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Trustees Back Faculty Cuts

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RESOLUTION



We the Faculty of Rollins College:

1. Appreciate the untiring services of the Board of Trustees and the devotion of the Board members individually and collectively to Rollins College.

2. Are aware of the unprecedentedly difficult problems which have confronted President Wagner since the beginning of his service to Rollins, the tirelessness of his efforts and the strain under which he has been laboring, especially in the weeks preceding the February, 1951, meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Recognizing the above facts, we nevertheless feel that it is our duty to present to the Board of Trustees the following matters:

1. The dismissal of over twenty members of the Faculty, many of them of long service and outstanding importance to the College and all of them worthy and faithful servants and persons of credit to the College and the teaching profession, without first consulting the faculty itself to find out whether the faculty could suggest alternatives, even at personal sacrifice, has inflicted a deep wound in the College. Our opinion on this is not altered by the fact that as early as October the President indicated the nature of the crisis and the danger of dismissals. During all the intervening period the faculty was working at its full limit on the MAP program as a possible solution. When that proved not to be a solution, we earnestly believe that the faculty should have been asked for other suggestions before the drastic action was taken.

2. We are aware of the fact that the College cannot pay out money that it does not have, but the purpose of the A.A.U.P. rules regarding academic tenure is to prevent arbitrary action by college administrations without faculty participation in the decisions affecting faculty dismissals. Does not the dismissal action as taken as well as the wording of the letter sent out to the members of the faculty who are retained, represent a grave violation of the spirit, if not the letter, of the rules of academic tenure as agreed upon by the College with the A.A.U.P.?

3. The dismissals announced would, in our opinion, make it impossible for the College to claim to students and parents of students that it will be prepared to offer an educational program next year of the quantity and quality which would justify maintaining tuition rates for present students and raising them for new ones.

4. It is already apparent that any savings that would be effected may be more than offset by withdrawal of students who have been deeply wounded by the action taken with respect to favorite and beloved professors.

5. We deplore the failure to take advantage of student sentiment. The shock to the student body was profound. The reaction of the student body, however, has been gratifyingly constructive. With youthful idealism the students are asking for guidance and advice as to how and where they can help, and will be bitterly disappointed if it be not forthcoming.

6. The faculty is filled with profound apprehensions. These apprehensions exist in the minds of all of us who favor this resolution.

7. We do not like to believe that any damage to human relationships is irreparable. A situation has been created however which, if not handled with the utmost wisdom, good will, and speed by all concerned, may well result in disaster to the College.

8. The idea of the Rollins Family is real to us all. We believe that if the different members of the family work together, a practical solution may be reached. Out of the tragedy of the present may well come new strength and unity which will solve not only financial problems but will lay sure foundations for the future of Rollins.

This resolution was passed with one dissenting vote, Dr. William Melcher.

EXTRA!

Dr. Paul A. Wagner, president of Rollins College, has accepted an invitation from the National Association of Manufacturers, in cooperation with the U. S. State Department, to serve on a three-man commission which will conduct a two-weeks study of codetermination in German industry.

He was granted a brief leave of absence by the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the College, which issued the following statement:

"A great honor has been done to President Wagner and through him to Rollins College. NAM and the State Department have chosen him from all the available men of our country to be one of a commission of three to be sent to Europe for two weeks to conduct an important investigation.

Dr. Wagner will fly directly to Frankfurt from New York the middle of next week. While in Germany he will confer with John J. McCloy, U. S. High Commissioner for Germany, President Adenauer and other Americans, British and German

Wagner Strikes Back

The ready smile is gone as President Paul A. Wagner angrily answers student accusations at the Sunday meeting

LATE NEWS

Students Demand Prof Recall Deny Wagner Assembly Voice

The following is a press release issued by the student representatives to the Independent Committee for Investigation (ICI). The statement was issued immediately after the meeting of the representatives with the student body on the student center last Thursday night, exactly a week after the campus-rocking dismissal of nineteen professors was made.

