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Rollins, the oldest College in Florida,
yet with its future all before it.

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Memos

THE result of the psychological quiz sponsored each year by the American Council of Education reveals the high intellectual rating of Rollins undergraduates.

The report of this year's Freshman group is not yet available. Rollins Sophomore class, however, ranked in the upper 15% of students entering 325 of the leading American colleges. Rollins Junior class ranked in the upper 19% of 355 colleges, and the Senior class ranked in the upper 18% of 323 colleges.

This high average is due to careful selection by the Department of Admission and to the cosmopolitan character of Rollins Student body which comes from 33 different states and six foreign countries.



The recent visit of Dr. R. V. Mowat, Professor of History in the University of Bristol, England, to the Rollins campus was an inspiration and warning.

The general subject of his series of lectures was "The Historical Causes of the Present World War." Dr. Mowat is a brilliant speaker and profound student of international relations.

A Message From Archduke Otto

It is now exactly 3:30, and we are enjoying here in Florida the beautiful sun and the beautiful nature of spring. At the same moment, at this same hour it is night over Europe. In Birmingham or in other English cities, the air-raid alarms are wailing . . . At this same hour, in Vienna, in Warsaw, or in the Hague, there will be heard the tramping feet of the agents of the German Gestapo, going up the staircase of a suburban house. They will knock at the door and take out a person, and will take this person for a ride from which there is no return . . .

They are fighting today no longer for their national independence. They are fighting no longer for the survival of their race, or their nation. All these people know today that they are fighting for something higher, for something very beautiful, more beautiful even than the life of a nation. They are fighting for the basic principles of our lives, of your American life as well as of our life in Europe. They are fighting for the principles of freedom. They know that today the Hitler aggression is an aggression against freedom, against the highest good we have on earth.

Christianity cannot accept totalitarianism. Christianity cannot accept the suppression of human freedom and honor. Christianity is not only a religion. It is a whole system of life. It is what we are fighting for today. . .

In this hour of night when there is silence over all of Europe, except for the noises of the war; if you listen you will hear people in Great Britain, and Greece pray with all the people of the United States, that this freedom of America, that this Christianity, shall be preserved. It is in this spirit that the nations of Europe will fight this war and they are sure they will succeed.

NOTE: Extracts from the Convocation address delivered by His Imperial Majesty, Archduke Otto at Rollins College, February 24, 1941.

The Magazine that "Came Alive"

On Sunday afternoon, February 23 Rollins published Vol. XIV, No. 1, of its "Animated Magazine". This was one of the most significant of fourteen issues yet published. The audience of subscribers exceeded 7,500 and occupied a great amphitheater on the campus. The weather was ideal and the "Advertising Insert" yielded a collection of more than \$2,500, which will be used for the purchase of books much needed by the College Library. Here is a list of the distinguished "contributors" to the Magazine.

Leading Editorial, Anne O'Hare McCormick, editorial writer, *New York Times*.

"Les Joies du Soliel", Count Maurice Maeterlinck, Author, "The Blue Bird".

Poems by Maurice Maeterlinck, Read by Countess Maeterlinck.

"In the Heart", Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings, Author, "The Yearling".

"Issue", His Imperial Majesty Archduke Otto, Heir to Thrones of Austria and Hungary.

"The Vanishing World", Osa Johnson, Author, "I Married Adventure".

"Personal Exposures", Rex Beach, novelist.

"Address", Spessard L. Holland, Governor of the State of Florida.

"A Royal Debut", Madame Louise Homer, Grand Opera singer.

"Battle Hymn of the Republic", Maude Howe Elliott, biographer.

"A North Country Yarn", Irving Bacheller, novelist.

"Bushfire", Faith Baldwin, novelist.

"Col. Cloudburst Quotes Himself", Colonel Cloudburst, columnist *Orlando Sentinel*.

Rollins Girls as Well as Men Have their "Place in the Sun"

As indicated elsewhere in this issue Rollins attracts students with an exceptionally high intelligence rating. It also attracts students who are gifted in extra-curricular activities. Its football team last year won nine out of ten of its games, but the men have no monopoly on athletic ability. Here is a list of ten Rollins girls who have already won their "place in the sun":

PAT LAURSEN of Ohio, a Junior at Rollins won during the summer the National Women's Championship in skeet shooting for 1940, a title she has held since she was 17. She is now Captain of the All-American Skeet Team.

PAULINE BETZ a California girl, is rated as the women's number three tennis player in the United States. Last year Miss Betz was the National Women's Indoor Champion.

TOY SKINNER a Winter Park student, last year won the women's state championship in fencing and took second place at the All Southern Contest in New Orleans. She is now a Junior.

ALBERTA LITTLE of Kentucky, a Freshman at Rollins, holds the Kentucky Women's Golf Championship and in February captured the Mid-Florida Women's Golf Crown.

