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## "All for You:" Sister Hazel Comes to Rollins



All Campus Events is so excited to bring the talented music of Sister Hazel to the Rollins College campus. On April 28th, 2001, Rollins students will have the opportunity to see Sister Hazel LIVE in the new Sports Center for a private show. Tickets go on sale soon for \$20 and are available for purchase on your R-Card. ACE will keep you posted as to when sales start. This is going to be a night you'll never forget, so make sure to get

hyped and encourage your friends to get tickets! Sister Hazel has been gracing the music industry with a soft rock edge that combines catchy lyrics and memorable riffs to create an original sound adored by college students around the nation. Their hits have remained classics in our rock collections: "All For You", "Happy", "Champagne High", and "Change Your Mind", to name a few. *Rolling Stone* calls Sister Hazel's new

album *Fortress* "a formula done right", thoroughly recapturing the spirit and talent of their 1998 platinum album *Somewhere More Familiar*. This Gainesville quintet has been rocking audiences at campuses and arenas around the world. We are thrilled to bring their music to Rollins for a unique, private show. Contact ACE concerning any questions and remember to reserve April 28th on your calendar - the night you're not going to want to miss!

## SGA Candidate Platforms for 2001-2002

The following candidates are running for the Rollins College Arts and Sciences Student Government Association elections.

Each candidate was asked to respond to the following questions:

1. What are your qualifications for serving in the office of Student Government President / Vice President?

2. What are your goals and objectives for 2001-2002 should you be elected President / Vice President?

Don't forget to vote on line March 26th, 27th, and 28th!



**Stewart Parker**  
Candidate for President

1. What are your qualifications for serving in the office of Student Government President?

For the past three years, I have been involved in some way in the Student Government Association at Rollins College. For the past two years I have served on the Executive Committee, with the past year as the Vice President. This shows my commitment to Student Government and the betterment of the Rollins community.

I feel that I possess the qualifications to be the President because of the experience that I have received over the past two years, especially this year as the Vice President. I have worked hard for the student voice to be heard on this campus. I have been active in successful programming for the entire student body. I know the way in which the school works and the governing system of the college. This will allow me to know who to talk to, when to talk to them, and exactly what has been said in the past.

Student government is not the only thing that I have been involved in on campus. I am a Resident Assistant in Ward Hall for the past two years. I am also an active member of the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship (serving on the Executive Committee), the Rollins Dancers, and the Student Alumni Association. I have also served as a member of RHA and Bacchus. My experience stretches across many organizations. This will allow me to interact with a variety of people on campus and to be ready to hear the concerns of the student body.

In the past two years, I have been very active in helping put on major campus programming. For the past two years, I have been the Co-Chair of Halloween Howl. I also was the Program Coordinator for the Women's Football Game last year, and help with many logistical needs for the 2000 and 2001 Lip Sync Contests. This shows that I have the ability to help put on successful programs on campus. I can bring this experience to the leadership of the Student Government. This is a goal of mine, to have more campus programs that unite the campus together. I feel that I have shown myself to the student body as being successful in programming.

Personally, I feel that this past two years has helped me improve my leadership skills that are necessary for the position of the

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**Liz Rubin**  
Candidate for President

Serving Rollins College as the student body president would be an honor. I have attending Rollins for my entire college career. During this time I have held positions in Kappa Kappa Gamma. I am currently volunteering with the Make a Wish Foundation at New Hope serving many hours of community service. I have coordinated and participated in many fundraisers in the community such as CJ's Angels, Head start, Halloween Howl, and Breast Cancer Awareness. I have been involved in Habitat for Humanity for the past three years and I plan on helping the community for as long as possible. Here at Rollins College I have been through an extensive range of majors and minors. I know what I like and dislike throughout the different areas. I feel I am very informed and qualified on what would help to better our school and community.