"It is the opinion of the student body that the action of the trustees in discharging so many members of the faculty was one which should not have been taken without prior consultation with those groups which might be able to furnish a solution to the financial problems which are said to have been the cause of those dismissals.

"The students, their parents, the alumni, townspeople, and faculty also have a stake in this matter and their views should be solicited and considered.

"We respectfully request the trustees to rescind their action and to recall all severance notices on the strength of the following proposal from the student body:

1. A period of one month shall be granted to representatives of the student body, faculty, alumni, parents, and townspeople in which to study all aspects of the situation now confronting the college.

2. A meeting with representatives of those groups shall be called by the Trustees as shortly after April 15th as suits the convenience of the Trustees.

3. In the intervening period all discharges shall be rescinded.

The Student Committee of Five met with the entire student body and interested people at 8:00 Thursday night in the student center.

Dave Estes began the report of the committee by reading the student resolution. He said that the situation was much deeper than any financial matter and that the solution seemed to be nothing more than a "mere gobbledygook of mathematical formulas. The committee couldn't actually find out what the formula was.

Winthrop Bancroft, president of the board of trustees has appointed three trustees who will be here the middle of next week to meet with the committees of trustees, faculty, students, and the staff.

The answer to the question, how the men left would teach the sub-

jects listed in the catalog, was not found. The administration will call a meeting of the remaining faculty members to work out the courses that will be taught next year. Wagner said that he desired to keep the curriculum as it is listed in the catalog but he did not say how that could be done.

Other professors who offer their services free are going to be brought in, including one from the University of Chicago.

It was pointed out that the one year contracts issued to the remaining professors were breaking the rule of tenure. According to this rule, if a professor has remained in the school for more than three years, his position there is considered permanent.

The faculty cuts would result in a 3% drop in the curriculum and that the student ratio would be better than it has been in the last four years.

Hal Suit said that nobody on the committee knew exactly what happened. They were allowed to ask all the questions they wanted of Dr. Smith and spent most of the time doing that. Wagner came in late and answered very few questions. He felt that he had an orderly process in his plan but was so vague in his talk that the committee questioned the value of the original plan.

Mr. Showalter then rose from the audience and asked if the students wished Wagner to come to talk to them. Dave Estes, leader of the group said that if Wagner wasn't leader enough to call his own meeting then the students didn't wish to have him attend theirs.

Derek Dunn-Rankin then proposed a vote of no confidence in Wagner but it was voted down.

What the visiting professors will teach is not yet known. Any that will teach with our pay will be definitely accepted.

It was reported that 436 students had volunteered to work to help the college. Any others wishing to sign up may do so at the table in the center.

Ken Horton then said that the one who presented the formula of dismissal to the trustees is not known. It was said that it was not a "formula" but a "set of principles". They are: seniority; area of study (not clearly defined); and social security (those who would be eligible soon).

Trustees Back "Austerity Cuts" Students Denied Voice At Meet

The Board of Trustees informed the students, alumni, parents, faculty, press, and citizens of Winter Park of the system used in the recent cut of an undetermined cut in the faculty members last Wednesday at 4:15 in the Annie Russell Theatre.

Dean Darrah was asked for an invocation before the meeting was opened. Eugene R. Smith, Assistant Chairman of the Board of Trustees, announced that in the absence of Winthrop Bancroft, regular R.O.T. Chairman, he would act as chairman.

Smith then expressed the board's willingness and desire to consider carefully each and every suggestion given them in order to alleviate the situation.

"... the members of the Board of Trustees of Rollins College wish to make it very clear that they are not now, and never have been, willing to be in a position of opposition to the students or the faculty or the College.

"The reduced faculty has been chosen under principles of (seniority) ... and the essentials of a well-balanced curriculum.

"The available members of the board ... are unanimous in the conviction that their instructions (to Wagner) were carried out with justice and intelligence.

