —KDH

## ■ GIFTS AND GRANTS ■

The College has received a magnificent bequest of \$2.2 million from long-time friend **Jessie E. Drey** of Winter Park to establish the Jessie and Eugene Drey Endowment Fund. The income is to be used for the maintenance of the Cornell Fine Arts Museum and for the support of the exhibits and activities of the Museum. Born in London, England in 1904 of Scottish parents, Drey married successful American stockbroker Eugene Drey in 1935 and settled in Winter Park in 1950. She was one of the founders of the Central Florida Branch of the English-Speaking Union. She was an active community volunteer and a generous patron of Rollins College and other local institutions.



Trustee **Charles E. Rice '64CR** and his wife, **Dianne Tauscher Rice '61**, have committed \$250,000 for the president's dining room in the campus center.

The **Alfred Harcourt Foundation** has awarded Rollins College \$120,000 for the 1995-96 academic year to support the Ellen Knowles Harcourt Scholars program, which provides scholarships to young people with demonstrated leadership potential and strong personal qualities.

From the **Estate of Mattie M. Kelly '50**, the College has received \$113,400.

The College has received approximately \$99,400 from the **Estate of Sara H. Howden '35**, Dean Emerita of Women at Rollins.

Rollins has received \$54,700 from the **Estate of E. Hayne Shumate, Sr.**, which has been added to the endowment. Mr. Shumate's wife, Margaret Myers Shumate, was a member of the Class of '38.

The **William Randolph Hearst Foundation** has contributed \$50,000 to build the William Randolph Hearst Endowed Scholarship Fund for minority students, established at Rollins in 1987 with a gift of \$100,000 from that Foundation.

**Jean L. Reinhardt '50** has established a \$50,000 charitable remainder unitrust.

**Samuel B. Lawrence '95H** and his wife, **Marion**, have contributed \$38,500 for the printing of *The Independents*:

## A Birthday Portrait

Rollins benefactor **Samuel Lawrence '95H** was the guest of honor at a special party marking his 75th birthday and the opening of the Cornell Fine Arts Museum's exhibition of artists of the Ashcan School. Joining in the merriment were (l-r) President Rita Bornstein, wife Marion, and daughter **Barbara Lawrence Alfond '68**. Lawrence provided funds for the printing of the exhibition catalog.



ALAN KNAPP



## Cornell Museum receives \$1.5 million gift for expansion

George and Harriet Cornell '35 '85H, '90H, a Delray Beach couple who have generously supported Rollins during their long association with the College, made Reunion Weekend an extra special event this year when it was announced they would donate \$1.5 million toward expansion of the Fine Arts Museum which bears their name.

"George and Harriet have always been first to respond to the needs of this institution," said Rollins President Rita Bornstein. "Through their initial gift to the museum 21 years ago, they provided the support for what has become one of the finest art museums of its kind in the nation. With this gift, they have again been first to lay the groundwork for the much-needed expansion of the facility."

The \$3.5-million museum expansion 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, said museum Director Arthur Blumenthal. The project will also provide for renovation of existing space, while creating and expanding areas for exhibition storage and preparation.

"We've always considered art to be an important part of our lives," said George Cornell. "Harriet and I consider Rollins' art museum to be a special treasure. We're pleased to be a part of its history and hope this expansion will bring added enjoyment to the students, faculty and staff of Rollins

as well as the Central Florida community."

The Cornells, who also maintain a residence in their native Central Valley, N.Y., hold the distinction of being the largest contributors of any alumni in the history of Rollins. Over the years, they



George and Harriet Cornell

have funded many facets of the college, including student scholarships, an endowed faculty chair, and construction of the Cornell Social Science Center, which was completed in 1988. In December 1993, they donated \$3 million toward construction of a new campus center, which also will be named in their honor.

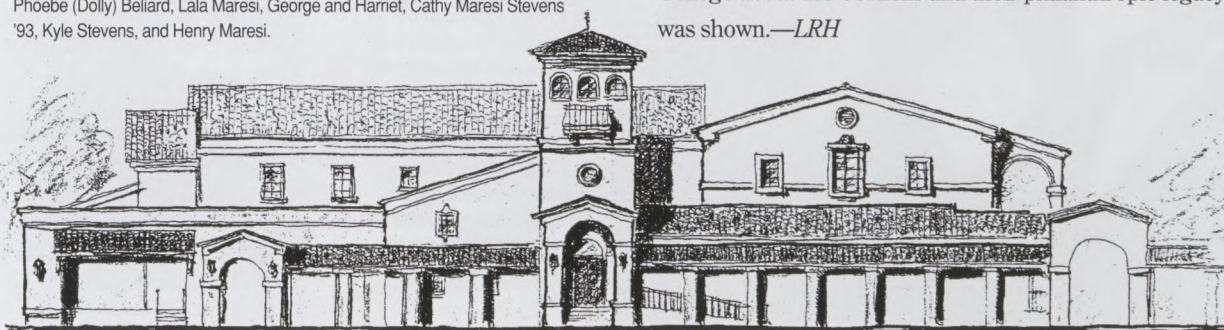
George Cornell, a trustee of the College, is a 1935 graduate of Rollins. Harriet Cornell is an honorary alumna of the College. Both hold honorary degrees from the school.

In honor of these two special people, Rollins hosted a party in Palm Beach April 15th commemorating their 60th wedding anniversary. Friends and family gathered at the Governor's Club to celebrate with George and Harriet their Diamond Jubilee, and to say thank you for all that they have done for the College and for their community. During the evening, the couple were presented with congratulatory messages from President Bill Clinton, Florida Governor Lawton Chiles, and Florida Secretary of State Sandra Mortham. Also, a documentary produced by the College about the Cornells and their philanthropic legacy was shown.—LRH



LARRY R. HUMES

The Cornells enjoy a moment with family at their 60th Anniversary Party: (l-r) Phoebe (Dolly) Beliard, Lala Maresi, George and Harriet, Cathy Maresi Stevens '93, Kyle Stevens, and Henry Maresi.



Artist's rendering of expanded Cornell Fine Arts Museum



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*The Ashcan School & Their Circle from Florida Collections*, the catalog for the Cornell Fine Arts Museum exhibition. They have also given the College *A Bend in the River*, a painting by Ernest Lawson, valued at \$22,500, which will be added to the Cornell Museum collection.

**Theodore Alfond '68** and trustee **Barbara Lawrence Alfond '68** have contributed \$37,500 to The Rollins Fund and \$5,000 to the Samuel B. Lawrence Endowment Fund through the Acorn Foundation.

The **Dow Chemical Company Foundation** has awarded Rollins \$25,000, and **The RNR Foundation** (established by **Rhoda Newberry Reed**, mother of trustee David H. Lord '69 '71) has contributed \$25,000, for the Early-Start Research Program in Chemistry. This program allows Rollins' science students to pursue original, publishable research with their professors in the College's chemistry laboratories.

**SunTrust Bank of Central Florida, N.A.** has committed \$20,000 to The Rollins Fund for the SunTrust Scholars Program, \$5,000 to the Crummer School for SunTrust Scholars, and \$1,500 for the Crummer Council.

The College has received \$25,000 from the **Estate of Webber B. Haines '26**, which will be added to the endowment.

**Barnett Bank of Central Florida, N.A.** has given \$20,000 to The Rollins Fund for the Barnett Scholars Program and \$1,500 for the Crummer Council.

**The DHL Foundation**, named for trustee **David H. Lord '69 '71**, has awarded Rollins \$8,000 for a program of professional development in the student affairs area, and has pledged \$6,000 for the Joe Justice Scholarship Fund.

**Warren A. Johnson**, vice president for development and college relations, has contributed a \$12,300 gift annuity.

The following gifts have been received in support of the construction of a new executive education center at the Roy E. Crummer Graduate School of Business. **Hubbard Construction** has pledged \$50,000, as have **Sprint/United Telephone** and **Bruce Douglas. John D. Race '77 '84** and his wife, **Sandra Smith Race '78**, have committed \$25,000. **J. David Parrish '93** has given \$25,000 and **G. Geoffrey Longstaff '71 '72** has committed \$12,500. These funds will be matched by the **Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation, Inc.** which made a \$1.25-million challenge grant to the Crummer School in March 1995 for this project. To date, approximately \$450,000 has been raised toward the challenge.



# Alumni College Rekindles the Holt School Experience



Program, said he caught some good-natured “flak” for being the only faculty member to require that students read a story before class. He then had them write (in those horrible blue books, no less!) for his course on Sherlock Holmes. But his class enjoyed the challenge and came “ready to talk,” he said.

“I liked that while there were differing opinions and responses to the Sherlock Holmes story, the students were good speakers and listeners—characteristics of the whole Rollins and Holt School experience,” he said. Former students “looked as if their Holt education has really made a difference in their lives. They were using their degrees and still are active learners beyond their degrees.”

Will he teach again in future Alumni Colleges? “They’d have to put up barricades to keep me out. I loved doing it.”

Hamilton Holt School Dean Robert Smither, who taught a psychology course, said the school’s first-time Alumni College appealed to the common characteristic of Holt students: a desire to learn. Holt students attend night classes, usually after a full day’s work, so their relationships usually are based more on academics than social relationships.

Since its inception in 1961, the Holt School has graduated 9,069 students, most attaining degrees to improve their careers. Some 80 percent of current students have full-time jobs, Smither said, adding that half receive financial aid.



Professor Wally Schmidt leads a class on corporate downsizing.

**T**he hunger for learning that has long inspired Rollins’ Hamilton Holt School students drew them back this year as the school celebrated its 35th anniversary with a special Alumni College.

About 150 alumni eagerly gathered with old friends and favorite professors in January to partake of classes, luncheon, and entertainment in honor of the school’s milestone anniversary. They whetted their diverse academic appetites by attending two classes chosen from a long list ranging from understanding dreams to dealing with U.S. corporate downsizing to “The Six Wives of Henry VIII.”

As the different sessions met, the rooms were abuzz with students and professors energetically sharing ideas and examining issues. It was just like being in college again—except there were no finals.

“It was really nice to get back in the classroom again,” said Liz Serravezza ’95. “I graduated in December and you miss it terribly when you leave. To go back and take classes every now and then is very important—it spurs you on.”

Serravezza, who does freelance community and donor relations work, enjoyed the variety of course offerings and the reunion’s camaraderie. “It’s a

great idea, especially for people out in the work force. It was great to get back together and find out what’s going on.”

“I was very impressed that the whole affair was so well organized,” said Rick Adams ’80, an Orlando teacher. “You felt honored to be there. That means a lot to people.”

However, Adams was disappointed when the hour-long classes ended: “I wouldn’t have minded spending the whole day there.”

Grace Chewning ’82 enjoyed a class that complements her work as Orlando’s city clerk: “Miss Manners Makes A Point: A Case for Respectful and Thoughtful Communication in the ’90s.” Students led by Adjunct Professor of Communication Carolyn Planck discussed different communication styles and the role of manners in business and personal relationships. Chewning said she was drawn to the class by “being a communicator with the citizenry and wanting to refine two-way exchanges. Not only were the classes interesting, but they were rewarding.

“We just had a real good time, particularly since you knew there wasn’t going to be any exam,” she chuckled.

English Professor Ed Cohen, director of Holt’s Master of Liberal Studies



"I am just delighted that our first Alumni College drew so many people. It was a wonderful success," Smither said. "The students were just as bright and motivated as ever. I was pleased to connect with so many of our alumni and impressed by how their Holt degrees had enhanced their careers and put them on track to be lifelong learners."

Luncheon festivities were held in the balloon-decked Galloway Room on campus and included entertainment by current Holt students majoring in the school's new music major. Holt alumnus Gary Connell '85 '91 was thanked for his generous donation to help sponsor the event.

Also honored was Professor of History Jack Lane, who reminisced about his 30 years of teaching at Rollins, including 47 courses in the Holt School, and Yvonne Barton '87, a Holt School academic adviser who will retire next year after 16 years at Rollins.

Following lunch, students hurried back to the Bush Building for their afternoon classes. Afterward, many lingered in the classrooms and halls, reveling in spirited debates and discussions begun earlier in the day. Many said they were eager to participate in some of Rollins' other alumni groups, including the new Hamilton Holt School Alumni Association.

The consensus was that they'd be back for the next Alumni College, to be held in early 1997.

"It was absolutely great and it got me back in school again," said Paula Tanner Girard '70, a novelist. "I would go to the next one without hesitation. I think with word of mouth alone they'll get twice as many people next time."

For more information about the Alumni College or the Hamilton Holt School Alumni Association, please contact Joanne Hanley at 646-1589.

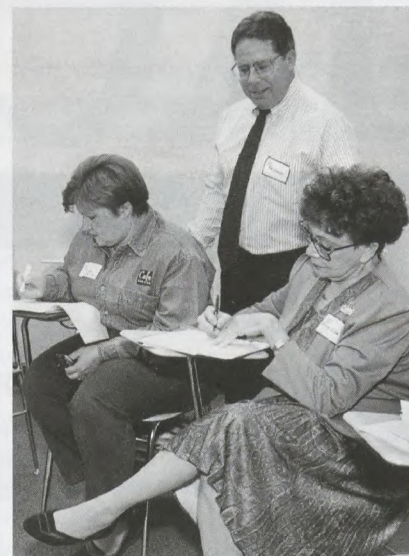
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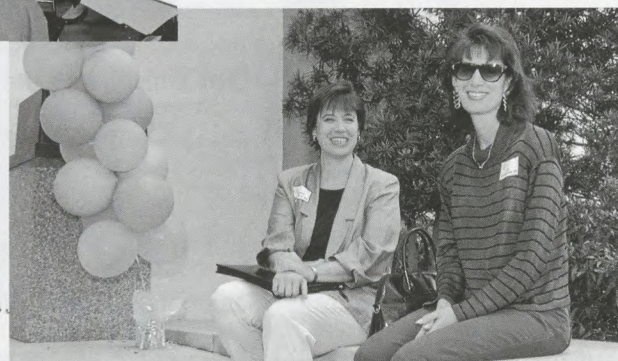
Holt School Dean Robert Smither presents Academic Adviser Yvonne Barton '87 with a service award.



Adjunct Professor of Communication Carolyn Planck makes a point in her class "Miss Manners Makes A Point: A Case for Thoughtful and Respectful Communication."



Professor Ed Cohen unlocks some mysteries in his Sherlock Holmes class.



Kathy Mullinaux '94 (l) and Liz Serravezza '95 take a break from class.



The Holt School's first Alumni College drew about 150 alumni back to the campus.

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# Reunion

## LIVING THE MEMORIES

**T**he temperatures may have been cool for Reunion Weekend '96, but the sizzle of excitement in the air helped keep everyone warm.

The beaming faces of alumni and laughter of their children brightened the campus throughout the weekend, from registration in the Alumni House on Friday to the Pioneer Luncheon on Sunday. For some, it was the first time they had seen classmates in decades.

**Ruth Smith Yadley '46** of Tampa had only been back to Rollins once in the past 50 years, to attend a reunion dinner on her 10th anniversary. "It's something I felt I wanted to do," she said of her decision to return this year. "It's time to renew old friendships. I said to myself 'If you want to go, you'd better do it now.'"

Except for a handful of classmates, Yadley did not know anyone at Reunion. But it made no difference. "Rollins people are just special," she said with tears brimming. "Even if you're not in the same class, there's a certain closeness. I guess it's just the nature of Rollins."



Photos by Larry R. Humes  
and Alan Knapp

**U**nder bright blue skies Friday, alums kept busy catching up with old friends and participating in the numerous events planned for their homecoming. Dozens of alumni attended a private lecture and tour of the Morse Museum of Art, the legacy of **Jeannette and Hugh McKean '30 '72H**, which contains the most extensive collection of Tiffany in the world.

Returning alumni also were led on a flora/fauna walking tour of the campus by Joe Siry, professor of environmental studies, Landscape Manager Tom Gallagher, and Greenhouse Coordinator Steven Stewart. The trio of tour guides shared the natural secrets of the campus. The excursion ended with the planting of an "Alumni Tree" in front of the Fred Stone Theatre, with alums pitching in to help shovel the dirt.

Later in the morning, English Professor and former College President **Thad Seymour '82H** led about 50 alums on a student life walking tour. Alumni marveled at how much the campus had grown and pointed out familiar spots to their companions.