If I should be elected president I have many ideas and goals in mind for the 2001-2002 year. First, I am determined to achieve

more school spirit. With a beautiful new gymnasium at our fingertips our school spirit should be soaring!! And that is exactly what will happen if I am elected. I plan on organizing exciting events with other colleges in the area for the entire student body to enjoy. I am determined to coordinate a lacrosse team whether it be men's and women's or co-ed would be up to you and you're input. The players on the Rollins' teams should have a healthy and nutritious meal together before or after the game so they are not running to the down under for a quick and un-healthy meal. Secondly, I would like to get the community more involved with Rollins College including the Winter Park Police that we all love. I would set-up fundraisers and events to publicize our fabulous sports teams. In hopes of creating a positive and energetic crowd to always support and route on our sports and activities. Thirdly, I am completely unwavering on the idea that the prices in Beans are astronomical. I refuse to pay ten dollars for a simple salad! I promise that if I am elected I will not rest until us, the student body can walk out of beans with satisfied stomachs and happy R-cards. These are a few of the main ideas and changes that I have in mind. I have many exciting ideas for next year and if elected I promise to make next year the best year yet!!!

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**Meek**

**Merkin**

**Moody**

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# SGA Candidate Platforms for 2001-2002

## Jonathan Adamski Candidate for Vice President

First off, I would like to say thank you for taking the time to read my qualifications and goals for Vice-President, as well as showing that you care about your Student Government. I am qualified for the position of Vice-President because I have taken upon leadership responsibilities before. Last year, 2000, I was president of my pledge class. I attended the leadership retreat sponsored by student activities, in which I gained valuable experience in team building and communication. I am currently the treasurer of the Student Alumni Association. However, I believe some of my best qualifications for the Vice-President position are my abilities to listen, work with others, and my previous leadership experience that has enabled me to work with a diverse section of campus. Through applying my abilities I plan on listening to all students, groups, and organizations equally working with them to fulfill their goals. More importantly, are my goals if elected to Vice-President. It seems as though SGA's identity on campus is to provide for the students social needs, and this I do agree with 100%. However, I believe it is time to add a new dimension to SGA, one that deals with the students' physical needs as well as social. By physical needs I mean things such as housing conditions on campus. One of my goals for Rollins is to improve the housing conditions in which the students live. Which means creating a cleaner and more sanitized living environment, mainly by renovation. I also want to enact programs to ensure more student safety. I think the Cab Voucher program is great, but I think it would benefit the student body more if they were available after ten o'clock, when the C-Store closes. An example of how I plan to do this is by giving RA's access to the vouchers so students can buy them from a RA on duty. I also think it is also very important for Pipeline to be accessible 24 hours a day, especially, since an e-mail assignment is the same as one given in class. Pipeline experiences periods of down time and I feel this is unfair to the students. These are three of the goals I have as Vice-President, thank you, and please don't forget to vote.

## Trace Meek Candidate for Vice President

I am an active Senator for the Student Government Association. I have sat on many subcommittees and have been a member of the Academic Affairs committee, and as a member of the Student Alumni Association I have interacted with many Alumni. I am a Resident Assistant where I have learn many skills for being a leader. I have formerly held a position on the Men's Varsity Swim Team. I am very focused towards the student programs on campus I take part in many organizations on campus in supporting their programs, not just a select few, which helps me get to know as many fellow students. I have strongly supported the athletes by going and cheering them at games; I have attended many theater productions and many other events as well. I have a natural gift for leadership and motivational skills. If given a chance, my ability to think outside the box can make an exceptional difference for students and faculty. With my strong participation at Rollins I feel that I would be most qualified to serve as the Rollins College Student Government Vice-President.

### PLATFORM:

When I think about what objective I want for the 2001-2002 year as vice president I think about making the Student Empowerment stronger, Greater School Spirit, Reconstructing the Senate, and Creating better Unity.

- Student Empowerment Stronger- I want the student body to start to feel as though the Student Government is a place where things get done. By creating an article in *The Sandspur* newspaper every week telling the student body what is going on in SGA. Also by creating a booth once every couple weeks where students can voice there opinions to members of the SGS on what they want done to better improve their school.

- Greater School Spirit - Because we have such a wonderful new Gymnasium I want to be able to create better school spirit at games by having pep rallies and finding new ways to bring students to the games. But I also would like to utilize the gym to its fullest by having a 2nd annual winter formal where the whole student body can be invited. I would really like to bring back the Woman's football game next

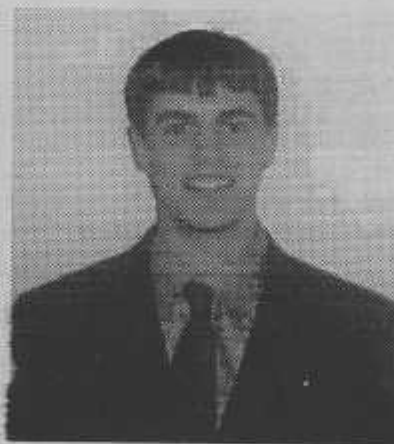
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Jonathan Adamski  
Candidate for Vice President