"The president and the trustees reiterate their eagerness to consider any constructive suggestion that will avoid, in part or as a whole, the necessity of losing members of the faculty, or will mitigate the results of their inability to retain the entire faculty in a college much reduced in size.

"They ask, with all emphasis possible, that all shall concentrate on constructive approaches to what is at best a situation of emergency, forgetting any mistakes made in the stress and heat of the im-

mediate past.

"Every effort is also being made to avoid weakening the curriculum, or losing any important characteristics of the college."

Smith remarked on the interest that Life Magazine was showing in the events taking place. He said that Life felt it was a national emergency affecting every small college in the nation ... that Rollins had been picked for coverage because the stress and reactionary strain here was immediate and exemplary ... that Life was trying to get a fair, reasonable picture of what will happen over and over again in the small American colleges while the world situation continues to worsen. Bob Kelly, Life photographer, said the same in much the same words in an off-the-record interview the night before.

Dr. Smith also stated that the Board had complimented Dr. Wagner on his handling of this thing. "The President has done what we told him to do. There is no doubt," he said, "that what we said to do was done." Smith also stated that if there could be any "blame" levied, (that the Board of Trustees was to blame, not President Wagner).

Dr. Wagner was introduced by Smith, and proceeded to read a prepared speech that he had written. (Speech printed on page 5.)

Wagner then illustrated on a blackboard in front of the assembled the method used in determining how many would be dismissed from each department. He drew up two fictitious departments, "A" and "B".

Department A:

4 professors

57 (major) students

278 student hours per term.

Student-professor ratio: 14 students to one professor.

Department B:

5 professors

57 (major) students

155 student hours in one term

Ratio of 1 professor to 12 students

Because of the policy of dismissing one-third of the faculty three professors of the nine in the two departments would be dismissed. If one professor was cut from A and two from B, there would still be a ratio of three professors to fifty-seven students. Although Dr. Wagner decreased the faculty in these two fictitious departments, he did not decrease the number of students to be at school next year.

"I have no desire to become a dictator of the curriculum at Rollins College," said President Wagner. "... the decision was painfully honest ..."

Later in the meeting, when Dave Estes and Ken Horton, student representatives to the Independent Committee for Investigation (ICI), requested permission to speak from the floor, they were refused on the grounds that it was strictly against the rules for any person to address the board during a meeting called for the purpose of making a report. Estes was told that if the group ... any group, wished a more detailed explanation, that the Board and President Wagner would do so in a small committee meeting. After the meeting, it was announced that the ICI would meet with the trustees and Dr. Wagner in the president's office at 4:15 the following day.

A list of those professors who would return next year was given and a copy of the resolution of the Board of February was distributed. This resolution appears elsewhere in this issue.

Rabbi Lazaron gave a prayer to the assembled, and the meeting was closed.

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COUNCIL HOLDS PUBLIC MEET

Vreeland Presents Tentative Program

Student Council Meets Publicly

March 12, 1951—Last Monday night, in the Student Center, a public meeting of the Student Council, was held with all representatives present and some in alternate.

Recognition for the Independent Committee for Investigation was called for, and accepted.

Ken Horton announced that the balloting for the five representatives to this ICI was to be held the next day, from 8:30 a. m. to 4:15 p. m.

Dave Estes, from the floor, announced to all interested newsmen and news affiliations present that the self-appointed committee of fifteen had been officially put an end to at the close of Sunday

night's mass meeting.

Vreeland Presents Program

The next speaker was Dick Vreeland, representing the Independent Men on the Council. Vreeland made it clear that in what he was about to say, he was not representing the ladies.

Vreeland said that when the trouble all started, the students wanted to get information and facts, and they did not get them at their first meeting when the President of the college did not show up. Nor did they get the facts at a meeting at which both President Wagner and certain trustees were present. Therefore, Vreeland went on, some students said "The Administration wants to get rid of some of the faculty. We want to keep those faculty members. Therefore, let us attack the Administration." The result, Vreeland felt, was negative reasoning

and bad publicity. Vreeland called for the instigation of a positive program of action to raise the \$87,000 needed to keep the faculty members that had been dismissed.