Seymour charmed the group with lively anecdotes about the College as they made their way around the Olin Library, Walk of Fame, Student Center, Beans, and the Chapel/Theatre Complex.

The second annual Grove Party, held on the banks of Lake Virginia Friday afternoon, gave alums a chance to relive their keg socials of years past. **Donna Ronnick Cook '76** of Winter Park brought her own drinking container to the party: an old Kappa Alpha Theta sorority mug. "It's so '70s," she said of her brown glass mug with wooden handle that miraculously survived unscathed the 20 years since graduation.

Cook also brought pictures of her Rollins experience to the Grove Party. Commenting on 1970s fashion, she said the style, characterized by wide-legged pants and long hair parted in the middle, seems to have been picked up by current students.



"We were a little more colorful," she said, "and they haven't gotten into macrame again, which was really big with us."

Cook also recalled "wonderful shaving cream fights" and falling in love with Rollins on sight. "I came up from Sarasota on a fluke and stayed the weekend. I broke the rules



before I ever came in."

It was the only college she applied to. "I came and stayed four years and never left."

**Joe Browning '67** came to Reunion this year primarily for the post-humous induction of golfer Bob Kirouac '64 into the Sports Hall of Fame. He said he was also interested in seeing what changes had taken place on campus in the last 30 years. "I

## Reflections on a 30th Reunion

One thing about Reunion continues to fascinate me, whether it's a special five-year gathering of my class or any other year, since I attend them all. Friendships keep growing. What's especially gratifying are those friendships which weren't even friendships when we were schoolmates. Take my friend John Pistor, for example.

John and I had nothing in common 30 years ago. I remember us as borderline civil to one another, though we barely knew each other. He was a Delta Chi, I a Teke. Deltas and Tekes had as much affection for one another as rats have for alley cats.

How time has changed us all. In the early reunion years, we rehashed the old days and bragged about our jobs and how important we were becoming. I don't know when the metamorphosis began, but certainly by the 20th reunion our careers and self-importance started giving way to something deeper. We began to see our old and new friends in a different light. We came back just for the simple pleasure of enjoying their company, not to compare résumés.

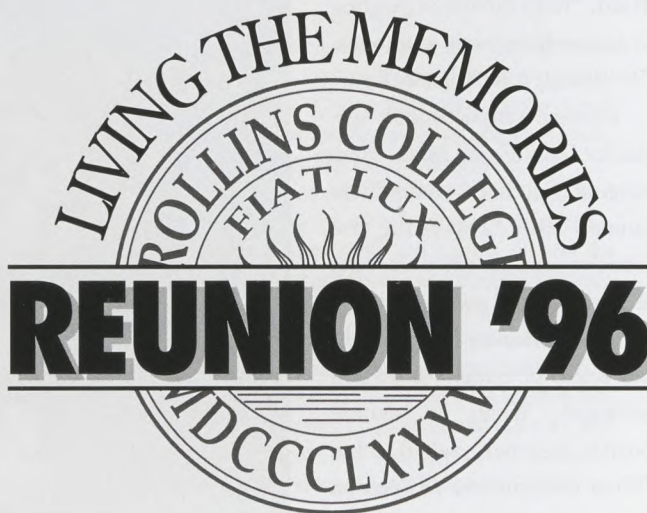
People we'd cross the street to avoid many years ago have become friends we can't wait to see each March at Reunion. And of course our old pals, our roommates, our fraternity brothers, teammates, and cohorts from other activities we pursued—their friendships continue to grow and deepen as well.

I'll never forget my first encounter since graduation with John Pistor. He was visiting his son Sean ('95) about five years ago, and I got a call wondering if I wanted to visit campus and say hello. My immediate answer was no, there was no reason to do that. We had nothing in common, nothing to discuss. And then, fortunately, I reconsidered. John and I spent two hours on the Alumni House porch talking about Rollins, what we'd been doing, our children. When John and his wife attended our 30th this year, it was like seeing old friends again.

The locals among us show up every year. It's easy for Doug Kerr and Cary Kresge and Sally Dembitz and the rest of us to come around for the annual festival. But to Benji, Bob (Doerr and Wiley), Diane and Jim, Sue Anne, Jeannie, Paul, Sandi, Pam, Bonnie, Mike, my very first roommate Geoff Robertson, my soulmate Frank Weddell, Ginny (Mendenhall and Sprinkle), Patsy, and all the others from 1966 who gathered, thanks from the heart. Just remember that Reunion happens every year, not just every five.

Don't make yourselves so scarce next March when the Class of '67 convenes. And bring the rest of the lot with you.

—Stephen M. Combs '66



(Facing page, l-r) Class of '91ers Jenny Brown, Helen Habernickel Bonzulak, and Britt Larsen celebrate their 5th Reunion. (This page from top) Cynthia Buttner Fischer ('76) and Donna Ronnick Cook '76 at the second annual Reunion Grove Party; Gary Lickie '76 (l) and Mike Fabrizio '76 pass the buck to Cindy Harper-Piunkett '82—a gift to the Alumni Association; Thad Seymour leads alumni on a student-life walking tour of the campus.



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came in today and walked around campus, trying to take it all in," he said Friday. "The atmosphere is the same; it's still a small college. That's why I came here. It's a close-knit community."

**Bill Bieberbach '70** and **Tom duPont '70** organized the Grove Party, which was a great hit when it debuted during Reunion '95. "It's twice as big this year," said Bieberbach. "I see we've got a lot of good fans."

Alumni eventually left the lakefront for the Enyart-Alumni Field House and the All-Reunion Kick-Off Party. By this time, Ruth SmithYadley had been reunited with her '46 classmates **Peggy Mandis Caraberis**, **Betty Semmes Strouse**, **Hallijeanne Chalker**, **Patricia Hodge Gatchel**, and **Barbara Balsara Main**. "Ruth did the organizing to get us here," said Caraberis. "We all said, 'If you'll go, we'll go.'"

Reunion was particularly special for Gatchel and Main. Main sang at Gatchel's wedding in January 1946. "This is the first time I've seen her since she sang at my wedding," said Gatchel.

**Frank Banks '56** brought his sense of humor to alumni weekend. When an alumni board member asked him, "What brought you to Reunion this year?," Banks immediately



(Far left) Reunion '96 brought classmates Patricia Hodge Gatchel '46 (l) and Barbara Balsara Main '46 together for the first time since Main sang at Gatchel's wedding in 1946.

(Left) Accepting awards at the Sports Hall of Fame ceremony were (l-r) Martha Kirouac (pictured with daughters Amy and Jenny), whose husband Robert Kirouac '64 was inducted posthumously into the Hall of Fame, Don Ogilvie '40, Tom Cook '79, Brian Talgo '85, Albert Arbury '65, and Debra Knorowski '85.

(Below) Alumni reminisce at the All-Reunion Kick-Off Party held in the Enyart-Alumni Field House.

quipped, "Northwest Airlines."

But Banks, an associate professor of public health at Ohio State University, also carried with him a sense of nostalgia, remembering vividly the professors who made such a difference in his life: sociology professor Bob Greenfield, English professor and creator of Shakespeareana Nina Dean, and philosophy professor Wendell Stone. "As you get older, you reflect more on things; you have

a different perspective," said Banks. "I wanted to come back to my roots. I feel a gratitude toward Rollins I never felt before."

**Camma Ward Krewer '56** also had high praise for her professors, particularly Dean. "She would cry if you didn't do your homework because she thought she failed you. She felt life deeply."

Krewer also reminisced about **Hugh McKean '30 '72H**, who was College president at the

time she attended Rollins, and his "wonderful surprises." One time, she said, a fire alarm went off in the middle of the night, and students were told to go to the Student Center. Inside a mariachi band was playing and a Mexican smorgasbord was laid out. A huge package tied with a big, bright ribbon sat in the middle of the room. "They pulled the ribbon and there was a burro!" she laughed. "He became the mascot to our class. McKean





was always planning surprises like that."

This was Krewer's first year back to Rollins since graduation and she said she was having a fantastic time getting reacquainted with former classmates. "It proves you can go home again," she said.

President Rita Bornstein addressed the alumni Saturday morning at the Knowles Memorial Chapel for the All-Reunion Celebration. She updated the assembly on the state of the campus and thrilled the alums by modeling traditions of years past: the freshman beanie and crew hat.

The president's message resounded through the Chapel, hitting a common note among the generations of alumni present: "Teaching is what characterizes Rollins, and teaching is what Rollins is committed to. That is what we do best." She noted that Rollins is ranked second among southern universities. "We are uncompromisingly committed to excellence, innovation and community."

Also during the Celebration, three alums were honored for their accomplishments. **Peter Cahall '71** received the Alumni Achievement Award in Business; **Adeline "Rocky" Sullivan Thomas '64** received an award for Service to Humanity; and **John C. "Jack" Myers III '69** received the Alumni Service Award.

A picnic and jazzfest at the Mary-Jean followed the Celebration. Alums munched on bar-

### *From ivory tower to town hall...*

## Rollins making its mark nationally and in the community

To alumni assembled for this year's All-Reunion Celebration, Rollins President Rita Bornstein said the message should be clear: Rollins is making its mark, moving to strengthen its reputation nationally as a comprehensive liberal arts college with "an uncompromising commitment to excellence, innovation, and community." The values that have defined the College's unique character will continue to guide it in the 21st century, Dr. Bornstein told alumni gathered in Knowles Memorial Chapel.

"Remembering the past gives power to the present," she said, quoting novelist Fae Myenne Ng. Dr. Bornstein recalled the contributions of four Rollins notables who died this past year—four individuals she described as having "a profound association" with Rollins: President Emeritus **Hugh Ferguson McKean '30 '72H**, Emerita Dean of Women **Sara Harbottle Howden '35**, Emeritus Professor of Religion **Theodore S. Darrah '73H**, and Emeritus Professor of Theatre Arts **Robert O. Juergens**. "These four represented 145 years among them at Rollins," she said, citing the "personal caring and attention to students" they exemplified.

The College's success in achieving its goal of excellence is reflected in accomplishments such as *U.S. News & World Report's* annual ranking of "best colleges," which placed Rollins No. 2 among Southern regional universities—up from third last year and sixth five years ago. The College ranked No. 2 in its commitment to undergraduate teaching and No. 4 as "best discounted value," a combination of quality and affordability.

Rollins faculty and students regularly receive national recognition. The number of new Honors Degree students last year quadrupled from the year before. The College has become a member of the Florida Council of 100 and is the only Florida institution in the Associated Colleges of the South.

Recognition of Rollins' excellence in teaching has also been illustrated by the establishment of the Christian A. Johnson Institute for Effective Teaching. "Teaching is what characterizes Rollins, and teaching is what Rollins is committed to. That is what we do best," Dr. Bornstein said.

Rollins is making its mark with a number of innovative undergraduate programs: the Quantitative Learning and Teaching Program, devised to revitalize the way skills in quantitative problem solving and critical analysis are taught; the Rollins Conference, a seminar program

designed to give first-year students a rigorous personalized education in a caring environment; the Rollins Advantage Program, or "RAP," created to help undergraduates prepare themselves for careers after graduation; innovative approaches to teaching calculus; collaborative chemistry research for freshmen; and the Art History Digital Imaging Project. Dr. Bornstein also cited the Crummer Graduate School of Business's new 11-month MBA and EAMBA programs, the Community School of Music, and Project Governance, inspired by the late Paul Douglass's Center for Practical Politics.

"Away from the Ivory Tower to the Town Hall," Rollins continues to focus on "community building" as a way to solve local problems and forge a bond between the College and its neighbors, she said. Community service at Rollins is marked by 35 service-learning courses that coordinate academic education with public service.

Dr. Bornstein thanked alumni for their annual support, which has reached \$1 million each of the last two years. Still, participation remains low, and she issued a challenge to alumni to help the College meet its goal of 50-percent alumni participation in The Rollins Fund.

Rollins is now in the preliminary stage of a major comprehensive campaign to meet the College's growing needs. Gifts to date have enabled purchase of the Samuel B. Lawrence Center, establishment of two endowed chairs, and creation of the Johnson Institute for Effective Teaching. Construction of the campus center is eagerly anticipated, and planning for an executive education center in the Crummer Graduate School of Business is underway.

Dr. Bornstein took the opportunity to tell gathered alumni of the \$1.5-million gift from George and Harriet Cornell '35 '85H, '90H toward expansion of the Cornell Fine Arts Museum, and to express the College's appreciation to the Cornells, who were in the audience.

Renovation and expansion of the Enyart-Alumni Field House to create a new athletic and recreation complex, including a fitness center and parking, is now the College's highest priority for undergraduate students. Other campaign needs are support for endowing faculty chairs, special programs, and scholarships.

"For a small college, we have alumni everywhere in the world," Dr. Bornstein commented to the alumni in closing. Paraphrasing Nobel laureate **Donald Cram '41**, who observed that Rollins had "leveraged" his life, she said, "I hope Rollins has leveraged your life as well."—AWM





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becue during another sunny but cool Florida day. **Gloria Gile McCain '67** was reunited with her former bridge partner, **Pete Kaufman '66**. McCain has been back to Rollins periodically since graduation, but this was the first time in 20 years that she really walked the campus again. "I enjoyed the memories," she said at the picnic. "But I was shocked to see that TKE has taken over Elizabeth Hall, where I lived as a freshman. I liked seeing Casa Iberia and the French House; I was sorry to see the Brown House was gone."

Although the look of the campus may have changed, she said the atmosphere had not. "There's a wonderful flavor here," said McCain. "Thirty years ago there was a wonderful, warm feeling. My biggest disappointment is when you walk into the Student Union, nobody is playing bridge!"

Kaufman agreed that the col-

lege atmosphere was the same. "It's got the same flavor it had; the same style. It has the same feel it had 30 years ago."

Keene Hall was alive with the sound of music Saturday after-

noon during the 8th Annual Gala Alumni Concert. More than 100 people came to hear their fellow alums sing and play the piano, violin, and flute.

**Donald McCallum '76** enthralled the audience with a humorous rendition of "When I was a Lad" from *HMS Pinafore*. The concert concluded with a rousing duo piano performance of the Waltz from *Faust* played by Phi Mu sisters **Jeannine Romer Morrison '51** and **Joanne Byrd Rogers '50** on one piano, and **Martha Barksdale Wright '49** and **Olga Llano-Kuehl '49** on the other.

The weekend ended Sunday afternoon with the closing Pioneer Luncheon attended primarily by members of the 50th

anniversary class and earlier. As if in protest of the close of Reunion Weekend, the day was marked by a cold rain. But the alumni on hand for this one last moment of shared memories were oblivious to the climate.

**Ruth Smith Yadley** posed for pictures wearing her class of '46 freshman beanie and holding her freshman "Bible."

**Stanley Warner '26** showed everyone that even though he may have been representing the oldest class, he could still belt out the alma mater on the piano without the aid of sheet music. And fellow alums from the '20s and '30s proved they still knew the words to the song while younger classes were searching for a printed version.

Hugs and promises to "stay in touch" closed the chapter on this year's Reunion Weekend. **Jeannine Romer Morrison '51** aptly summed up her experience: "Rollins is a magical place, and I'm always uplifted after a visit to the campus," she said.

**Frank Joseph '75** offered this impression of the weekend:



"Reunion brings together those of diverse age, background, and career and unites them in a spirit of old friends, unity, harmony, and celebration on the most beautiful college campus in the country. We're so fortunate!"

—KDH and AWM

(Above left, l-r) Carol Wolfe-Ralph '77, Joanne Byrd Rogers '50, Olga Llano-Kuehl '49, Martha Barksdale Wright '49, and Jeannine Romer Morrison '51 receive an ovation following their Gala Alumni Concert.

(Above) Despite the passage of 70 years, Stanley Warner '26 didn't miss a note when he played the alma mater at the Pioneer Luncheon.

(Below) Stanley Warner '26 and Dickie Colado '27 prove that Rollins friendships do indeed last a lifetime.







# Joe Justice

## New scholarship honors one of Rollins' all-time greats

In establishing the new Joe Justice Scholarship Fund, Rollins honored one of its all-time greats while extending the legacy of athletic and academic excellence to future generations.

For **Joe Justice '40**, it vindicated a 40-year career that spanned the waning days of football at Rollins to the beginnings of a diversified athletic program for women.

On March 8, 1996, almost 100 people gathered at the Lawrence Center to honor Justice, who lettered in football, baseball, and basketball as a collegian and served as athletic director from 1941-81. He coached football, baseball, basketball, soccer, and golf, and was the only man ever named Coach of the Year in two different sports.