Trace Meek  
Candidate for Vice President



Andy Merkin  
Candidate for Vice President



Heather Moody  
Candidate for Vice President

## Andy Merkin Candidate for Vice President

### 1. What are your qualifications for serving in the office of Student Government Vice President?

- International Business/ Anthropology Major
- Honors Degree Program
- 3.79 GPA
- 4 years in High School Student Government
- 5 years Team Captain of State Champion Ice Hockey Team
- Member of Phi Eta Sigma (Freshman Honor Society)
- Member of Tau Kappa Epsilon
- Treasurer-Pinehurst Organization
- Economics Peer Tutor
- SGA Off Campus Senator

As a senator this year I have written, debated, and voted on legislation that will increase student rights on campus regarding parking, food service, and other issues. I have also served on committees that directly affect student life here at Rollins College.

### What are your goals and objectives for 2001-2002 should you be elected Vice President?

I came to this school in my freshman year as a transfer student after seeing the systems of two other colleges. I found that this school has a lot of opportunities presented to the students, but the apathy of the student body weakens the organizations and removes student rights. In turn, the campus has become divided into two groups: Greek and independent. This divide has weakened the student body and allowed other people to make decisions regarding those issues directly affecting the students; a job that should be given to the organization that represents the students through elections, the Student Government Association. To unite the campus and give the students the voice other campuses have, I have developed the following plan:

- Interpret the constitution to give students more rights on campus
- Represent the student body with a strong voice in meetings that directly affect them
- Promote diversity through campus through innovation and development of the Rollins student culture
- Promote all student organizations to give them prestige
- Make the Rollins community known throughout the surrounding community through strong public and collegiate relations.
- Represent the students through an understanding of all aspects of student life

## Heather Moody Candidate for Vice President

### QUALIFICATIONS FOR VICE PRESIDENCY, 2001-2002:

I have always shown strong leadership qualities and have had the ability to effectively develop and implement new ideas. In the past eight years, I have held offices in over a dozen groups and organizations such as SGA, Senator, Speech and Debate Club, Panhellenic delegate for Chi Omega, Greek Hearing Committee, Community Service Chair and Assistant Social Chair for Chi Omega. I understand and am not afraid to get things done. I have a unique ability to compassionately listen to other students' concerns and develop solutions. I also have experience and know how to bring together opposing views. I am highly motivated and will consistently work to represent all the students both on and off campus. I will bring to the office of vice presidency my experience from working two years as a legal intern at the Orange-Seminole County State Attorney's Office, and from my one year working in a legal support firm. These experiences are helpful for the understanding of procedures and roles within Rollins College. I am not afraid to speak out in support of students' views and have an open-mind. I have a determination so strong-willed I follow through with all concepts.

### GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR VICE PRESIDENCY, 2001-2001:

In the three years I have attended Rollins College, I feel there is a need to listen to the student body and their ideas. We need to take these ideas and transform them into actuality. I want to set up and organize new ideas and programs that will unite all students, promote community service projects and expand on activities such as Lip Sync.

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President. I listen to people. I desire to see people succeed. I work hard at what I set my mind to, and I rarely take no for an answer. These are all qualities that I feel will allow me to best serve the Rollins College student body. My experience speaks loudly. I am qualified to lead the 2001-2002 Student Government Association.

## 2. What are your goal and objectives for 2001-2002 should you be elected President?

There are many things that people see can be improved on campus. These improvements are the focus of my goals and objectives. I feel that the campus can improve in communication, unity, and student empowerment.

Communication: I feel that the communication on campus is lacking. It is lacking between student organizations, faculty/staff/students, students and administration, and between students themselves. I feel that by opening up the communication amongst all of these areas can make Rollins a more successful place. I feel that the communication that is desperate in this school is between student organizations and the student body. This is why I feel that the Council of Leaders needs to be restructured and utilized more for opening up the lines of communication.

I would love to see Council become something that does more

than just the Lip Sync Contest. I want it to be a place that people enjoy going to and learn more about other organizations there. With this body being stronger, the entire campus community will grow stronger.