Then Vreeland outlined his program. Students would be signed up to take over things like maid service, caretaking, etc., and raise this money by savings and working.

Calls For Donations From Students

Vreeland felt that the students could be asked to sign up voluntary donations to the cause, of anywhere from three to five dollars per week.

He endorsed the proposal that each student serve as a one-man publicity and admissions office. When the Admissions office received a letter from a person interested in Rollins, the office was to contact the student in the interested party's area. The student would then go see and talk to this person, building Rollins up.

Asks For Examination Of The Books

He also stated that a committee should be drawn up to go over the financial books of the college for flaws and ways to save, but said Vreeland, this committee should not look for guilt or discrepancies.

Suit States Purpose Of ICI

Horton, when Vreeland retired the floor, called upon Hal Suit to speak. Suit was loudly applauded as he approached the speakers stand, on which was focused the attention of men from Life, the Sandspur, AP, UP, and INS news services, the Miami papers, and WLOF along with the Rollins Newsreel.

Suit stated that the ICI's main purpose was to determine whether or not the finances (a quarter of a million deficit) of the college were the only reason for the dismissal of the now-more-than-nineteen profs.

It was asked whether or not President Wagner had anything to do with this, and it was supposed as true . . . President Wagner is Chairman of the Executive Board of Trustees.

Again Dave Estes took the floor "I think we're losing sight of the shock and disappointment that was registered yesterday . . . but it's not good if we lose it because we'll forget why we were shocked . . . The Rollins that will be left if this thing goes through will be pitiful."

STRESSING A POINT



Dave Estes, student leader, was caught by Sandspur photographer with this interesting expression on his face, as he spoke before the students on Sunday night.

"The lack of judgment and leadership that has been used has been appalling." Dave felt that there was a disease in the air that resulted from the hysterically fast way things "happen around here." "Great damage has been done . . . that wound is irreparable, and I pray that it will never happen again."

Citizen Appeals For Recognition

A Mr. Higgins of Winter Park spoke from the floor, complaining that in all the preparation for the ICI, the people of Winter Park had been left out. He asked that three townspeople be added to the ICI. He was cheered, and it was

announced that three members of the town would be added to the ICI, Higgins among them.

Since no more business was on hand, the meeting was closed.

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EDITORIAL

Wagner Breaks Faith Twice

Approximately a quarter of a century ago, a great man came to a tiny, bankrupt college in the south. Through the magnitude of his personality and through all the attraction that a great mind can produce, he assembled about himself a staff of the most learned and brilliant minds in the nation.

Hamilton Holt, and what has come to be known as the "golden personality professors" proceeded to build Rollins College.

They built it upon certain ideals and principles of education. The principles were, frankly, experimental. But because they had been conceived by a great mind, and because they were utilized by great minds, they prevailed. More they prospered.

The principles and ideals thus established were so intelligent and perceptive that private citizens with a serious interest in education supported the program with their personal resources. The College began to prosper physically as well as spiritually.

The development of Rollins College to the point where it stood two years ago was a strenuous and virtually impossible task. There were many crises that had to be met. They were met. The entire process of this success and development was built on one factor . . . co-operation. Had not all the vast intellectual potentialities of this school been used for the attainment of one goal, the entire mission would have failed.

When faced with the crises that did arise, Hamilton Holt never considered himself as god-like or infallible as to not consult with the brilliant minds he knew to be on his faculty. Rather he took them into his confidence first. The faculty responded to such occasions with a sacrifice and a nobleness that



stands virtually alone in the history of education. They responded because they were fighting for an ideal in which they had enough faith to make sacrifices.

In times of comparative plenty, the faculty and the administration remained together as one unit striving for one goal. Together they formed what has recently been termed a "core of quality." Members of this "core" have remained at Rollins, despite lucrative offers by other institutions, to see the completion of their ideal.