**Frank Barker '52**, a member of the Rollins Sports Hall of Fame and recently retired senior executive vice president at Johnson & Johnson, remembered Justice as "a very honorable person at a formative time in our lives, and a leader not just in athletics, but in the College as a whole." Barker also noted Justice's superstitious nature, recalling that in his senior year, after they had won their first five games, the coach wouldn't let their uniforms be laundered. "When we lost our first game to Tampa, we weren't sure whether to be happy or sad," said Barker.

The Joe Justice Scholarship Fund, seed money for which was provided by Barker, already has over \$240,000 pledged toward its

goal of a \$400,000 endowment. As Athletic Director Phil Roach noted, it costs Rollins \$1.2 million a year to support student athletes, a figure increasingly insufficient for the College's needs. The scholarships, Justice said, should go to students "who want to be a full participant in the Rollins community, not just athletically."

The announcement of the scholarship and the laudatory speeches were followed by a wonderful video produced by Betsy Peterson of Johnson & Johnson. Using a mix of old still photographs and interviews with former players such as **Barker, Dick Williams '57, Boyd Coffie '59, Don Tauscher '55**, and many others, the video provided a touching montage of Justice's long and varied career. It evoked strong memories in the people gathered, and Justice

himself, after thanking everyone, said, "I can't talk for chokin' up."

Afterward, Dick Williams was overheard to say, "I've never seen Joe at a loss for words!"

For information about the Joe Justice Scholarship Fund, or to make a contribution, contact J. Phillip Roach, Director of Physical Education and Athletics, Rollins College, 1000 Holt Ave. - 2730, Winter Park, FL 32789-4499; (407) 646-2198.

—RMD

(Inset) Daryl Stamm Barker '52 greets Justice at a luncheon held in his honor.

(Below) Justice and friends reminisce before the opening of the Alumni Baseball Game at the Alford Stadium.





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## ENGLISH MAJORS REUNION

### Great Expectations, Great Conversations

*For many,  
Reunion '96 was  
a literary affair*

"One of the joys of seeing alumni is learning that their love for literature continues," observed Rollins English Department Chairman Maurice "Socky" O'Sullivan. His comments came after two Department-sponsored Reunion events that attracted the enthusiasm and interest of Rollins English-major graduates from years past.

Alumni, their spouses and guests who sat in on the "My Favorite Book Lakefront Party for English Majors" shared interests as varied as today's reading tastes, from Charles Dickens' *Great Expectations* to Ernest Seton's *Biography of a Grizzly Bear*.

Enticed by the invitation of a lakeside setting, several boat

loads of alumni and friends braved cool March weather to ride across Lake Virginia to the home of faculty members **JoAnn and Mark Skousen '88**. Gathered in a relaxed, informal living room setting, alumni and their guests traded quips, laughter, and insights from their favorite books.

"I belong to two book clubs,

and they are reassuring, comforting, and settling," said English alumna **Barbara Alfond '68**, a Rollins trustee. "In fact," she said, "those twice monthly meetings are just about the best thing I do." Among her favorite books, a recent addition, *The Prince of West End Avenue* by Alan Isler, a narrative about some elderly, displaced Jewish women on the Upper West Side who decide to produce *Hamlet*. "It deals with making choices too late," she said.

Offbeat storylines by modern authors appealed to the reading interests of a number of alumni. **Patricia Ward Harland '45**, descendant of a long line of Rollins alumni, including her father, a former Rollins comptroller, said she enjoyed author Carl Hiaasen's offbeat Florida settings and stories that deal with "greed run rampant"—stories such as *Tourist*



(Above) A boat ride across Lake Virginia landed alumni at a "My Favorite Book" Party at the home of JoAnn and Mark Skousen '88. (Left) English alums bring *Henry V* to life during "Shakespeareana."



*Season and Native Tongue.* David Sarney '86, a law enforcement officer from Sarasota, extolled the value and enjoyment of reading pulp fiction. "Life is the ultimate novel," said Sarney, who enjoys Thomas Harris' *Red Dragon* and *Silence of the Lambs*.

English alumni also gathered at the Mary-Jean Plaza under cool, cloudless afternoon skies for the revival of a lost Rollins tradition: Shakespeareana. Members of the professional acting troupe A.C.T.E.R. brought readings of *Henry V* to life with the help of some 25 alumni and current theater students. Alumni were invited up to read lines from the play with their best booming Elizabethan voices. Others helped set the mood of the piece by providing the sounds of background winds, heartbeats, horses, and roosters.

The actors, all members of London's Royal Shakespeare Theatre and the British National Theatre, lent an authentic air to the show. With its lively mix of audience participation and vibrant thespians, the performance would have made Nina Dean proud. Dean, a former Rollins English professor, created Shakespeareana in 1946 to promote better understanding of the works of William Shakespeare. Her students' presentations of various Shakespeare passages evolved into an annual all-campus event. The tradition came to an end in 1968 with Dean's retirement.

—AWM and KDH

## Morse Museum embodies McKean's spirit

To the world at large, Hugh Ferguson McKean's name remains indelibly associated with the iridescent Tiffany glass he salvaged from the ruins of Laurelton Hall. To the generations who knew him as Rollins' 10th president, McKean's legacy is intangible, yet more keenly felt now than ever before; for it rests in the lasting impressions he left at Rollins over 70 years, as student, professor, president, chancellor, and chairman of the Board of Trustees. Alumni reminisced and poignantly shared their memories of McKean throughout Reunion '96. More than 60 alumni were on hand Friday to pay tribute to him at the first event of Reunion Weekend: a tour of the newly completed Charles Hosmer Morse Museum of American Art, which houses the Tiffany collection.

"He would be so pleased to see you here," said Jackie Howell '90, who worked for McKean for nine years while completing her degree at Rollins. Howell, wife of Rollins professor and former Athletic Director Gordie Howell, joined Judy Kurtz, wife of mathematics Professor David Kurtz, in leading alumni on a private tour of the museum. After his retirement from Rollins, they told visitors, McKean and his wife, Jeannette Morse Genius McKean, devoted their energies to establishing a suitable home for their art collection, including the world's most important collection of works by Louis Comfort Tiffany, with whom McKean studied painting. Their dream was realized posthumously with the dedication this past summer of a new and enlarged museum.

McKean made a special impression on J. Jay Mautner '61, who hosted the tour with Virginia Frederick VanSickle '86. "I first met him when he invited all the freshmen from New York to his apartment in New York. He and Jeannette were so gracious. When we got back to Rollins, he spoke to me. He knew what business my father was in. I felt like he knew me. That was very important to me. He educated people every step of the way, every time you spoke to him. He always tried to expose us to culture."

Howell, who works in the museum's mobile van, spoke of McKean's insistence that art be made available to as many people as possible. The mobile van travels to outlying areas more inaccessible to the museum and remains there for three to four days at a time for visitors to see.

He had a "deep involvement with his guests," said Kurtz, pointing out to alumni

part of McKean's "art machine": a red chair in front of a Victorian portrait, both of which were part of his "exercise in contemplation," she said. He would have people sit in the chair and focus on the portrait and think about what was there. As those who knew him suggest, if there were any one concept that spoke best of him, she said, it was that "he encouraged people to stop, slow down, and enjoy things." —AWM



(Above) Olcott Deming '35 and Betty Phillips depart the Rollins Reunion trolley for a tour of the Morse Museum.





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## Classes of '51, '61 and '81 lead the way

**A**lumni gathered Saturday, March 9 during the All-Reunion Celebration and picnic to recognize alumni achievement and volunteer commitment. President Rita Bornstein updated attendees on recent campus achievements, and Alumni Board members thanked alumni for encouraging classmates to attend Reunion and for their efforts in increasing giving levels to The Rollins Fund, the College's annual giving program.

Traditionally, three classes are recognized for providing the volunteer leadership that is so critical to the success of Reunion Weekend and attaining The Rollins Fund goal. This year it was difficult to select exceptional volunteer classes because so many alumni did an

outstanding job encouraging participation from classmates.

The **Class of 1951** received the award for the highest percent participation in The Rollins Fund. **Charlie Robinson, Bill Gordon, and L.D. Bochette**, celebrating their 45th Reunion, received the award on behalf of the class, which had achieved an impressive 39 percent participation at the time of Reunion. Indications are that this class will achieve one of the highest participation rates on record.

The class celebrating its 35th anniversary contributed the largest Reunion gift, \$39,000, to The Rollins Fund. **J. Jay Mautner, Nick Longo, and Gerry Kein** accepted the award on behalf of the many volunteers who worked hard to attain the goal. Class leaders from the

**Class of 1961** are eager to reach even greater heights with their 35th Reunion gift before the fiscal year closes.

The Young Alumni Award, given to the class having graduated in the past 15 years with the largest class gift and the highest level of participation, was presented to Reunion Committee leaders **Craig Crimmings, Gerald Ladner, and Cheryl Willey Finnegan** from the **Class of 1981**. Reaching this target was no easy task, as the Class of 1986 was eager to earn the award and may still surpass the winners before the end of May. Volunteers in both classes maintain that they have not yet completed their fund-raising efforts.

Clearly, volunteer dedication significantly enhances both

participation and the probability of reaching the \$1 million alumni goal by May 31, 1996. Rollins College is grateful for such outstanding alumni volunteer service and sincerely thanks all volunteers who contributed to the success of Reunion.—EAZ





# LIVING THE MEMORIES ROLLINS COLLEGE FIAT LUX REUNION '96 MDCCCLXXXVI



(Clockwise from top) Representing the Class of '51, Charlie Robinson, L.D. Bochette, and Bill Gordon accept the award for highest participation from President Bornstein (l) and Alumni Director Cynthia Wood.



J. Jay Mautner, Nick Longo, and Gerry Kein accept the award for the largest Reunion gift for the Class of '61.

Cheryl Willey Finnegan, Gerald Ladner, and Craig Crimmings accept the Young Alumni Award on behalf of the Class of '81.

## Earn, Learn, and Return

WHEN YOU'RE GIVEN A BLESSING, PASS IT ON

Those who heard his message on Reunion Sunday may well have concluded that the **Rev. Daniel Paul Matthews** does indeed practice what he preaches. For in the years since he and his wife, Deener, graduated from Rollins, they have shared a life nurtured at Rollins—one that has since broadened deeply in scope and influence.

As rector of Trinity Church Wall Street in New York City, Matthews '55 ministers to one of America's oldest and wealthiest Episcopal parishes—"to an urban America with all its homeless and impoverished, comfortable and successful, battered and bewildered," noted former Dean of the Chapel Arnold Wettstein in his introductory remarks.

In such a culture of affluence, it is easy to lose touch with the idea that blessings are to be shared, Matthews observed. One need only look at the popularity of the Academy Award-winning film *Forrest Gump*, he said. "Here was a story about a loving, self-giving retarded boy who kept doing nice things for people until finally his whole life was giving himself away. Here was someone who really did live sacrificially," he said, "yet our culture wouldn't have accepted it if they'd made him smart because in our culture it is seen as stupid to take the blessings you've been given and give them away."

Matthews, a dynamic speaker who uses notes rather than a printed text, recalled the early influences on his life at Rollins—the late Dean of the Chapel Ted Darrah, who died this past year, Florence Peterson, one of the leading economists of the nation, who "never smiled at me," he recalled, "but who began to mold me, make me think," and former admissions director Jack Rich, who was responsible for bringing Matthews to Rollins. "There were people here

who nurtured my life in a way I didn't think it needed nurturing—people who blessed my life," recalled Matthews, a former Rollins trustee, who returned to share Reunion '96 with **Deener (Vigeant) '52**, daughter **Laurin Baldwin**, an '86 Rollins graduate, and their family and friends. (See photo below.)

The early influences have served Matthews well. As rector of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Atlanta, he became a well-known figure through his involvement in community affairs and his popular televised Sunday morning services. Now, as rector of Trinity Wall Street, he oversees one of the country's largest religious grants-making programs supporting ministries and missions throughout the world. In addition to his pioneering efforts in the development of community religious television, he also is founding chair of the National Interfaith Cable Coalition, which has established a religious cable television network known as Vision Interfaith Satellite Network. VISN features programming by Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Jewish faith groups on a regular basis. For his contributions to his alma mater and society, Rollins cited Matthews in

1982 with the Alumni Achievement Award and again in 1986 with an honorary doctor of human letters degree.

Addressing alumni assembled in Knowles Chapel, Matthews called on those present to reflect on their lives and how the rest will be lived. Hebrew Scriptures embrace, in the symbolic imagery of Jonah and the Whale, the notion that every blessing is to be shared, he said. Similarly, Mormons have a saying, "learn, earn, and return." First you learn, second you earn, third you return." Or, as Episcopalians might rephrase it, he quipped: "Learn, earn, and retire." The message, however, remains. "From success to significance—from receiving a blessing to giving a blessing away. That's the purpose of life," he said. "That's the purpose of this place—the reason why we're here. Change the life of somebody near you. When you're given a blessing, pass it on. Leave this place playing in the game of life in a different way. Take that life full of success and by God's grace, turn it into a life full of significance."—AWM

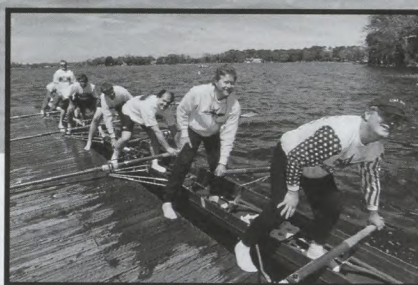
Dan '55 and Deener Matthews '52 with daughter Laurin Baldwin '86 (front r), son-in-law Robert Baldwin '85, daughter-in-law Sarah Matthews, and their grandchildren.





# Reunion

## CREW REUNION



## CREW

is the ultimate team sport; one reaches the nirvana of victory by completely submerging the individual ego into the whole. It is an anonymous sport, done before a few (albeit dedicated) fans, where no individual shines above the rest. There's no room for showboating. Few sports demand such intense physical preparation for so little "payoff" in the form of public glory. No one appreciates you like your teammates, which is why the emotional bond between crew members is so strong.

The bond proved strong enough to lure several genera-

tions of Rollins rowers back to the alma mater for Reunion Weekend. Many had not been back to Rollins since graduation, and some frankly stated that they probably would not have if not for a chance to see their old mates. Thanks to **Scott Lyden '80**, who worked the telephones like a Muscular Dystrophy volunteer, the turnout was huge—more than 200 men and women.

"It was fantastic," Scott Lyden said. "There were about another 200 who had said they might come, and word is apparently getting out that they missed something special. People who compete as athletes form a special bond, and getting a team together

like this was very successful."

"We had such camaraderie together," said **Nanci Adler '81**. "I had been disappointed by the turnout at my 10-year reunion, and had suggested that they get people together based on their activities. I'm glad they did that."

"Crew was the sport where, if you couldn't play golf or tennis, you could still do that," said **Beth Barnhorst Eastman '82**.

I came to see good friends I hadn't seen in 15 years," said **Tim Steliga '82**, now a building contractor in New Jersey. "It has been an awesome experience seeing everyone again."

"I was closer to the other crew members than I was to my

class as a whole," said **Pamela Chase Coutant '86**. "You're so dependent on each other and we were very tight."

"My wife and I had a marvelous time," said **Bud Bilensky '56**, who had not been back to Rollins in 40 years. "Most of the crew members from my era were Sigma Nus, and we lived in the same dorm as well as rowed together, so we were very close. I stayed over on Sunday to see **Dan Matthews ('55)**, an old fraternity brother, deliver the sermon in the chapel, and we loved that. We were a little shocked by the cold that weekend, though."

The Crew Reunion party took place at the old Alabama Hotel in



Winter Park, abutting Lake Maitland, where Rollins holds its regattas. It's a good thing the crew is such a tight-knit bunch, because they were packed in like sardines in the hotel and the outdoor refreshment tent. A video documentary of the history of the crew team played throughout the party and was a delight to all.

"The whole night was very special. We had a lot of laughs looking at the memorabilia and old photos," said **Norm Gross '56**. "The video, which I am going to order, was such a wonderful way to perpetuate the tradition of Rollins crew. And having Mrs. [U.T.] Bradley there was a special highlight. I knew her as an undergrad, when she would come to every regatta and host a party for the crew at the end of every year. She's 92 now, and you'd think she was 32. She stood the whole time in that crush of people, recalling experiences for all of us."