I feel that The Toilet Paper is a great example of opening up communication to the entire Rollins community. More things like The Toilet Paper should be used to increase knowledge of campus events and activities.

Unity: Just as the Council of Leaders can be used the open communication on campus, it can also serve as a way to unify the campus the campus. This organization allows for all the Presidents of all student organizations (Greek and non-Greek) to come together and learn more about the other leaders and the groups. Through this organization, co-sponsorship can increase and understanding of various viewpoints can increase as well.

I also would like to continue the successful campus program that has taken place in the past two years. I feel that Women's Football Game in 1999 was the best program that has happened at Rollins. It brought together so many people and allowed for a fun evening together. This is something that did not happen this past year because of logistical reasons, but I would love to see it rekindled. Also, the Lip Sync Contest continues to grow each year. This is something that needs

to be built upon because of the enormous success in the past.

The campus can come together in many ways. I believe that unity is important on campus and needs to be strengthened so that Rollins College can become a better place to study.

There is a group of students that work very hard and are highly dedicated to high academics and athletic standards. They are our athletes. I feel that one area that we are definitely lacking in is School Spirit. I feel that SGA can continue to work with the Athletics department to continue to increase the spirit on campus. Our athletes deserve our support. Through increasing school spirit, we will unify as well.

Student Empowerment: I once read, "If you are not heard, then you really don't have a voice." This quote was taken from a book that discussed the importance of dialogue to better create communication between different groups. This is one thing that I feel is lacking at Rollins. So many times students voice concerns and the administration and staff are slow to respond to these issues. I feel that the voice of the students should be heard and be used more often. The students are the consumers of what the school is selling, and we need to speak out on issues that concern us.

There are many ways that SGA could keep the students informed of things that might be of concern to them. I want to

make the Executive Committee and Senate more accessible to the student body. This will let the students know who represent them so that when an issue concerns them, they know whom they can turn to for help. I would like the Student Government to staff tables more in front of the Campus Center to receive concerns that the students have.

The Student Government has the power to make the administration listen to the needs of the students. The students are the reason that the school is here and sometimes the administration needs to be reminded of this.

These are just a few of my ideas. I am not limiting myself to these, but I think that these are high goals that are attainable. Through working with the President, the Executive Committee, the Senate, and other groups, all of these goals can be achieved. I will constantly look to the students to see what their concerns are and how we, as SGA, can help to solve them. The Student Government Association has been very successful in the past two years, and my goal is to not stay the same, but to improve it to be the best it can at hearing the needs of the students and acting quickly on them.

many diverse groups on campus, so that we can come to conclusions that benefit all students. One way I plan to do this is by establishing frequent days of dialogue between organizations, individual students, faculty and staff, and alumni and trustees. I am interested in maximizing the potential of the Student Communication Organizations such as R-TV, the Sandspur, WPRK, and the Tomokan. I believe that students should be steadily informed of campus events and increasing support for these

I will make SGA more student-friendly and encourage increased participation. I have studied and committed myself to learning the Student Government Vice President's responsibilities, parliamentary procedures, and how to conduct meetings efficiently and productively. I believe that the Senate is key to getting things done on campus, and by increasing SGA's responsibilities, Rollins College will be on its way to change and equality between students, and between students and staff.

organizations on campus. I want to try and help all organization financially and having high attendance of the student body.

If elected as Student Government Association Vice-President, I will give my word that I will listen, learn, and persevere until I reach every goal set before me. It is my firm belief that a true leader enjoys his position and listens, with a discerning ear, to those around him. As Student Government Association Vice-President, I plan to be totally committed to the Rollins College student body, devoting all of my time and energy to making the campus a better place. I mean Business and will get the job done.

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have an open-mind. I have a determination so strong-willed I follow through with all concepts. As a very organized person, I have always been proficient in getting tasks done on time.

One event I am particularly interested in reviving is the popular Rollins College Women's Powderpuff football team. This year, the team was put together but unable to play due to the lack of organizational support. I will make sure the Powderpuff football team will play if I am elected to office. I want to help bring another sorority and fraternity to our campus. I believe in Greek empowerment, but also want to work with non-Greeks to establish common goals. I will work closely with and support all other organizations. I am particularly interested in combining SGA, ACE, RHA, Panhellenic, IFC, and OCSA efforts. I am committed to working side-by-side with CAC to encourage campus-wide education about diversity issues. I want to create open and effective communication between the



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