When Hamilton Holt left Rollins, the administrative part of this core left also. But the fac-

ulty still retained the quality which had made the school great.

The greatest condemnations which can be made against Paul Wagner and the Board of Trustees which support him is that they have not only wrecked the core of quality, they have smashed the ideal which it took over two decades of struggle to achieve, and they have broken forever the faith which it took to achieve that ideal.

Moreover, they have smothered the democratic system which had existed here and which they had been only too eager to boast of an impossibly short time ago, and replaced it with a dictatorial reign.

They have already formulated the stock phrases which will be used to strike at both the faculty and the students who have opposed them.

"Irresponsibility."

"Emotional instability."

I wonder, at this point, how many of our faculty would be willing to remain at Rollins now, upon receiving an offer from some other source, to stay and fight for their ideals for which they have stood together so long.

The Trustees have utilized a form of totalitarian attack. They are accusing their opponents of their own flaws. They are on record as having

labelled the recent news coverage as vicious and slanderous while they themselves have provided the worst publicity the school has ever received when they claim that their faculty members are "emotionally unstable and unfit to advise and teach the students."

If they claim that a faculty which is nationally renowned, as the Rollins faculty is, is unfit to teach its students, and if this was the premise they were using when they made the faculty cuts, then I believe that there may be some foundation for Dr. Saute's charge that what we are witnessing is a purge.

Dr. Wagner and his trustees claim that they have a perfect moral and legal right to make the decisions they have reached. I agree they may have the legal right. I question their moral right.

Despite what they have assumed, a college is composed of its faculty and its student body.

I wish to reiterate Derek Dunn-Rankin's statement of Monday, March the twelfth, that despite all their rights, they may find themselves next year with a college that has neither a faculty nor a student body.

Certainly they achieved nothing when after the Monday meeting of the Student Council, when hope ran high and faith was being restored in the president and the trustees, they promptly began to slander, in public release, the very faculty the students were trying to help.

This is twice that the administration has broken the student body's faith.

I do not believe the students will let it happen a third time.

THOMAS PICKENS.

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PURPOSE

The basic conception of this particular issue was made several weeks ago, when I first decided to run for the position of editor. Last week, as we all know, certain events occurred. I tore up my original plans, and discarded several intriguing but irrelevant features, and devoted all my time to trying to report accurately all the news and from as many different angles as possible. Since this is a regular issue and not an extra, I have still tried to maintain some sort of balance and have tossed in some lighter material. Whatever success this issue attains is in large part due to my staff and I would like to extend to them my wholehearted thanks for unselfishly giving me much more of their time than they should have.—T.P.

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The Manpower Situation - - DDR

According to Rollins Admissions Director, Jack Rich, applications from women are up 7½% while those from men desiring to enter college next fall are down 7%. Rich pointed out that this was encouraging in the light of a general drop in admission applications at all the colleges he has visited this year. Rollins he said is the only college he knows of that has had a rise in applications from freshmen women.

Rich announced plans to have any students who are interested to do field work in their own areas this summer. Plans are to have any who will volunteer, contact every student who indicates an interest in Rollins and to talk to them about the college.

"Fears among educators that colleges will face a critical drop in enrollment this fall are considered exaggerated and perhaps even groundless by manpower experts in the defense department. Unless the international situation worsens drastically and the entire manpower estimate has to be revised, it is felt here, the academic year of 1951-52, will not be hit by the disaster which at present haunts the plans of many university officials. "This optimistic prediction is particularly important since it is known that many institutions, openly or by indirection, have already begun to cut their faculties. Such retrenchment, many observers believe, may severely hurt higher education for years to come.

"Although there have been forecasts of a college enrollment drop of up to 60% this reported after a detailed discussion with a defense department specialist, believes the over-all decline will average less than 20% and may be close to 10%. It must be remembered that the veteran fadout was bound to cause a natural reduction at this time.