The late hours did not prevent them from filling out five 8-person boats for an alumni regatta the next afternoon. Earlier in the day, the current Tars crew defeated boats from UCF, and many of the youngsters hung around to watch the old folks show their stuff. It was a beautiful winter day, blustery and cold, the bright white light gleaming off the boats and the white shirts of the crews.

Much hooting and laughter accompanied the rowers as they entered the boats for the first time. There were four men's boats, one each from roughly the classes of '56, '66, '74, and '81, and

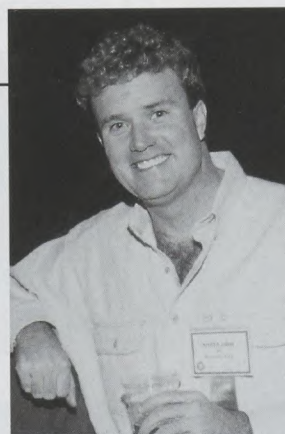
a women's boat, mostly class of '81. **Bill Kennedy '80** declined to race, saying that he had never "caught a crab" (that is, have an oar handle that breaks the rhythm of the stroke driven back into chest or ribs, sometimes breaking said bodily parts) as a collegian and was not about to chance it now. A few reluctant rowers were dragged to their duty, but what impressed above all was the quiet confidence everyone displayed. Many of the alumni crew still work out on rowing machines or even on the water (Beth Barnhorst told of a charity race she endured not long ago, rowing across several miles of ocean off the coast of Maine). No one grumbled or joked about how out of shape they were, like many ex-athletes; they easily fell into the old rituals of putting the boats into the water (despite some fumbling with the unfamiliar new boats) and rowed out to their positions. Pam Coutant gets the "Playing in Pain" award; she coxed the '56 boat despite having a broken foot. She simply put a garbage

bag over it and called out the pace.

"Several of us had rowed together as collegians, and when we got into the boat, we picked up the pace immediately. It was if we had never been apart," said Nanci Adler. "Our lead rower was class of '86, though, and she set a very tough pace."

The Class of '81 boat finished first in a close race that seemed to end within a few seconds of starting. The smoothness of each boat's stroke disguised how strenuous it was to row in that stiff wind. Under the bright sun, the boats zipping along the surface like dragonflies, the race had a timeless quality, as much a part of the college experience in 1906 as 1996. The mix of generations reinforced this feeling, making the thread of college tradition physically manifest.

"They looked better than I thought they would," said Scott



Lyden, who still rows every day and gave the signal to start the race. "I've gotten 20 or 25 letters since Reunion, and many of the alumni said the thing they liked

best of all was getting back in the boat. That three minutes out on the water was the highlight of the weekend."

"You know, **Jim Lyden ('60)** was a brilliant coach," said **Danny DeKay '81** with barely repressed emotion, during the last gathering at Harper's on Saturday night. "He worked on our rowing technique until it was perfect. A lot of crews just get a lot of big guys together, but their technique is poor, so they can be beaten. Except for **Bill Ray** and **Dave Largey**, we didn't have big guys on our crews. But our technique was so good, and we worked so hard together, that we beat a lot of crews we shouldn't have. I was probably the worst guy on our boat, but I always worked as hard as I could, and I always liked being the underdog.

"As an outsider, watching a race, it happens so quickly you don't realize all that goes into it. But when you're out on the water, all pulling together, there's no feeling like it."—RMD



(Above) Scott Lyden '80, chief coxswain of Crew Reunion '96

(Left) Coach Jim Lyden gives a last-minute pep talk to the alumni rowers.



The Spirit of '76 lives on!

"I grew so much in maturity and learned to see the world in a different way when I was here."

—Todd Milner '86



Sally Shinkle Combs '67 and Bob Doerr '66



Forever party animals: Kit Ivey Ward '74, Mike Fabrizio '76, and Diane Hall Juan '76



Reunion hugs and kisses



Sig Eps show their hospitality.



Future Rollins graduate: Melissa, daughter of Maria Gonzalez '91



Rollins presidents—now and then

"Rollins allowed me to develop my leadership skills. It was a small school and if you wanted to do something, you could do it."

—Jane Harrison Pollart '69



Former crew coach Jim Lyden and wife Kris (r) ca





Former Rollins rowers reunite

*What do you recall vividly about Reunion?*

—"A certain warmth that we had for each other after 50 years. That is uplifting!"

—"The warm friendliness of everyone from the president down to students mingling and visiting with us."

President Rita Bornstein greets Alumni Association VP Sam Martin '67 and other guests at the Reunion '96 Grove Party.



# MEMORIES COLLEGE ALUMNI REUNION '96 COL XXXIV



Rollins friend and benefactor Harriet Cornell '90H receives warm greetings from Vice President Warren Johnson.



Alums plant an "Alumni Tree" donated by National Bank of Commerce.



"I come to see old people I haven't seen in a long time and who are older than dirt now. That's why we do these things—to embarrass each other."

—Bill Ray '80



Alumni Board member Jane Carrison Bockel '69 interviews Grove Party sponsors Tom DuPont '70 (l) and Bill Bieberbach '71.

with the emotion of Reunion '96



# Reunion

## Service to Humanity Award

# Award Recipients

Adeline Sullivan Thomas '64, better known as "Rocky," was honored at the All-Reunion Celebration with the 1996 Service to Humanity Award for her work on a volunteer medical team that corrects heart defects in children around the world.

Cynthia Wood, executive director of Alumni Relations, presented Thomas with the award on behalf of the Alumni Board of Directors. "Your competitive and compassionate spirit has led you to making a remarkable number of very lasting contributions to children," said Wood. "Countless lives are enriched because of you, and Rollins is proud to have you as an alumna."

As a part of the medical team for the past five years, Thomas has worked to save the lives of children in Croatia, the Ukraine, and Nicaragua. Thomas, who taught high school English and college tennis upon graduation, is currently working as a pediatric nurse with Community Health Services, tending to migrant farm children in Apopka, Fla.

One might think that constantly confronting those less fortunate would eventually take a toll upon Thomas. On the contrary, she said ministering to the impoverished is extremely uplifting to her. "The way I look at it, I owe," said Thomas. "If you have that type of gift, you owe. This is a way to pay back."

The children she encounters, and their parents, are grateful for her nursing and have an innate set of values foreign to some American children, said Thomas. "They may be poor, but they're not poor. They have much to teach us."

Thomas said the variety of experiences she had at Rollins also enriched her life. "I didn't know anything about theater, but I worked backstage on *Brigadoon*. You know the Dinky Line? I jumped it. I climbed the Chapel bell tower."

Those who know Thomas would never dream she used to be shy and introverted.

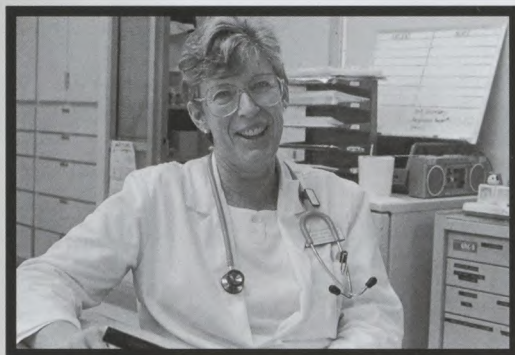
"It never phased me to play (tennis) in a stadium full of people, but I couldn't speak to them," she said.

Attending Rollins changed her personality. "You meet people from all walks of life," she said. "Going to Rollins was the best thing that ever happened to me. A change occurred in me that couldn't have occurred in any other situation."

The day John F. Kennedy was shot particularly stands out in her mind. She was meeting former tennis coach Norm Copeland for a lesson on that day when the news came over Copeland's portable radio. "We didn't have a lesson. We sat next to the courts and just listened

to the radio." Then came the news that Kennedy was dead. "The Chapel bells started ringing and the entire student body went to the Chapel. The place was packed. Very few places would call their students together like that."

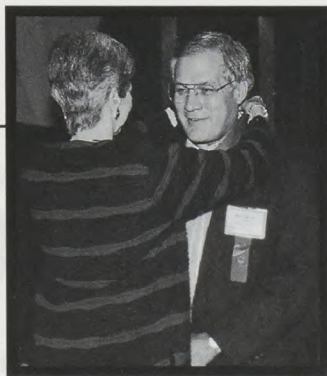
Thomas said Rollins took a personal interest in its students, encouraging them throughout their years. She has incorporated lessons she learned at the College into her life. "If you were born to a life of privilege, you've got to pass it on. You can't hoard it to yourself. Rollins taught me that, too."—KDH



Rocky  
Sullivan  
Thomas



# Alumni Achievement Award



## Jack Myers

It's not that John C. (Jack) Myers III set out to make history by becoming the first Rollins graduate to serve as national chairman of The Rollins Fund for three consecutive years. He merely saw the challenge of helping the College raise operating funds as a worthwhile goal, and has been willing to continue that commitment in order to see that those goals are met.

"We've seen the percentage of alumni giving increase during the last few years," he said. "But participation levels are still not where they should be; we've got a long way to go before we have the kind of alumni support that Rollins deserves."

It is that kind of determination and loyalty to his alma mater that led Rollins to honor Myers during Reunion Weekend by presenting him with the 1996 Alumni Service Award.

"Jack is one of the most dedicated supporters of this institution that I have had the pleasure of working with," said Alumni Director Cynthia Wood. "He has been instrumental in reorganizing the alumni volunteer structure, identifying goals, and then helping us surpass them."

During the first two years of Myers' tenure as national chair, The Rollins Fund exceeded \$1 million in annual giving for the first time in the history of the College, said Warren Johnson, vice president for development and college relations. More than one-fifth of all alumni donate to Rollins, with the trend toward greater participation.

Serving Rollins is a Myers family tradition dating back six decades. Both of Jack's parents, John Myers Jr. and June Reinhold Myers, graduated from the school in the 1940s and have served in a number of official capacities. Jack's son, John IV, received his bachelor's degree from Rollins in 1994 and his MBA degree from the Crummer School this spring.

Myers, who currently serves as first vice president of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, earned his bachelor's degree in business administration from Rollins in 1969, and completed his MBA degree at Crummer the following year. Following a three-year stint in the Navy as a supply officer, he served with the Walt Disney Company for 20 years until 1993, when he took over the reins of the family-owned Reinhold Corporation, a real estate and investment company based in Jacksonville.

His primary goal in directing The Rollins Fund, he says, is to see alumni giving ultimately reach a 50 percent participation rate with a key volunteer group comprised of about 500 people. "That's a lofty goal, but not one that is unobtainable," he said with characteristic determination.—LRH

Peter Scott Cahall, this year's recipient of the Alumni Achievement Award in Business, has had a successful and diverse business career that has placed him at the hub of one of the fastest-growing business centers in Central Florida.

As CEO of the Newport Group, a financial services and investment firm, Cahall plays a major role in the surging retail, commercial, and industrial growth in Seminole County, Fla., north of Orlando. An owner and developer of numerous real estate projects in Ohio, Florida, and South Carolina, he and his partners have concentrated on industrial parks, office complexes, and residential communities. One of the most recognizable in Central Florida is the 350-acre Heathrow International Business Center, recently purchased by the Newport Group and Pizzuti Development. The project, under development in Lake Mary, Fla., is one of the largest in Central Florida and one of the most active in the Southeast.

Pizzuti and the Newport Group are also developing in downtown Orlando a 10-acre premier office and hotel complex planned for development within the new few years. In addition, Cahall owns and serves as chairman of the board of Quantum Color Graphics, a printing company in Chicago, Ill. He also is a major stockholder and member of the executive committee of the board of directors of InfoPower, an international company that designs and installs relational databases for corporations around the world.

As if those ventures are not enough, Cahall owns Peter Scott's, a critically acclaimed gourmet restaurant in Longwood, Fla., and is working with partner Clay Townsend to convert the popular Townsend's Plantation restaurant in Apopka, Fla. to a retirement community and adult congregate living facility, with the restaurant at the core.

With all his varied interests, Cahall says his philosophy is "to explore interesting and profitable business ventures while attempting to keep a low profile." He still finds time, however, to serve on the board of trustees of Thayer Academy in Boston, where he went to school and where his father chaired the science department and taught biology. He has generously supported both Thayer and Rollins.

Born in Philadelphia, Cahall came to Florida as a student in the late 1960s. In college, he was active in X-Club, varsity tennis, and varsity soccer. In 1971, he earned a degree in behavioral science which, complemented by a mix of business courses, has stood him in good stead. "I received a quality education at Rollins," he said, "and a good foundation for later life."—AWM



## Peter Cahall

# Alumni Service Award



# Giving Back

by Bobby Davis



From top:

As chairman of Crew Reunion '96, **Scott Lyden '80** (l), pictured with **Baxter Bode '82**, made hundreds of phone calls to ensure a good turnout.

Veteran alumni volunteers (l-r) **J. Jay Mautner '61**, **Cynthia Harper-Plunkett '82**, **Sally Shinkle Combs '67**, and **Susie Cochrane Aspinwall '65**.

In addition to contacting classmates, **Gary Lickie '76** (second from l) transported a group of Palm Beach-area alumni to Reunion in a mobile home. He is pictured with **Beth Lightbourn Myers '77** (l) and **Peirce '75** and **Kit Ivey Ward '73**.

"Connectivity" has become a buzzword of the Computer Age. The Internet allows people to make connections with information resources and other people of a dazzling variety, although sometimes of dubious quality. Rollins College has tried to provide "connectivity" for its alumni, through the annual Reunions and other activities that renew the bonds between old friends and professors and to an important stage in one's intellectual and moral development. Some alumni reconnect only after many years; others enjoy an ongoing relationship with the College, but all are invigorated by the opportunity to renew relationships with a place and people that were once special in their lives.

Much of the strength of these connections derives from individual volunteers who make the extra effort to contact classmates, work with Development, Career Services, or Admission, raise funds, and do all the little things that smooth the path of connection between Rollins and its alumni. This year's Crew Reunion, which brought back a great many people who had not set foot on campus since they graduated, could not have been the fantastic success it was without **Scott Lyden '80**, who made a few hundred phone calls. **Gary Lickie '76** not only contacted classmates, but transport-

ed a horde of them from the Palm Beach area in a mobile home. **Susie Aspinwall '65**, a chairman of the Alumni Board Reunion Committee, acted virtually as an extra staff member during Reunion this year, answering questions and accommodating needs of other attendees, foregoing some of her own time spent with classmates. Other Alumni Board members, such as **Gerald Ladner '81**, **Jane Carrison Bockel '66**, **Bill Bieberbach '70**, **Cynthia Harper-Plunkett '82**, and **Sam Martin '69** were a visible presence and served as informal ambassadors during the festivities.

Why do some alumni spend so much time volunteering on behalf of Rollins College? After all, they paid their tuition, "did their time," and went on, usually gratefully, to the working world. The past is past; why reconnect to it?

"I really enjoy volunteering," said **Sam Stark '91**, who was chairman of his Reunion class and serves on the Executive Committee for Tar Boosters. "I still owe a lot to the College; it's done a lot for me. My time there was such a period of learning, and I was exposed to a lot of good experiences through the radio station, student government, and athletics. I also like the other alumni and the staff, such as Athletic Director Phil Roach, with whom I work, so that also makes



# Reconnecting with Rollins Through Volunteering

volunteering worthwhile."

"I feel a strong allegiance to Rollins and want to help any way I can," said **Charlie Robinson '51**, who has spent many hours raising funds and recruiting class agents for Reunion. "There were only four or five hundred students when I was there and the activities encompassed the entire campus, so a powerful family atmosphere existed then that you can still feel, in different form, walking around campus today."

"One of the interesting things I see at Rollins reunions is that people who attend as spouses or friends, but who didn't attend Rollins, are continually amazed at how much classmates have stuck together and kept up their friendships," said Lickle. "I don't think many other schools have the kind of get-togethers we have. There's something fun and a little mysterious we're connected with."

**Irma Ross '51**, a retired kindergarten teacher living in Winter Park, showed up at the Alumni Office one day and asked how she could help. She was put to work indexing the Alumni Record and entering the names on a computer system that will allow the Alumni Office to track alumni who have been mentioned or featured. "The more we alumni volunteer, the more we can help the students there today. I enjoy being at the

College, and I enjoy the people who work there; it's a nice place," she said.