SHIRLEY BOWSTEAD an Orlando girl, took first place in the Florida Women's Inter-collegiate Archery Tournament last month. Other students taking top honors as members of the Rollins Championship team were Mary Trendle, Polly Prestholdt and Jane Coates.

ELEANOR WYNNE an outstanding horsewoman from New York, now a Freshman, has won many ribbons in shows in the vicinity of New York City.

ALMA VANDER VELDE a Rollins Sophomore from the state of Michigan held the Michigan State Platform Diving Championship and the National Junior Platform Diving Championship for 1937.

DOROTHY MAY BUNDY another tennis star from California is rated as the women's number four player in the United States. She is a Freshman at Rollins.

BETTY PHILLIPS outstanding young aviatrix of Orlando won the Bernarr MacFadden Trophy in 1937 for the woman who did the most for aviation in the state of Florida for that year.

BETTY ANN BUNDESEN from Chicago as an exponent of the Dance recently completed a world dance tour before enrolling at Rollins as a Freshman.

The first of four concerts by the Symphony Orchestra of 50 instruments affiliated with Rollins College was presented January 14 featuring Helen Moore of the Rollins Conservatory as piano soloist. The Orchestra is directed by Alexander Bloch. The other concerts in the series were given on February 4, February 25 and March 18. The Orchestra will give benefit performances of "Pinafore" on March 25 and 26, in collaboration with Howard Bailey of the Rollins Dramatic Department, Rollins Student Players and local singers.

Rollins 56th Anniversary

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COUNT MAURICE MAETERLINCK, dramatist and author of "The Blue Bird", Litt.D.

ANNE O'HARE MCCORMICK, editorial writer, "The New York Times", L.H.D.

OSA JOHNSON, explorer and author "I Married Adventure", D.Sc.

RT. REV. FRANCIS SADLIER, Abbot of the St. Leo Abbey, L.H.D.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND, Governor of Florida, L.H.D.

EMILY EATON HEPBURN, philanthropist, L.H.D.

MARCUS C. FAGG, "The Children's Friend", L.H.D.

Irving Bacheller Professorship

THE formal inauguration of the Irving Bacheller Professorship of Creative Writing with Edwin Granberry as the first incumbent, took place at a brilliant banquet held at the Orlando Country Club, February 21. More than 300 covers were laid.

The speakers were Irving Bacheller the dean of American novelists in whose honor the new Chair is named, and Edwin Granberry, the widely known novelist, short story writer, and recent winner of the O. Henry Memorial Prize for the best short story published in any American magazine for the year. An encouraging beginning has been made toward a permanent fund of \$125,000 for the endowment of this important chair.

A \$50,000 Story

FRIENDS of Rollins College are this month conducting a campaign to raise \$200,000. Of this amount the first \$135,000 is to be used for the most urgent need — scholarship aid for worthy students. The remaining \$65,000 is to be used to build what is undoubtedly the next most urgent need — a Student Recreation Center to provide wholesome and homelike environment on the campus for the informal and social life of the students. This building should do for the social life of the campus what the Knowles Memorial Chapel has already done for the religious life of the College.

A generous donor has made a *contingent gift* of \$50,000 toward the erection of the Student Recreation Center.

With this contingent gift of \$50,000 as an added incentive friends of Rollins everywhere are joining in an enthusiastic effort to raise the additional \$150,000 needed by April tenth next. We must not fail. The time is short and immediate action is imperative.

We who know the facts would be remiss in our duty if we did not bring this special opportunity to serve Rollins to your attention. I am sure I speak for all friends of Rollins, and all believers in higher education, when I express the hope that many readers of this issue of the *Rollins Record* will wish to have a share in this educational enterprise.

Checks should be drawn to the order of the Treasurer of Rollins College and mailed to Box 952, Winter Park, Florida. Pledges payable later in 1941 also count toward the total.

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Dedication Beal-Maltbie Museum

THE recent dedication of the Beal-Maltbie Shell Museum marked an advance in scientific study at Rollins.

The collection of more than 70,000 shells was made by Dr. James Hartly Beal, the nationally known pharmaceutical chemist of Cocoa, Florida, and is one of the most beautiful collections in the world. The specially designed building to house the collection was the gift of Mr. B. L. Maltbie of Altamonte, Florida and Buffalo, New York.

Dr. Beal began his collection in 1888 and many of the shells are regarded as the finest specimens of their kind in the world. The unique building has no windows in order to protect the colors of the shells, but is lighted by fluorescent globes in the cases and ceiling.

In accepting this newest gift in the enlargement of Rollins educational equipment President Holt said, "This Museum makes Rollins a scientific center that no one who is interested in shells can ignore." Thousands of visitors have already enjoyed this specialized Museum which is a branch of the Thomas R. Baker Museum of Natural Science of Rollins College.

Another notable visiting lecturer was Count Johan de Nove who was with the British Expeditionary Force in its retreat from Dunkerque. In addition to several thrilling lectures in English Count Nove delivered three lectures in French based on his experiences with the French army in Flanders.

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