"The American Council on Edu-

cation after consultation with manpower officials estimates that not more than 7½% of prospective male freshmen would be affected by next fall. It adds that the loss may be less, since there will be a rush of veterans who have not started their studies and must do so before the G.I. bill expire on July 25, 1951.

"All this underscores the danger in a panic reduction of college teaching staffs at this time. The

American Council on Education estimates that by 1952 a considerable number of men, discharged from the armed services, will enter or return to the colleges. At any rate, whatever drop, will occur this year—and it is likely to be comparatively small—the critical period will probably be of short duration unless there should be total war."—Reprinted from NY Herald Tribune.

Students Pick Leaders

Dave Estes has been appointed the spokesman of the five students chosen to represent the student body in the inquiry Committee. The other four are student leaders, Ken Horton, president of the student body, Hal Suit, Mary Ann Hobart and Dan Eastwood.

"We the student members of the independent committee for Inquiry, a legal Committee, created through student council and elected by the student body, met tonight and rededicated ourselves to the unified purpose of a dignified investigation of the entire facts behind the situation and confusion at Rollins College" said Dave Estes after a three hour meeting in the student center last Tuesday evening.

Mary Ann Hobart, Pan-Hellinic president and past president of Kappa Alpha Theta, remarked after being informed of her elec-

tion to the student representation of the Inquiry Committee, "I appreciate fully the confidence that you (the student body) have placed in me and I will dedicate myself to the job; to find the financial and moral facts behind the issue, and to offer constructive alternatives which in the end I hope will save the Rollins we so dearly love."

Hal Suit, Orlando, popular student leader, upon hearing the results of the student election said "It is impossible for me to express my appreciation to the student body for their vote of confidence in placing me on the Committee of Inquiry. The mutual confidence between myself has now been vindicated by the results of this election. I feel that the committee will continue to the same high level of intelligence and integrity displayed to date in the undertaking of a difficult task."

"I Decline To Accept The End Of Man"... Faulkner

I feel that this award was not made to me as a man but to my work—a life's work in the agony and sweat of the human spirit, not for glory and least of all for profit, but to create out of the materials of the human spirit something which did not exist before. So this award is only mine in trust. It will not be difficult to find a dedication for the money part of it commensurate with the purpose and significance of its origin. But I would like to do the same with the acclaim too, by using this moment as a pinnacle from which I might be listened to by the young men and women already

dedicated to the same anguish and travail among whom is already that one who will some day stand here where I am standing.

Our tragedy today is a general and universal fear so long sustained by now that we cannot even bear it. There are no longer

Two Dispatches From Our Staff

The Sandspur herewith reports verbatim and in the raw two dispatches from its "far flung" correspondents. Although these messages were never intended for publication, being originally private communications to the Editor, we believe that not only do they stand up as lively reporting, but they present an excellent picture of the confused and disordered state of the past week. They also show the reader the type of material which the Sandspur staff works with, but which he never gets to read.

The first is a report of Tony Perkins' futile attempt to track down one of the many, many rumors which permeated the campus. The second is Pete Robinson's stab at getting a personal interview with President Wagner during the height of the turmoil.

Office most uncooperative concerning Wagner's suit with the UP. Contacted W's secretary and she referred me, after a long call in W's private office, to Don Vincent, who, to my knowledge, has not been seen all day. Looks to me like the runaround. My today's claim to fame seems to have been my success in reaching Mrs. W. She seemed to know a great deal as to what the true poop was, but refused to commit herself concerning this matter. Mr. Tolleson seemed to think that the UP was going to print a retraction but more than this he would not say. (As a matter of true facts,) everyone concerned seemed to have been highly successful in maintaining silence. The AD bldg. is in what you might call a turmoil. While compiling my meager notes in one corner of that most noble building, a task which required a scant minute, I do not believe that there occurred one second during which some telephone or other was not ringing furiously. The front door looked like 9:30 in front of Macy's the Saturday night before Christmas Eve. Having failed, I shall retreat in confusion to a nearby gas chamber.