"Alumni are the greatest natural resource a college has," said Cynthia Wood, executive director of the Alumni Association. The good will and representation of alumni are critical to the future of the College. To continue adding strong students, it is vital that Rollins maintain a strong reputation, particularly for a college of our size. The networking and career opportunities with alumni are important for students—not only for internships and job placement, but for contacts with alumni clubs in various cities. And obviously, for financial reasons, we depend very heavily on alumni. About every area of the College depends on alumni involvement."

The Atlanta Alumni Club and its value as a source of contacts in a new place drew **Laurie Charlebois '91** into alumni activities. "Initially, I wanted to continue as part of the Rollins community and I figured the alumni club would be a good way to meet people. When I knew I would move to Atlanta, I asked the Alumni Office staff what was going on there, and they put me in touch with people there. I ended up serving on a steering committee and surveyed the membership about what they wanted to do as a club. Club events keep up people's interest

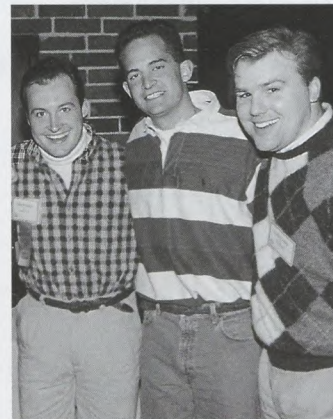


From top:  
Alumni Board President Elect **Jack Myers '69** has increased alumni giving significantly during his three years as national chair of The Rollins Fund.

Alumni Board members **Gerald Ladner '81** and **Jane Carrison Bockel '66** spent much of Reunion '96 interviewing alumni for a Reunion videotape.

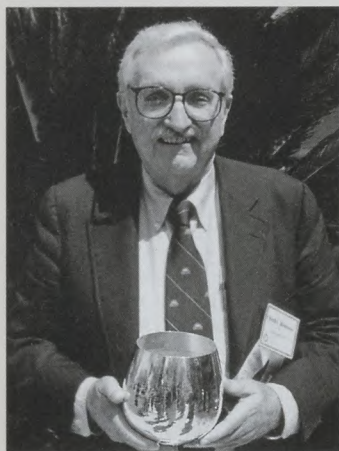
**Laurie Charlebois '91**, pictured at an Atlanta alumni event with **Chip Janvier '72**, has been instrumental in the development of the Atlanta Alumni Club.

"I still owe a lot to the College; it's done a lot for me," said Reunion class chairman and Tar Booster committee member **Sam Stark '91** (center), pictured with **John Wacker '91** (l) and **Todd LaSota '91**.





# Giving Back



From top:  
Behind-the-scenes volunteer **Irma Ross '51** has spent the past year indexing *Alumni Record* articles.

**Charlie Robinson '51** holds the record for making the most phone calls to alumni on behalf of The Rollins Fund.

**Bud Bilensky '56** (center), pictured with **Lee Beard '56** (l) and **Ross Fleischmann '55**, credits the extraordinary volunteer efforts of Crew Reunion organizers **Scott '80** and **Jim Lyden '60** for his first return to Rollins in 40 years.

in Rollins and show them that the College still cares about them. I want to give back to the people who have given to me and to keep the sense of community alive."

It's the job of the Alumni Office and the Alumni Board of Directors to turn all this good will into tangible results. So far, their efforts have paid off; this year's Reunion, for example, drew 88% more alumni than did the 1994 Reunion. Generally, the staff and alumni leadership have worked to improve internal systems and expand external communications while building a network of volunteers who work on specific tasks.

"The Alumni Board has taken a strong role, not only in communicating and being visible during Reunion, but by setting a direction of involving more alumni," Wood said. "The Board has clear direction and a mission, and they've taken their responsibilities very seriously. When Board members make a commitment to come to Rollins four times a year at their own expense, they need to feel that their service is important and that they are accomplishing something tangible. We're see-

ing the results of their leadership.

"We place such emphasis on volunteers because we realize that other alumni are the strongest connection people have to Rollins, much stronger than to the staff. Staff can't do all that needs to be done as well as alumni can. Increasingly, our job is to provide the support, organizational framework, and direction to alumni volunteers," she said.

According to **Jack Myers '69 '70CR**, a member of the Alumni Board and national chairman of The Rollins Fund, the strategy is to build a pyramid, starting with the Board members themselves. In essence, they have adopted the methods associated with network marketing and applied it to alumni relations.

"Before, the Board chairman would send all correspondence to alumni" he said. Now, we have a chair for each decade group and class agents for each year in the decade. We have chairmen for categories such as key givers and young alumni. We want to get 4-500 people total working, not just at fund raising, but at getting people back to Reunion and providing class news. I'm trying

to build a pyramid of class historians, which will be coordinated by Jane Bockel, to increase the amount of class news so people can stay in better touch with each other."

How can you volunteer? Many enjoy taking part in local club activities, which can always use more participants, or helping with Reunion. Some help Career Services, which identifies alumni who welcome student interns or serve as mentors in a job shadow situation. Gary Lickle has assisted former President Thaddeus Seymour and current President Rita Bornstein to keep up relationships and "open doors" to potential donors in his area. He has also interviewed students who have been interested in Rollins and he helped organize a "friend raiser" that drew about 150 people to a local hotel and helped to "reconnect Rollins graduates with the school."

Alumni often serve as ambassadors to prospective students. "Last year, we arranged a meeting during an alumni club event between a student-athlete from the Chicago area and an alum-





nus who had recruited him the year before," Wood said. "Most of the student's friends had gone to state schools, but he was attracted to Rollins. His parents were at the meeting and were so happy; they said they could see how much he had blossomed at Rollins after just one year. That's the kind of alumni contact that can change a person's life."

Internally, the Alumni Office is developing better systems for tracking volunteers, matching their abilities to the College's needs, and providing training and informational tools to help volunteers carry out their tasks effectively. This summer, for example, they will kick off a program with the Office of Admission that will organize key alumni in targeted areas as ambassadors, with the aim of increasing the pool of applicants. "We're just in the initial stages of developing a fully functioning volunteer program that properly utilizes all the people who want to help, and apparently what we develop can serve as a model, because most other colleges don't really have such a system, either. We are fully committed to it," said Wood.

She also noted that, in addition to the intangible gratification that connection to the College provides, Rollins provides services to alumni. The Career Services Office is open to any alumnus who wishes to make use of it, whether a recent graduate or a long-time executive looking for a new career. Communication to alumni has improved considerably via the

*Alumni Record* and "Rollins Today" and the Rollins new World Wide Web page. The Alumni Association paid for the stand-alone unit and the set-up of the page itself. Many alumni have used it get information about Rollins.

"Without alumni, we wouldn't have a school," Lickle said. "All of us need to be more proud of Rollins than we have been in the past. Rollins is now one of the top academic schools in the

Southeast, and our diplomas have appreciated considerably. You find Rollins graduates all over the world and there's a bond there."

It's never too late to reconnect with Rollins, either. **Bud Bilensky '56** returned to campus for the Crew Reunion, for the first time in 40 years. He ran into his freshman roommate, whom he had not seen since graduation day. It was all a bit overwhelming at first, he said, but he and his

wife had "a marvelous time." Bud wanted to thank Scott Lyden for getting everyone together, for without Scott's efforts he may never have returned. That's the power of alumni involvement.

"I worked for Disney for about 20 years, and had no other life," Jack Myers said. "Now, I want to do more philanthropic things. When I look over my life, Rollins was one of my most valuable experiences."

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# CLASS NEWS

*Class News Editor: Diana S. Johnson*

**29 Mary Veasey Leech** celebrated her 90th birthday with a party given by her daughter. Over 200 guests were present, along with 14 relatives.

**32 Natasha Pilenko Audrain** (below), with Alumni staffers **Sally Fleischmann '95**, **Jill Slavens Wacker '91**, and Admission Counselor **Heather Smiley '94**, stopped by the Alumni Office, her first visit to Rollins in over 50 years! She caught the writing bug as a student working on the *Sandspur* and *Flamingo* and when she left Rollins she became a reporter in Paris and a war correspondent. She also worked as a reporter for *Time Magazine*. Natasha lives in Raleigh, NC.



**34 Robert Fuchs** is actively engaged as an arbitrator-mediator in New England and Florida. He and his wife spend their time between Delray, FL and Chestnut Hill, MA. **Victoria Bedford Betts** had a one-man art show in Santa Fe, NM and her first book has been selected for an international list. She resides in Yardley, PA.

**35 Olcott Deming** returned for the 1996 Alumni Reunion Weekend and said that the changes to the campus are all for the better. His fondest memories of Rollins are getting married in the Chapel and seeing his three children graduate from the College. Reynolds and **Eleanor Reese Morse** are pictured here in the Dali Museum



during "The Young Dali" exhibition, St. Petersburg, FL, May 1995 (above).

**36 Marlen Eldredge Neumann** had her article "Escape From Andersonville" published in the *Washington Times* on January 20, 1996. She is still writing and doing volunteer work.

**38 Al McCreary** is a retired reporter and freelance writer and lives in Louisville, KY.

**40 Donald and Charlotte Gregg Ogilvie** are moving after 38 years to a villa at the Mayflower in Winter Park, where one of their neighbors will be **Jessie McCreary Reed '45**. Don was inducted, for football and crew, into the Rollins Sports Hall of Fame during Reunion Weekend '96.

**42 Mary Trendle Johnston** bakes and decorates cakes for all occasions. She is on the Advisory Committee for Meals-on-Wheels and makes deliveries every week. She also enjoys working on various arts and crafts and visiting her children and grandchildren.

**44 Naomi Ferguson MacCaugherty** is singing in the church choir and working part-time for a florist. She plans to marry in the near future to an author and Presbyterian minister.

**45 Edith Bennett Confehr** is enjoying retirement after 20 years as an occupational therapist in the Bethesda area. She enjoys playing golf and is learning to use a new Big Bertha. She hasn't stopped knitting, gardening, traveling, or playing bridge.

**47** Along with five other artists, **Ruth Brooks Muir** had an art exhibition at the Summit St. Gallery in Iowa City. Over 200 people attended the opening night. Several of her paintings were done during a recent trip to Paris. Ruth reports that her husband Robert died in February. After nearly 50 years of marriage, **Betty "Becky" Hill Buckley** lost her husband. She would like to get in touch with any grads in the Denver metro area and invites friends coming that way to give her a call. **Pat McGehee Bush** and her husband enjoy traveling around the world by ship, plane, and auto. They spend several months of the year in Florida and the rest of the time at their home in Washington, DC. They drove through the campus last year and said Rollins is still beautiful!

**48 Muriel Fox** received a surprise "Our Hero" award from the NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund in recognition of "A Lifetime of Dedication to the Cause of Women's Equality." The occasion was the Equal Opportunity Awards Dinner, which Muriel has headed for 17 years. Muriel is a NOW founder and its former national chairwoman. **Margaret VanDuzer Jelstrom** has written a family roots book, *Peg's Scrapbook*, which has been published and copyrighted and is in the NSDAR library in Washington, Elmira, NY, and Warwick, NY.



**49 Carleton Emery** (pictured above with Alumni Director **Cynthia Wood**) presented the Alumni Office the College seal done in blue and gold stained glass. This beautiful work of art



now hangs in the window of the Alumni House for visitors to admire. Carleton said he enjoyed making the piece because it reminded him of his Rollins days living on Lakeview Drive and watching the sun rise over Lake Virginia. He now resides in Satellite Beach, FL and does his stained glass work on a commission basis. **Tony Consoli** would like to see the '49ers 50th reunion in 1999 involve the "Prexy years" as a fitting end to the century... anyone interested in helping? During a visit



to Palm Beach last February, President Rita Bornstein had the opportunity to meet two South Florida residents with Rollins connections:

**William Koch, Jr.** (l) is a member of the Class of 1949, and Charles M. Beeghly's son, **Charles, Jr.**, graduated in 1967 and was named a trustee of the College in 1985. **Patricia Meyer Spacks** published a book titled *Boredom: Literary History of a State of Mind*. **Jean Allen Scherer** spent a wonderful three weeks in England driving over 1600 miles in the countryside. While attending her 50th high school reunion at Orlando High, she stayed with **Hoyt** and **Pat Furey Van Buren '49**. Jean and Pat were in the same high school class and have been friends through the years.



**50 Bob Draughon** and **Jack Henderson**, US Army retired with two purple hearts, got together last summer—48 years and two wars after their last meeting. The two paged through the '47 *Tomokan* to relive many old memories. Jack was a color bearer at the Korean War Memorial ceremony in Washington.

**51 Anne Garretson Barnhill** sold her business in Ashland, OH and is retired. She and husband Bob own a home in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico and reside there 6 months of the year. **Joan Champion** spends most of her time on the golf course now that she has retired. She promised her Rollins roommate, **Ann Turley Warinner**, that she will return to campus for their 50th reunion in 5 years! **Jim Edens**, although retired, still keeps busy with several part-time jobs and interests. He and wife Betty attended a Rollins event in

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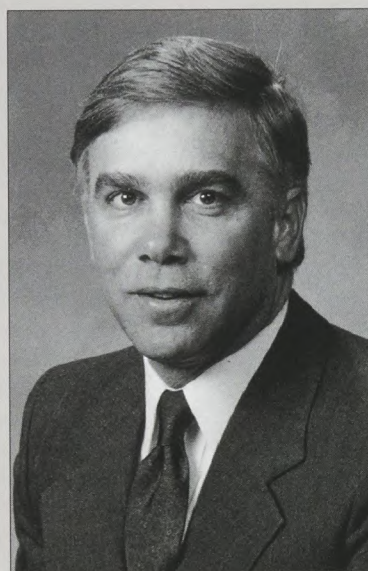
### Pedro Martinez-Fonts '68

What makes Rollins College special? For prospective students, that answer can vary. When Pedro Martinez-Fonts was considering college in the mid-'60s, it was the College's outstanding baseball team that initially attracted him to the Winter Park school.

"At that time in the school's history, spring sports were very strong," he said. "Joe Justice was the baseball coach and Boyd Coffie was his assistant. I played baseball for my high school in Miami, so the program at Rollins was very appealing. They offered scholarships to three of us at my school and two of us, Bob Gustafson and myself, accepted."

After arriving at Rollins, Martinez-Fonts, who was born in Cuba and emigrated with his parents to America when he was 12, was impressed with the level of freedom that students enjoyed, the relaxed, "laid back" environment, and sense of family. "There were over 800 kids in my high school graduating class, so I had more than a few TV classrooms with over 100 students. At Rollins, I seldom had classes with more than a dozen students. Also, we enjoyed such a close relationship with our professors that it was not uncommon for them to invite us to their homes."

This relaxed environment carried over into athletics. "We worked hard and competed well against Division I schools," he said. "Our practices were physically challenging, but very dress casual, as we would often take off our shirts to get some sun. Coach Justice would be shirtless, too! Baseball had a strong following: students would come back from the beach and park their cars along the first base line (there was no fence then) to watch the games and cheer us on. There was an intimate atmosphere to the campus in those days."



Some of the professors Martinez-Fonts remembers fondly were Charles Welsh, professor and first dean of the Crummer Business School, physics professor John Ross, and accounting professor A. Ross Evans. Martinez-Fonts, who attended Rollins on an athletic scholarship, was one of the first students to earn his MBA degree from the Crummer School under the 3-2 program.

Following graduation in 1968, Martinez-Fonts went to work as an accounting supervisor for the General Electric Corporation in Daytona Beach. Two years later, after fulfilling obligations with the Florida National Guard,

he joined the accounting department of The Dow Chemical Company, and in 1974 he transferred to the company's sales force. Today, he directs Dow's Epoxy Products business commercial efforts for all of North America.

How did Rollins prepare him for his career? "Rollins enjoys a very diverse student body, and that experience gave me the confidence that I could relate effectively with all types of people" said.

Martinez-Fonts, who joined Rollins' Alumni Board of Directors in fall 1995, has continued to help his alma mater in many ways. Recently, he was instrumental in influencing the Dow

Chemical Foundation to grant Rollins \$25,000 for completion of a pilot summer research program in chemistry.