ANTHONY PERKINS.

I rode over to Orlando with Vincent, Kelly and the other "Life" man. His last name is practically unpronounceable. Kelly embarrassed me by pointing out that in this whole hassle, nobody from the Sandspur had been out to see if Wagner would say anything. "Bad journalism," said Kelly. I picked up the few shreds of self composure that I had left, pieced them together, and followed the three up to the apartment in the Orange Court. Old unpronounceable, who is Fay Kanin's conception of a Life photographer and probably her model for Matt Cole in *Goodbye, My Fancy*, took off for



"Adds a bit of life to the old place, doesn't it?"

the airport, heading back to New York. Before he left, we had a glass with contents all around.

I find that "Life" is presenting the story from the viewpoint of an outsider interested in the tale because of its application to the situation that most of the rest of the small American colleges at this point in the chronology of world events find themselves in.

Kelly shoved a "one" into my almost hesitant hand for cab fare back. I made the proper stabs at refusing and folded my paw around the bill. Downstairs I phoned for a cab, and then got on the phone to Pickens, telling him that I was going out to Wagner's joint on Interlachen. I know that "Life" hasn't been able to interview or even see Wagner because old unpronounceable said, "listen kid, if you see Wagner tell him all we want is fifteen minutes." "Haw," this last to myself, thinking I should live so long as to be able to get in to see Wagner when Life stays away from his door.

I mentally remarked "halls" in rather appropriate comment on my chances, hopped into the cab and took off. I approached the front door of Wagner's place with much misgiving unto me. I fully expected a shotgun blast to bludge me from the front door when I said "Sandspur." However, to my relief, there was none.

What did happen was that Mrs. Wagner opened the door, holding back with a firm grip on its collar, one of the ugliest boxers I have ever seen. At the time I wondered whether I should defend myself with my ever ready pencil as I carried no tear gas. "Who," said Mrs. Wagner, in effect, "are you?" I told her while hiding behind a potted palm. I told her I would like to speak to Dr. Wagner. She asked me to wait and trotted off beyond my sight line with the boxer. Wagner came to the door. He smiled. We exchanged glances and I asked if I might ask him a few questions. "I feel," says I, "that the latest issues of the Sandspur and other news instruments are rather biased in opinion." How gross can an understatement be. He told me that he doubted if there was any need of an interview at the time until after the ICI-BOT-PAW meeting in the A. R. tomorrow.

"Ah," say I, "but will students be allowed into this meeting?" He retreated to the living room and told those (Dean Waite was there) with whom he was conferring that a Sandspur man (here I swelled with pride) wanted to know about tomorrow's meeting. He came back with Dean Waite by his side. Also the boxer. I blushed. However, I was told that while the students as a whole would not be allowed in ("we don't want a mob," sezee) ... that I would be allowed to attend and get the story. I was gratified. He and Waite asked me who had been elected to the student part of ICI. Because I felt he ought to

Wagner Speech

The Sandspur presents important excerpts from President Wagner's speech at the board of trustees meeting on Wednesday.

Will you consider with me a moment the basic responsibility of the board? I have said to you that the justification of the office of President is the students. The same statement may be made of the board. But our responsibility is to educate them for democratic citizenship with all that implies. Consequently our responsibility ultimately is to society.

The other fundamental issue is the character of the government of the college. If mob rule prevails, if decisions are forced by pressure groups, if strife and conflict are the order of the day with decisions made by the winner, then Rollins College will be undemocratic, and the trustees who permitted such a situation would be failing in their duty. We must not fail in this duty, to educate for democracy.

Finally, let me say that I believe there is a good solution to the problem we face and that I have complete faith that the board will not fail to consider all constructive suggestions and to find any possible solutions. Rollins College has a vital role to play when democracy is fighting for its very existence.