"I am very grateful to Rollins for the education I received there," he said. "For those alumni who attended the College on scholarships as I did, I believe we have a special obligation to give something back so that others can benefit as we did. As a board member, I am particularly interested in targeting those 'scholarship' alumni and encouraging them to support their alma mater."—LRH

Charlotte, NC. They have 3 grandchildren. **Francis "Notie" Natolis** and wife **Ginger Butler Natolis '50** have a 200-plus cattle farm near Marietta, OH. They are restoring an 1835 brick Federal house which they moved 50 miles to their property. They still share an interest in antiques.

**52** *Correction: The last issue of the Record reported the death of Dick Pope's grandson. It was actually Pope's son who passed away. We send our apologies and our sympathy, Dick. Lyle*

**Chambers** reports that five of the 10 athletes selected for the Winter Park High School Inaugural Athletic Hall of Fame played sports at Rollins. They include Lyle, **Don Tauscher '55**, **Jim Doran '57**, **Al Chubb '53**, and **Bob Bishop**. Lyle said his most memorable moment at Rollins was when the 1948 baseball team won the state championship.

**53 Raymond Burchett** plans to return to selling marine vessels. He writes that the I.R.S. may call them "yachts," but he thinks of them as floating domiciles! **Frank D.S. Evans** is a research biologist at the



Florida Medical Entomology Laboratory in Vero Beach, FL. He is working on mosquito-related problems.

**54 C. Norman Kent** has been nominated to a three-year term on the Board of Directors of the Central Florida Educators. He is currently the board's chair, serving on all committees as an ad-hoc member. **Barbara Bremerman Timberman** writes that **Frances** and **Dick Pope '52** were in Blowing Rock last year and visited with her in Newland, NC.



**57 Richard Haldeman** retired after 34 years as director of public relations at Erskine College. He was honored at a banquet, where he was presented with a computer. A few months later, he received the Gaston Award from the College News Association of the Carolinas. His wife, **Janice Hamilton Haldeman '58**, continues as head of the Biology Department at Erskine.



**58 Richard O'Loughlin** (above with wife, Sally and son, Thomas) sold his branch manufacturing facility in Livingston, Scotland, but will remain to help with the company's worldwide expansion into Singapore and other areas. He is looking forward to his 40th reunion and renewing old acquaintances. His son, Thomas, is a freshman at Rollins. **Bruce Beal** has been elected a member of the Board of the Massachusetts Eye & Ear Infirmary. Bruce is also a trustee of several non-profit institutions in the Boston area and serves on the visiting committee of the Harvard School of Public Health.

**59 Robert S. Whitelaw** of Rock Spring, GA has announced he will run for State Representative in his district. He retired after 18 years with the Walker Correctional Institute and currently serves as a member of the Walker County 1996 Class of Leadership, a program sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

**60 Lucille Harvey Taff**, an avid bowler, bowled in a national tournament in Tuscon, AZ and in a senior tournament in Southern California. She enjoys retirement and does volunteer work in a hospital in Escondido, CA.

**61 William Bentley** reports that he sees **Dutch Schoener**, **Frank Healys**, **Jim McDermott**, **Whit Chase '62**, and **Don Salyer '59** and talks by phone with **Roger Seabrook '59** and **Jay Banker**. William would like all "Rollinsites" to call him at 1-800-456-6545, ext. 7643.



**62 Ruth Lynn Whittaker Phillips** and her husband plan to build a house at Brays Island Plantation near Beaufort, SC. She says they will not miss the snow in PA!

**63 Lucy Hufstader Sharp** graduated from Yale Divinity School with a Master of Divinity degree. She is chaplain for a hospital and women's prison near Katonah, NY.

**64 Robert Balink** recently sold his business and moved to Colorado Springs, but he still maintains homes in Pensacola and Dallas. Bob had a fantastic mini-reunion with **John Wrather '65** and his wife and **John '65** and **Dottie Wood Klopp '67**. If fellow alumni are coming to the area to ski, give Robert and Adele a call and they will be happy to meet you on the slopes! **Sallie Off Sadler** is a senior psychiatric social worker and a Licensing Board examiner for the State of CA. She and her husband live in Oakland, CA and enjoy skiing, sailing, hiking, and camping. **Susan Altman Werbin** was president of the NY Metro Chapter of the Institute for Management Science (now INFORMS), a nonprofit networking group for unemployed computer professionals. Susan is president and founder of Werbin Associates Executive Search, Inc. in NY.

**65 Kennedy Clark** is semi-retired from the legal world. His current main activity is handling purebred show dogs at competitive events in the Midwest. He raises and breeds Scottish Deerhounds at the Hylands Kennels in Louisville, KY. **George Fisher** received the 1995 American Chemical Society's "Southern Chemist" Award, presented by the Memphis Section ACS in recognition of distinguished service to the profession of chemistry in the South during the past ten years. He received the South Florida ACS Distinguished Service Award in 1991. George is professor of chemistry at Barry University, where he teaches organic chemistry and does bio-analytical research on Alzheimer's Disease. In March, **Jane Truesdall Johnson** will have an art show at Rooms and Gardens Lafayette Street in Soho, NY. **Jon Bednerik** is in his fourth year as executive director of Florida Pool & Spa Association in Sarasota. He and his wife enjoy living on Longboat Key. **Christopher Jenkins** is busy in real estate, chairman of Blue Ridge Ducks Unlimited, and director of the Partnership for Warrenton, VA.

**Richard "Dixie" Chapman** was featured in a story in the *Pilot*, a Pinehurst, NC paper. In the article, he discussed his father's accomplishments as a famed amateur golfer and reminisced about how **Peggy Kirk Bell '43**, Ben Hogan, and Jimmy Demaret would spend weekends at their home in Pinehurst. His father taught him golf at an early age and he now plays to a one handicap. Dixie reports that he was the lucky recipient of a ball used by Ben Hogan for an iron shot on the 18th green that won him the US Open title (the shot was featured on the cover of *LIFE* magazine). Following the tournament, Ben gave the ball to Dixie's dad, asking him to give it to Dixie. That prized golf ball is on a silver tee in Dixie's den.

**66 Greeley Wells** finished the 4th annual poster and card for the city of Jacksonville, OR. He also had his eighth one-person show of new work landscapes. After a 30-year hiatus, **Frank Weddell** is shooting a pilot for a TV sitcom. He also runs an open-mike night at a CT coffee-house. **Stuart Lathrop** moved from Maine to Sarasota, FL and is the concierge at the Longboat Key Club. He saw **Cary Kresge**, a guest at the resort, for the first time in 30 years. Stuart hopes to see more classmates now that he is back in FL.

**69 Connie Hirschman Shorb** hopes to return to the competitive golf circuit after taking the summer off to care for her oldest son, who broke his neck in the ocean at Ft. Lauderdale. Thanks to excellent care at the hospital, he is out of a wheelchair and walking. He is now undergoing outpatient rehab in York, PA and plans to go to college this fall. **Angus McKinnon** is retired from active duty with the Air Force and is working now as a base transition coordinator for the Department of Defense, which will assist communities with the military base closings and realignments. Angus lives in Rome, NY. **Anne Elmore Berlam** has accepted a position with the State Board of Education in Raleigh, NC. She is responsible for state and federal education lobbying activities.

**70 Ann Brisbane Baird** is director of the Bascom-Louise Gallery and Highlands Center for Visual Arts, a nonprofit gallery and summer workshop program which specializes in showing artists of the region and the Southeast. **Sandra Jetton** was married in October 1995 to David Picker at Tavern on the Green in New York. Alumni in attendance were **Lorrie Kyle**







## Sara Harbottle Howden '35

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The College community in February mourned the death of Emerita Dean of Women Sara Harbottle Howden '35.

Those who knew Howden remembered her selfless commitment to Rollins and the surrounding locale. She served as an alumni trustee before becoming dean of women in 1965. Throughout her tenure with Rollins, Howden assisted in public relations, student affairs, development, and community relations before retiring from the College in 1975. While a student at Rollins, Howden was vice president of both the Panhellenic Council and Kappa Kappa Gamma.

After graduation she served as president of the Orange County League of Women Voters, vice president and legislative chairman of the State League, and administrative assistant to Florida State Senator Beth Johnson. In addition to her service on numerous local boards, Howden helped found the Orange

County ADDitions School Volunteer Program. She also continued to devote her energies to the College, serving as an organizing officer of the Board of Visitors of the Cornell Fine Arts Museum.

In recognition of her exemplary dedication, Howden was honored with the College's Hamilton Holt Medal and the Alumni Service Award.

Suzy Geisler '68 still holds extremely fond memories of Howden, who was dean of women when she was a student. "I always considered her my mentor," said Geisler. "She was a woman all women looked up to with tremendous respect and admiration."

Geisler said Howden was in tune with the students and was never domineering. "In the '60s we were all used to very authoritarian types of people in control of our lives. She was able to gain our respect without being authoritarian. She was really cool."

Geisler also admired Howden for being down-to-earth. "She had total respect for you as a person. She didn't care if your dad was a locksmith or chairman of the board of a big corporation."

Arnold Wettstein, professor of philosophy and religion, was a colleague of Howden's and spoke at a memorial service for her. One of his most vivid memories of Howden was a lecture she gave for the old animated magazine on the patterns of education for women. Wettstein said Howden was ahead of her time. "In many ways she anticipated a lot of thinking later developed of women in education," he said.

The theme of Wettstein's remarks at the memorial service was "keeping in touch."

"It seemed that Sara kept us in touch with each other," he said, "and she kept us in touch with the issues of the day. She kept us in touch with Rollins tradition and the future through her generosity of spirit and enthusiasm, which was rather contagious."

Jane Duvall '62, like Howden, was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma and later served as an advisor to the sorority. She said that whenever morale was low among the sisterhood, she called on Howden.

"She was always very uplifting," recalled Duvall. "At age 75 she could go to the Kappa house and relate to girls 18. She set an example for everyone.—KDH



and **Dan Ramey**, **Chris Romero '69**, and **Jay Dobbs**. **John Kest** was the recipient of the 1996 Florida Bar President's Pro Bono Service Award for the Ninth Judicial Circuit. The award was presented by the Honorable Stephen Grimes, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Florida. John was a finalist for the 1996 Children Must Count Award, which is given by the Orange County Citizen's Commission for Children.



**72 Stanley Gale** (above r) recently visited Rollins and his former soccer coach, Gordie Howell, while vacationing in Florida with his wife, DiAnne, and their three children. Gale is principal owner of Gale & Wentworth, Inc., a real estate management firm in Florham Park, NJ. The Crummer School graduate, who as a student was voted All-South region for his athletic ability, last year was named "Man of the Year" by his hometown. **Allyson Staley Samiljan** is a volunteer with Hospice of Palm Beach County and the American Heart Association. After four years serving on the local board, she was appointed to the Board of Directors of the AHA Florida affiliate. She also serves on the Parent-Teacher Board at Wellington Christian School, where her two children attend school. **Holly Rogers Loomis** was one of 4 four guest speakers at the "HIV/AIDS: Why Should I Be Concerned" seminar, which is endorsed by the University of Central Florida Initiative on Aging and Longevity. Holly is the pastoral outreach coordinator for Hope & Help Center of Central FL. She was also selected from dozens of candidates for the GLCS award in the spiritual outreach division. **Tom Austin** was chosen NCAA South Coach of the Year, Division III for 1995. His Methodist College baseball team finished runner-up in the National Championship. **Frederick Schick's** son Paul is a member of the Rollins Class of '99.

**73 Jonathan Hunt** was elected principal of A.T. Kearney, a global management consulting firm. His consulting specialties include publishing, profit improvement, business process reengineering, electronic publishing strategies, and process improvement. He is based in NY. After 18 years as a CPA, **George Miller** is doing his internship in clinical psychology at the University City of South Carolina and will receive his PsyD from the

Georgia School of Professional Psychology in Atlanta. His 16-year-old daughter is ranked second nationally in the 16-and-unders in tennis.

**74 Ted Nye** is enjoying the east coast of NC as general manager for a beachfront community. **Leslie Bearce Crosby** has been named a partner in the CPA firm Bella, Hermida, Gillman & Associates in Plant City, FL. **Deborah Jones Mika** is a staff anesthetist at the Christian Hospital Northeast in St. Louis. She had the opportunity to visit with **Darcy Olesen** and **Donna Stein '73** while on a visit to Washington, DC. Deborah sends a special hello to Darcy, Donna, Pat '74, and Kathy '74!

**75 Dave Boone** writes he has found his niche on drums. He and some friends formed a rock band in 1994 and have quite a following in Atlanta, but they are not quite ready to give up their day jobs yet! **Bill Barker** is the head women's soccer coach at the University of Georgia. He is a licensed coach with the United States Soccer Federation at level B & C. **Richard Gryte HH** has retired and he and wife Elna bought a travel trailer and travel 12 to 15,000 miles each year. They plan to see all of Canada and the USA.

**76 Richard Spencer** lives in Atlanta, where he is in the investment banking area of Merrill Lynch focusing on private equity. He is responsible for the Southeast and Latin America and spends one week every month in South America. **Jane McElyea HH** is owner and publisher of McElyea Publications in Winter Park. She and her daughter write, market, and publish Classic Gift Books.

**77 Mark Crone** finished the 1995 water ski season 7th on the world ranking list and 9th on the Bud Pro Tour ranking list. **Roxanne Mouguel Fleming** announces the birth of their third child, George, on June 14, 1995. **Shelley Wilson** is co-chairman of the "Christmas in April" program in Peoria, which assists the elderly, disabled, and low-income homeowners with free housing repairs. Shelley would be very interested to hear if any alumni are involved with this program elsewhere or would like to start a "Christmas in April" program in their community. She would be happy to steer them in the right direction. **Cathy Pixley McLaury** and family now live in Garches, France. She reports that after eight months in Paris, she is becoming quite a tour guide and that her 13-year-old daughter loves France. She will be happy to show the town to any alums vacationing in Paris. **Jean Halle Lewis** is a volunteer in the Memphis area with the Pink Palace Arts & Crafts Show, the Dixon Museum,

and Ronald McDonald House, serves as co-chair of the Art of Good Taste Auction to benefit the Brooks Museum, and was a bar-b-q judge of Memphis for the May Bar-B-Q contest.



**79 Harlan "Gene" Cross BR** (above) has been promoted to senior vice president, operations officer for the MITRE Corporation's Department of Defense, a federally funded research and development center. MITRE is a not-for-profit engineering firm engaged in scientific and technical activities for the public benefit. While at Rollins, one of **W. Preston Willingham's** professors encouraged him to focus on sculpting. He has since completed nine commissions of public sculpture on permanent display, two war memorials installed in public parks, and 12 private commissions. One sculpture has been named a historic monument by the governor of Florida, and another resides in former President Ronald Reagan's library. Preston's father suffered from severe back pain and, after years of research based on his knowledge of anatomy, Preston created the Backjoy seat for preventing and relieving back pain, which is now on the market and produced by Sunsource International, Inc. **Sybil Best Williamson** earned her Certified Internal Auditor designation and is chief accountant for the City of Sanford. She enjoys the outdoors, art and music, and collectibles. **Cassandra Carter** has relocated to Northern VA, where she and her mother manage a real estate portfolio.

**80 Steve Larsen** and his wife adopted their second daughter, Sydney Leah, from the Zhanjiang Orphanage in Southern China. If anyone is thinking of enlarging or starting a family and considering foreign adoption, Steve will gladly share "his story" and information on adoption agencies. **Jennifer Held Matthaei** is on the Board



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# Sharon Bylenga '81: Leading the glamorous life of an agricultural economist

**F**or someone who was told, while in graduate school studying agricultural economics, that she would likely "end up selling seeds in Iowa somewhere," Sharon Bylenga '81 has had an interesting career. She has lived the last seven years in Switzerland as an analyst and agricultural attaché for the international trade negotiations that culminated in the GATT treaty in 1994. Now, on loan from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to the United Nations' Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO), she has accepted a new posting in Rome for which she will travel throughout Eastern and Central Europe to assess agricultural projects for lending by the World Bank and other development organizations.

Bylenga first got a taste for foreign travel in the Rollins' Australian studies program. After graduating with a degree in political science, she considered joining the Peace Corps but was not ready to make a two-year commitment. Instead, she applied for a summer program in Guinea Bissau. Bylenga had to raise some of her own expense money, from Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs in Clearwater and Rollins' Black Student Union, in exchange for which she gave speeches and slide presentations to these groups about her experiences there.

"We built a well, which required cement work without modern tools, and we lived with the people there," Bylenga said. "Being an American overseas was kind of fun. But coming back and describing my experiences was quite a challenge."

Bylenga went on to Michigan State University to study agricultural economics because of her experience in Guinea Bissau, but with a hazy sense of where the degree would take her.

"I'm glad I sought a more general education as an undergrad and then focused more narrowly in graduate

school" she said. "I got such a breadth of education from Rollins. Having had a liberal arts education, I'm leery of the drive to depersonalize education using computers and video. My major professor at MSU has taken a sabbatical to develop a lecture series that can be accessed over the Internet. She is convinced that long-distance education is on the cutting edge, that the Internet can make available all the greatest professors to any student who wants them. I respect her greatly, and her argument is persuasive, but I think how different my education would have been had I learned via the Internet. I think of the 'Development of Political Culture' course with Drs. Lairson and Williams, where 15 of us learned from two professors, and we had amazing conversations about American ideology and institutions. There is no substitute for the interchange of the classroom," she said.

The day after defending her master's thesis, Bylenga went to Rwanda, where she got a job with the U.S. Agency for International Development (AID) as a contractor. After a time working stateside with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, she was sent to Switzerland to provide support and analysis for the GATT negotiators.

"Agriculture was by far the most contentious issue of the GATT negotiations," Bylenga said. "Nations had to compromise longstanding agricultural interests in order to create a multilateral, multinational free-trade system

that will benefit everybody. Japan even opened up a small portion of its rice market, which is sacred, to make the agreement work.

"It will help both industrialized and developing countries. Europe and the United States are too good at agriculture; they produce huge surpluses in grain, beef, wine, and other products. By the late '80s, these countries began paying nations such as Algeria to take their surplus agricultural products instead of those of other countries. That's called an export subsidy, and it ruins the international market for poor countries, which usually rely heavily on agricultural exports. The GATT agreement will discipline these export subsidies and help poor countries break into the market."

In her new position with the U.N., Bylenga will travel throughout Central and Eastern Europe, including regions of the old Soviet Union. Bylenga's work will directly affect how the fragile societies emerging from Soviet control manage their most important resources.

"The changes made at the beginning of the process are so important," she said. "Usually, governments support their agricultural sectors with price supports, which encourages overproduction and poor land management. We want to get away from this and give farmers more autonomy to choose what they will grow and have prices really reflect the price of production."

—Bobby Davis '82



Sharon Bylenga, with Alumni Director Cynthia Wood, at her 15th Reunion in March.



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of Directors of the Patapsco Female Institute. The institute's facility began as a girls' boarding school in the early 1800s and has been used for a variety of other purposes throughout the years. The renovated ruins were opened as a historic park last fall.



**81** **Andrea Eliscu** (above) authored the newly published *Position for Success! Marketing Strategies for Group Practices*. The book, which offers marketing tips, strategies, and case studies of value to health care providers, marketers, and managers, has received rave reviews in five publications. Andrea is president of Medical Marketing



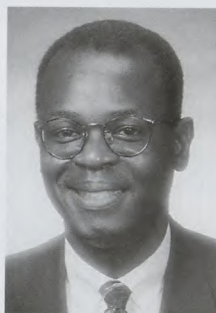
Inc. in Winter Park, FL. **Lois Sawtelle** married **Greg Hochhauser '82** (above) on July 8, 1995 in the Knowles Memorial Chapel. Lois and Greg were friends at Rollins but had not seen each other in 14 years. Fate intervened when they ran into each other at a Western-wear market in Denver, CO. Alumni who attended the ceremony were **Tod Sawtelle '82**, **Caroline Sawtelle Blinn '64**, **Dave Clark '78**, **Nancy Anderson Clark '78**, **Craig Crimmings**, **Mimi Carrington O'Brien '80**, **Bennett Sedacca**, **Lee Smith '79**, **Trish Conover Wubker**, **Randy Taylor '76**, **Kristen Velz '80**, **Bruce Mills '78**, **Jan Phillips Alman**, **Blair Silliman MacLeod '84**, **Robbie MacLeod '82**, and **Tom Hauske '84**. **Craig Hood** is business director for Petroferm, Inc. in Fernandina Beach, FL. He writes that **Steve Hovdesven** is co-owner of the Santa Barbara Brewing Company, a micro-brewery and restaurant in Santa Barbara, CA.



**82** **John Tierney** was promoted at Hershey Foods Corporation to manager, accounting/operational planning. He and wife **Abby Andrews Tierney '83** are kept busy with daughter Elaine and daughter Gail, who was born May 21, 1994.

**William and Jacqueline Branson Young '83** announce the birth of William Bryan Young III on October 14, 1994. **Michael Healy** has taken up the challenging job of home educator and full-time dad to 4-year-old son Nathaniel. **Frank Tungol CR** received his BBA degree from the University of the East in Manila, Philippines. He was a CPA prior to coming to the US and Rollins in 1978. He remarried in 1990 and has a daughter, Nikkei Fatima. Frank is director of materials management at Victor Valley Community Hospital in Victorville, CA. **Grace Chewning HH** has won the Dedicated Service Award from the Orlando Human Relations Commission. She has worked for the city for more than 40 years. Grace and her husband live on four acres along with Wekiva River with their dog, cat, peacocks, geese, ducks, goats, and chickens.

**Rodney Adkins (r)** received the 1996 Black Engineer of the Year Award and was recognized for engineering and professional excellence through the Professional Achievement in Industry Award. Rodney is vice president/commercial desktop development with the IBM Corporation. **Richard Robinson HH**, who lives in Winter Haven, FL, is now working at Warner South College and is state vice president of the Florida Association of Campus Safety and Security Administrators. He is also a part-time police officer with the Dundee Police. **Allison Zent Applegate** is currently a full-time graduate student at Xavier University in Cincinnati, OH. She hopes to teach Montessori education next year.



**83** **Andreanne Attaway Blanchon** has three children and one Ukrainian foster child and has completed a children's novel. **Eva Gorrell** hosted an alumni gathering for alumni in the Greensboro, NC area at the Greensboro Country Club. In attendance were **Mel Clanton '41**, **Emily Dockery Carlson '74**, **Carl Carlson '74**, **Alberta Haynes Herron '71**, **Pat Hall '67**, **Edie Murphy Shepley '81**, **Scott Trethaway '76**, and **Lori Wayne '92**. **Laurel Stalder Bookhardt** announces the birth of daughter Rebecca Ann on October 17, 1995. Laurel and family plan to move to Portland, OR. **Cecilia de Jong Montalvo** is senior executive for the Sequoia Hospital District and lives in Atherton, CA.

**84** **Tanya Lalos Dietz** and husband Michael proudly announce the birth of Danielle Marie on May 30, 1995. She joins brother Michael, born September 22, 1993. **Lisa Rodriguez Snyder** is service center manager with AllState Insurance.

She and husband Tom live in Lewisville, TX. **Charles Fredrick** and wife Laura announce the birth of daughter Julia. **Andrew Sokol** would like to hear from classmates and Sig Ep alumni via the Internet. His E-mail address is: SKOLMAN@msn.com. **John Holloway** has finished the Los Angeles Marathon the last four years and finished the Triple Crown, a 200-mile bicycle event in CA. **Michael Korens** is counsel for the US Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation.

**85** **Mary Lopuszynski** enjoyed doing the merchandising for the '95 US Open and will have the opportunity to do it again for the '98 Open at Olympic in San Francisco. Mary works for the United States Golf Association in Far Hills, NJ. **Bob Boyd** is pleased to announce the formation of the Boyd Law Firm in Tallahassee, FL. Bob joins his father in lobbying and will continue his practice in litigation, environmental, and administrative law. **Jenna Lawrence Hoshi**, her husband, and their three-year-old daughter Erika are still in the Pacific living in the Republic of Marshall Islands. They spent their seventh anniversary in Hawaii. **Keith Arnold** is director of marketing at SIERRA Tucson Inc., a drug and alcohol rehab center in Orol Valley, AZ. **Greta Conover McMillan** is curator of the Knoxville Zoological Park. She has been working with red pandas since she studied their breeding habits for her master's thesis 10 years ago. Greta has developed a videotape to teach her techniques to other keepers, and the Knoxville Zoo sponsored a conference to introduce her methods to curators from 12 of the 48 other North American zoos that keep red pandas. Red pandas are native to the Himalayan forests of Nepal and China, and no one knows how many are now living in the wild. **Janet Hance Rapp** announces the birth of their second child, Evan James, on November 16, 1995. **David Morgan** is assistant manager for Brown Brothers Harriman & Co., a 180-year-old trust and investment advisory firm with offices throughout the world. He heads up the marketing effort in Naples, FL.

**86** **Suzanne Gabriel Rupp** attended the annual Society of CPCU (Chartered Property & Casualty Underwriters) convention in Honolulu, where she and husband Lynn received the CPCU designation. They are pleased to announce the birth of daughter Julia on May 12, 1995. The Rupps live in Warwick, NY. **Laurin Matthews Baldwin** and husband **Robert '85** announce the birth of their third child, Daniel John, on July 12, 1995. The Baldwin family of five attended Alumni Reunion Weekend in March and enjoyed the festivities. **Alison Fenwick Graham** has been appointed cardiology nurse clinician at Orlando Regional Medical Center. **Angela Nardi** and husband Peter Quigley announce the birth of



their second son, Dominic Daniel, on February 21, 1996. **Betsy Kearney** has joined Princeton Management Resources, a company specializing in telemarketing management and consulting. Betsy is assistant to the vice president of finance and director of human resources.

**87 Amy Teets Triggs** and husband Matt are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Molly Katherine on December 3, 1995. They live in West Palm Beach, FL. **Sharon Weislo** has been promoted to director of guidance and counseling services for Chesterfield County Public Schools in Richmond, VA. **Barbara Ward Meyer** and husband Gregg announce the birth of daughter Caroline Downing on October 27, 1995. She joins sister Elizabeth (5) and brother Nathaniel (2). Barbara visited **Megan Thomas Hollister '88** in Colorado Springs. She also enjoyed meeting Molly, daughter of **Amy Teets Triggs**.

**88 John and Pam Finley Henry '90** had their first baby, John Talbot "JT" Henry IV, on July 5, 1995. John is working for EDS in Dallas and Pam works part-time for a consulting firm, devoting the rest of her energies to raising JT. **William Bartlett** has had a very eventful year. He married Monica Marciczewicz, managing editor of Social Text, received his doctorate at Rutgers in English, and began working for NBC in New York. Now he and Monica are looking for an apartment in Manhattan. **Chauncey Goss** and wife Allison are thrilled to announce the birth of their first child, Porter Johnston, on September 11, 1995. They live in Boca Grande, FL. **Camilla Corballis** married Ashton McFadden on August 27, 1995. They bought an apartment in NYC, where Camilla is a teacher's assistant at the Dalton School. **Jeffrey Wolf** and his new bride, Brooke Bruder, own and operate Golf Holiday, a golf travel company in Loveland, OH. **Gena Farrington** and **David Collis '90** were married in Destin, FL on February 25, 1995. Gena received her MA from George Washington University in Museum Exhibition Design and David has been deputy director of the Georgetown University Cuba Project. They spent March 1995 in Santiago, Chile, where David was Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar. **John Myers** is district manager for Toyota Motor Sales Inc. in Cincinnati and helps his wife with residential rehabilitation homes in the area. **Megan Thomas Hollister** and husband **Buell '89** announce the birth of Callie Ames on January 31, 1996. Callie joins 22-month-old sister Emma.

**89 Rori Gonzalez** received her nursing degree from the University of Florida and is now working at Shands Hospital in Gainesville, FL. **Anne Bolling** is living in KY and working as a

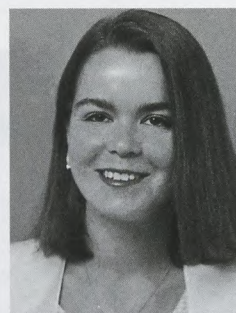
biologist/wetland scientist for CDM Federal Programs, an environmental consulting firm. She has 3 Arabian horses who keep her busy.



**90 Lara Gutsch** married Scott Dario on April 29, 1995 in Scottsdale, AZ (above). **Michelle Calcaterra Orhan** was a bridesmaid. Lara is with Dean Witter Reynolds. **Spencer Rhodes**, his wife Sara, and their 3-year-old son Dylan reside in Charlottesville, VA. Spencer is the founder of Magic Net, Inc., which provides Internet services in Central FL. He entered University of Virginia Law school in the fall of '94. **Woody Nash** left Paine Webber to help build a small Vermont-based footwear company, New England OverShoe. Their chief product is the neos, sold through catalogs and stores. He and his partner design and import "performance overshoes" for children and adults, which turns ordinary shoes or sneakers into boots. Woody was married in the Knowles Chapel last year. After serving as director of tennis operations at the TOPSL Beach and Racquet Club in Destin, FL, **Matt Rose** is now the new head tennis coach and director of the Johnson Lifetime Fitness Center at Washington College, located in Chestertown on Maryland's Eastern Shore. The college has had the Division III men's individual champion for the past two years. **John Chlusi** is doing certified financial planning at his company, John Sea and Associates in Boca Raton, FL. **Debby Fuller and Craig Penn** were married September, 1994. Debby is working on her master's degree and Craig works for a bank in Denver, CO. **Shannon Goessling** is assistant district attorney in Cobb County, one of the metro counties of Atlanta, GA. **Michael Borton** has been working for the Anheuser-Busch theme parks and was promoted to Tampa at Busch Gardens. He said he would like to get the ATO's together and is...calling **Sam Stark** to the rescue! **Katherine Greene** is living in Atlanta, GA down the street from **Suzi Aaron Kaye**. **Bob Tate** moved to Colorado Springs and is working for Mountain Board Sports as execu-

tive officer/resort & park planning. He has been working on an all-terrain summertime snowboard training device which can ride on such surfaces as roads, BMX tracks, ski trails, dirt, and moab slick rock. Bob says to keep your eyes out for Mountain Board parks in Vail, CO and Vernon Valley, NJ. **Trey Coffie** is assistant general manager for the Burlington Indians in Burlington, NC. **Polly Grable** is living in Coral Gables and working for the School of New Horizons. **Kate Mahar** received her MA in humanistic psychology at State University of New York and is now working with oppressed populations. Her job involves teaching conflict resolution skills and methods of non-violence in juvenile detention centers, working with at-risk youth, and teaching HIV/AIDS prevention. Kate lives in Poughkeepsie, NY. **Heather Estes** is working with Pfizer Pharmaceuticals as a molecular scientist and lives in Bristol, CT.

**91 Christie Kibort** received her MA in Latin American studies/ foreign policy analysis at the University of Miami graduate school of International Studies. She is now working in Miami at the North-South Center for Latin American Studies as a senior research associate. Christie lives on South Beach and still sells art independently. **Lisa Spurlock** received her PhD in chemistry from the University of Florida. She married Jeff Brouwer January 20, 1996 and they reside in Indianapolis, where Lisa is employed by Eli Lilly.



**92 Milica Rakovic** (above) is a student at University of Cambridge, England. She is the holder of the Overseas Research Scholarship award and is a Cambridge European Trust Scholar. Milica is captain of the Cambridge Ladies' Tennis team, having served as team secretary last year. She is completing her PhD thesis and hopes to be awarded a degree in economics. **Zoe Iltisopoulos** left Orlando last August and is working in Minneapolis, MN as sales and engineering representative for the Motion Picture Division of the Eastman Kodak Company, covering all of the Midwest territories. She enjoys outdoor activities, dancing, yoga, karate, and hiking. **Tarita Virtue** reports that she is living in a beautiful house in





Burbank and that she became engaged December 21 to Justin Blake Henderson. Justin recently won a cable ACE award for his work on the show *Tales From the Crypt*. He is currently working on *Barb Wire*, a feature film starring Pamela Anderson Lee. **William Nelson Taylor** earned an MA degree from the University of North Texas and his MFA degree from the University of Alabama and has seriously taken up fiction writing. **Jamie Ramsdell** is teaching 4th grade at the Gilman Academy. **Jennifer Miller** met her idol, Chris Evert, while in Boca Raton. Jen is substitute teaching in Canada while looking for a full-time position. **Carmine Cappuccio** is playing baseball for the Chicago White Sox. Carmine and **Shannon Schmidt '95** were married in November 1995. **Brock Bauknight** married Stephanie Smith on November 25, 1995 in Greenville, SC. Groomsmen were **Billy Crow '91** and **Todd Magargee**. **Jen Stults** is finishing work on her master's degree in urban and regional planning with a transportation specialty at Florida State University. She reports that she still doesn't own a car! **Sara Hill** received her master's degree in school counseling from the University of Pittsburgh. **Claudia Landres** was married October 14, 1995 to Timmy Helmig and they live in Potomac, MD. **Kirby Binder**, who works in hotel management, accepted an assistant general manager position at a premier resort property in Beaver Creek, CO. **Kristen Sparks** is teaching 4th grade at the Wyoming Seminary Campus in Forty Fort, PA. She lives in Kingston, PA.



**93 Katherine Corrao** married **David Michael Nicholson '91** on June 24, 1995 in Bermuda. The bridal party was taken by horse-drawn carriages to the church, and over 200 relatives and friends enjoyed the wedding festivities. **Dal Walton** is an assistant in film and TV production and completed a CBS series *Matt Waters*, which stars talk-show host Montel Williams. Dal is living in Los Angeles. **Debbie Pappas** is the assistant golf professional at the Inverrary Country Club in Lauderhill, FL. **Colby** and **Pam Orthwein Jensen '92** moved to Los Angeles, where Pam is working on refinishing their home. Colby is writing movies and trying to "get into" the movie business. They attended the LA alumni event in November 1995. **Andres Abril** is working at the Holocaust

Museum in Washington, DC. **David Godfrey** is attending law school at the University of Louisville, KY. **Stella Maris Skodnik** married Jefferey Peebles on February 24, 1996. They reside in Alpharetta, GA, where both are high school teachers. **Donn Flipse** is working as regional sales manager for South Hills Datacomm and living with **Miguel Lewis '94** in Coconut Grove, FL. **Deanna Bartsch (Deena Eddy)** is back in New York after two years of performing on cruise ships and in the Florida Equity Theatre. She has been called back to play Sandy in the Broadway company of *Grease* and is in the final call-backs to play Christine in the Broadway company of *Phantom of the Opera*. **Lauren Tedder** and **Jon Swift** were married in December 1995. Lauren received her master's degree in city and regional planning at UNC-Chapel Hill and is employed by Florida Office of Greenways and Trails with Suwannee River Water Management District, and Jon is working toward a master's degree in public administration policy. They live in Gainesville, FL.



**94 Heather Smiley** (above r) met **Jo Wellman '93** (l) and **Alice Hardee** (center) in the North Georgia mountains last Fall. **Tracy Perkins** was named Teacher of the Year for Lee County, FL during the '95 school year. **Pamela Cutrone** has accepted a position as creative writer and works via computer from her home. She and a friend recently returned from a trip to Acapulco, Mexico, where she caught a 9-foot sailfish on a fishing excursion. Pamela reports that **Bartley Argo** is a copy editor at Allen & Associates in Orlando, FL. **Pamela Mark** is doing her graduate studies in clinical psychology at Nova Southeastern University. **Krista-Lise Endahl** received a second degree in marketing/management and is working for the Golf Channel in on-air promotions/programming. She also has free-lanced for various television shows and movies that have come to the state of Florida. **Daniel Hazlett** and wife Lisa announce the birth of daughter Patti Eugenie on January 1, 1996. They live in Fox Point, WI.

**95 Jennifer McBair** is attending Simmons College and working on her MSW degree in social work. After she graduates, she would like to go into the Peace Corps and eventually seek employment in a middle school. **Jennifer Candee** is working in Spokane, WA and applying to graduate

programs for counseling and clinical psychology. She writes that **Suzanne Coelingh** and **Amy Sussman** are working and living in Atlanta, GA. **Roland Lewis** has joined the Peace Corps and will serve for two years on the Ivory Coast of Africa. He hopes to put his French skills to good use. **Jesus Ortique** has moved back to Zaragoza, Spain. He writes that he is happy to be close to relatives and friends, but that he misses Rollins and "is a Tar forever!" **David Lairson** is a graduate student at the University of Miami in marine biology.

## IN MEMORY

*Correction: Eugenia Callander Sharp, who passed away on August 3, 1995, was a member of the Class of '43, not the Class of '73 as listed in the last issue of the Record.*

- **Georgia Gary Cannon '28** died in July 1995. She lived in Cleveland, Ohio.
- **Ruth Ward Gurtler '29** died February 12, 1996. She was a registered nurse and an accomplished pianist and organist. Her husband, John, died in 1989.
- **Leila Hale Larkin '29** died in January 1995.
- **Virginia Mitchell '29** died in 1995.
- **Harriet Van Dame Watrous '32** died of a cerebral hemorrhage on January 9, 1995. She lived in Sarasota for over 70 years and was a retired teacher. Harriet was a member of the Sea Grape Circle of the Sarasota Garden Club and a charter member of the Field Club.
- **Sally Sylvester Dwight '34** died January 6, 1996. She suffered from a progressive muscular disorder. Sally was a Gamma Phi Beta at Rollins and lived in New York City.
- **Barbara Trueblood Abbott '37** died November 22, 1995. Her husband, **Horace Abbott '36**, is retired and enjoys fixing clocks.
- **Adelaide Anderson Orton '37** died June 30, 1995.
- **Elizabeth Mills Brant '38** died January 18, 1996. Born in 1915 in Decatur, IL, Elizabeth attended Millikin University and moved to Winter Park in 1936. She married William Brant the same year she graduated and they resided permanently in Winter Park.
- **Ralph A. Little '38** died in Greensboro, NC on April 19, 1995. He entered Rollins on a football scholarship and was a four-letter athlete. He was captain and stroke for the Rollins crew. He was a Kappa Alpha and double-majored in German and English. His son reports that his father received so many course credits that the administration forced him to graduate in 1938, otherwise he might have remained on the campus for many more years! Ralph loved his alma mater and held fond memories of Rollins. He is survived by four sons and six grandchildren.



■ **Robert Lado '39**, who received the Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1981, died of cardiac arrest December 11, 1995.

■ **Jacelyn Mason Brannon '41** died in Longwood, FL on July 19, 1995. She is survived by her husband, 3 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren.

■ **John Hoar '41** died November 16, 1995 in Epping, NH.

■ **Nathaniel S. Felder '46** died September 19, 1995.

■ **John Twachtman '47** died February 19, 1996 in Winter Park, FL.

■ **Alfred H. Johnson '61** died in 1995.

■ **Jaye Tourgee Sellon '62** died recently, no other information available.

■ **Shoreen Tews Malia '62** died December 14, 1995 following surgery. She had recently retired as a high school honors English teacher in Miami and had moved to a new, self-designed home in Melbourne Beach, FL. She is survived by a daughter, husband, and many loving friends.

■ **James McCracken '65** was killed in an automobile accident May 18, 1995. Jim remembered with fondness his time at Rollins, including playing for the Tars baseball team. His son Jimmy is currently on a baseball scholarship at Duquesne University.

■ **Patricia Ann "Pam" Miller Gineo '74** died January 17, 1996. She had been a social worker for Palm Beach County Social Services and active in the community. The 1988 birth of her son Matthew Gineo, Jr. was the first in-vitro birth in Palm Beach County.

■ **Ervilla Walsh '75** died March 13, 1996. She received her master's degree in early childhood education and taught in the St. Cloud & Kissimmee area prior to her retirement.

■ **William Reeves '77** died February 21, 1996 of a heart attack. He was a consultant with Secure Document Systems in Danbury, CT.

■ **Alfred Parsons Hulme '80** died January 27, 1996.

■ **Richard Hargrave '81 HH** died February 16, 1996. He was a Marine Corps veteran of the Vietnam War. He is survived by his wife, son, and 2 daughters.

■ **Ellen Swayne Pataky**, a friend of Rollins, died March 23, 1996. Born in Paris, she moved to Central Florida in 1925.

■ **B. Frank Sedwick**, 71, a former professor of romance languages at Rollins College, died Thursday, March 7. Mr. Sedwick was a professional numismatist. Born in Baltimore, he moved to Central Florida in 1963. He was a Navy veteran of World War II and the Korean War.

## IN MEMORY

### Dr. James Tullis '36

**Dr. James Tullis**, a world-renowned hematologist who discovered a procedure to preserve blood and platelets, died March 31 in Boston. He was 81.

Tullis enrolled at Rollins during the winter term of the 1932-33 academic year and attended through the spring term of the 1934-35 academic year. While a student, he was instrumental in the founding of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity on campus. He later married **Marjorie White '37**, who died in 1992.

In 1958, Tullis became internationally known following his discovery of preserving viable blood from 21 days to two years. His findings earned him the Glycerol Producers Research Award. Through the years he received many other awards for his blood research including the Meritorious Civilian Award from the U.S. Department of Defense,



*Dr. James Tullis '36 at his 60th Reunion, March 1996*

Silver Medal of the Pasteur Institute of Paris and the Hoekien Medal of the American Medical Association. He was a fellow of the New York Academy of Sciences, the American College of Physicians, the American Medical Association, Massachusetts Medical Society and the International Society of Hematology. In 1963, Tullis gave the Charter Day convocation speech at Rollins and received the Rollins Decoration of Honor.

Tullis served as a clinical associate in medicine at Harvard Medical School and senior investigator on the research staff

of the Protein Foundation of Boston. He received professor of medicine emeritus from the Harvard Medical School.

Tullis is survived by four children—**Susan Tullis Dane '71**, Dr. Virginia Latham, Anne Pearce, and James Tullis—14 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

#### Editor:

Between Dr. Carson's analysis of what it means to be a good teacher and a well-deserved tribute to the Rollins English Department, the last issue of the *Alumni Record* was truly a gift.

Both articles started me thinking again of my years at Rollins. What I most appreciate about being an English major there in the early eighties was the serendipity of the experience. You never knew what favorite poem or passage a professor would have you read on a given day in class, often something only tangentially related to the subject at hand. I will never forget the "critical moment" I had upon reading Gerard Manley Hopkins' "Spring and Fall" in Dr. O'Sullivan's bibliography and methodology class and the emotional impact it had on me. Or upon hearing Dr. Phelan read to us a poem he had received from a friend the day before. Could there be a better sign of a teacher's esteem for his students? All I remember of the poem is that there was a deer in it and that I was afraid to ask for a copy. Nor will I forget Dr. Starling as he recited from memory a cherished work in class, celebrated it really, his act a sort of offering to someone else's muse (I think it was Wordsworth's). Moments such as these change a student forever as he joyously realizes, "There's stuff like this in the world!?"

Thank you Rollins English Department for, as Dr. Papay said, loving your books. That kind of love is contagious.

*Sincerely, Noel Levin '85*



# Letter



# SNAPSHOTS

## ROLLINS ALUMNI CLUB EVENTS



Y Mrs. William O'Dell '68 and grandchild, Bailey



**CENTRAL FLORIDA:** More than 60 alumni and their children gathered at the First Congregational Church patio in Winter Park for the annual Santa Party on December 2, 1995. After watching the Winter Park Christmas Parade, the kids enjoyed cookies, punch, magic tricks, and a visit with Santa. Mom and Dad also received a special treat of free passes to Rollins athletic events! Special thanks to the Central Florida Alumni Club for hosting this very popular event.



# Central Florida

< Nicholas, son of Tim Coons '76

> **CENTRAL FLORIDA CLUB MEMBERS:** (l to r) Marty Lasater '81, Cammy Chapman '90, Frank Ricci '79, Christy Henns '80, Cynthia Wood, Kathy McLain '82, Sally Fleischmann '95, Jill Wacker '91

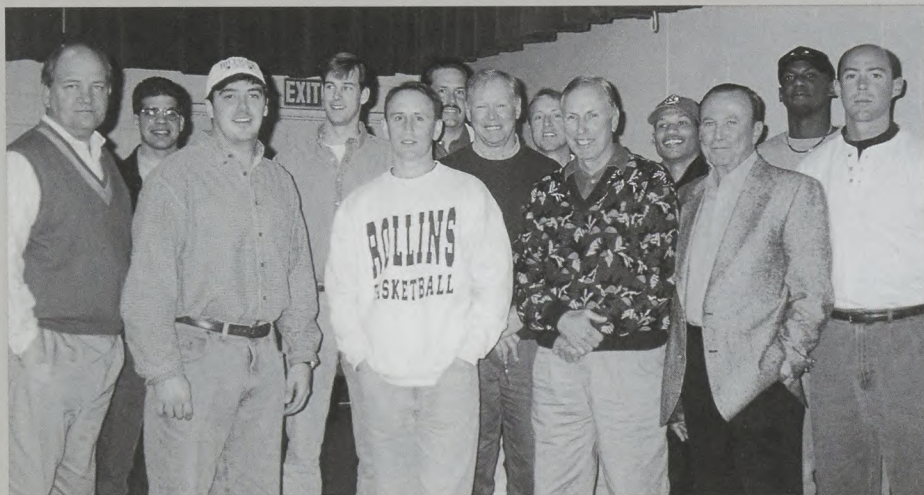


**CENTRAL FLORIDA:** The Central Florida Alumni Club hosted a successful Business Luncheon on January 23, 1996 at the Citrus Club in downtown Orlando. Special guest Dr. Frank Dasse spoke on "The Economic Outlook for 1996." Dasse is an adjunct professor at the Crummer Business School at Rollins and was delighted to see so many of his former students during lunch.

Y (l to r) Row 1 - John Edward Clark '74, Elisa Portilla Azarian '83, Christy Henns '80, Craig Crimmings '81, Peggy Beasley '81; Row 2 - Frank Ricci '79, Dr. Frank Dasse, Craig Koppelman '82







A (l to r) Row 1 - Tom Sacha '67, Derek Thurston '93, Troy Kessinger '88, Pete Fay '51, Bill Ross '53; Row 2 - Ralph Fabian '91, Mike Reeves '91, Den Phillips '67, Mike Holmes '95, Brian Nason '95, Craig Koppelman '82; Row 3 - Glen Braziel '82, Bob Klusman '78

**BASKETBALL REUNION:** Alumni ranging from the Class of 1951 to the Class of 1995 returned to campus for the annual Men's Basketball Reunion on February 17, 1996. Memorable events included several awesome jump-shots and a few pulled muscles. Later that evening, the basketball alumni were introduced to a full-house of spectators at the Enyart-Alumni Field House who were on hand to cheer on the Tars during their victorious game against Eckerd College.

## Basketball Reunion

**DALLAS:** A host of Dallas-area alumni and parents passed up watching the NFL playoff game to gather at Sfuzzi Dallas on January 14, 1996 for an evening of fun and fellowship. Admission Counselor Monique Bishop '95 HH, Alumni Program Coordinator Jill Slavens Wacker '91, and student Iara Peng '88 were on hand to give updates on the College and a "real-life" look at Rollins today.



A (l to r) John Henry '88, "JT" Henry, Pam Finley Henry '90, Karen Rutledge '89



A (l to r) Beth Blakely Meyers '91 and Victor Angustia '91

## Dallas



< (l to r) Amanda Miner Davison '82, Robin Davis McGinty '82, Sue Sandford Garrison '91, Julie Black '91



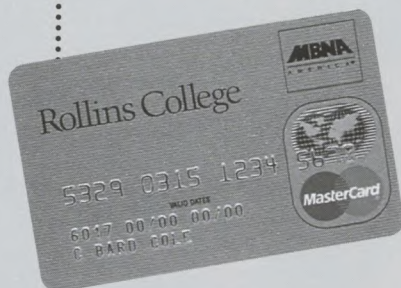
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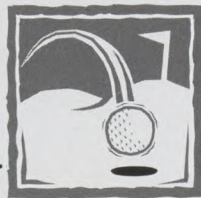


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# ALUMNI ASSOCIATION EVENTS

MAY

May



Saturday, May 11

Night Golf with the **Central Florida Alumni Club** at the Winter Park Country Club, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 14

**Tampa** steering committee meeting (*time and location TBA*). Please call Diana Johnson at the Alumni House, 407-646-2268, for more information.

Saturday, May 18

**Central Florida Club** reception for graduating seniors

Saturday, May 18

Alumni Board of Directors meeting

JUNE

June



Friday, June 7

11th Annual **Boston Red Sox** Game: 5:30 p.m. dinner at "The Diamond" followed by the Red Sox vs. the Milwaukee Brewers at Fenway Park. Contact Kari van Vloten 627-630-7606 for reservations.

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**Atlanta Alumni Club Meeting** (*time and location TBA*)

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