1. I repeat—I am not opposed to the policy of the faculty playing a role in deciding where curtailment can be best made in curricular activities. In fact it is my belief that they should. As we made list after list it became very clear that with the size of the curtailment involved it could not be done on the basis of any personal factors whatsoever, and that the only solution was a mathematical formula. Suppose the board had asked the faculty to name one third of its membership for release. It would have created an impossible psychological situation.

2. We have offered some visiting professors who will work without pay. This fact does not in any way affect the number who will remain. It simply gives flexibility to the situation.

3. The tenure policies of the college have not been changed.

I know with whom he had to contend, I told him Eaton, Eastwood, Horton, Hobart, and Suit. He blushed. I asked if he would see me sometime after the meeting. He made no comment.

I walked back to the Spur office, making up my mind on the way that if I am to continue with any sort of factual reporting on the events to come, that I should not write any sort of editorial for any issue having to do with this situation and its integral factors.

PETER D. ROBINSON.



"Someone left the lid up an' I damn near drowned."

WATCHING FOR THE WEE ONES!



These gentlemen and their favorite colleens wore their green and shared the luck of the Irish at the Chi Omega's Irish Shamrock Ball.

Chi Omega's Turn Irish For St. Pat's Shamrock Ball

The Chi Omega's successfully carried out St. Patrick's motive at their Shamrock Ball given last Saturday night, March 10, at the Orange Court Hotel.

Theme of the dance centered around Shamrocks and the Irish green. This was effectively featured in refreshment cups for the potato chips and pretzels, balloons and decorations.

Carol Hallenberg and his orchestra joined in St. Pat's celebration by playing several of the favorite tunes from Ireland.

Pat Roberts, general dance chairman, must have received

many comments on the effective lighting set up for the occasion.

All the lads and lassies agree completely that they like the Irish way of ushering out the Winter Term social season.

Symphony Presents Last Concert

Brahms' A German Requiem will be presented as the last concert of the season by the Central Florida Symphony on Saturday, March 24.

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Jeannine Romer, who presented her senior recital Thursday, March 8, in the Annie Russell Theatre, has appeared in recitals and concerts throughout Central Florida.

Jeannine is a student of Walter Charnbury and has recently appeared as guest pianist with the Central Florida Symphony Orchestra. Last summer she was selected to play at the national convention of Phi Beta, honorary music and drama fraternity. Jeannine is president of the Rollins Theta Chapter of Phi Beta.

Miss Romer's program included Santa Appassionata, Op. 57 (Beethoven); The Little White Donkey (Ibert); The Lake at Evening, The Fountain of Aegua Paola (Griffes); and Prelude selections from Chopin and Franck.

The numbers were played with virtuosity, intensity, and sensitivity. The audience were not only listeners; they followed the fiery notes and felt every change of mood.

This genuine talent presented by Jeannine Romer will long be remembered by those who heard this outstanding senior recital.

SPRING HIGHLIGHTS

By JACQUE FAITH

This week, for Adam we feature a very light weight dress shirt for the tropical weather. Cord slacks, made of light, cool material, will again be high on the list of spring "musts." They will look very dresy, yet are practical for they are washable.

An authentic Scotch plaid or a checkered cap will be a bright and handy accessory for Adam. All the above apparel may be seen at the Toggery Shop or at R. C. Baker in Winter Park.

For Eve the news is shoes. And strong sandals by Bernaido take first place. They come in all the new colors for spring and besides being beautifully styled, they are reasonably priced. Capzio "off stage fashions" are seen in pink blue, green, white, and light tan. They have a "U" shell with a delicate tie over the instep. Both of these shoes are being shown at Eve Procters.

Headlines for Spring include long torso dresses, hung straight from the shoulder with a belt snapping in the waist. Palest gray and the blondest, coolest beige are news for evening wear—these colors are newest in shiny taffeta silk, and taffeta phantung. Also in the spotlight are Honan silks in lovely colors; hoomer hems on dinner dresses, jackets and capes; and hung scarves, sashed around the waist or ruffled around the neck.

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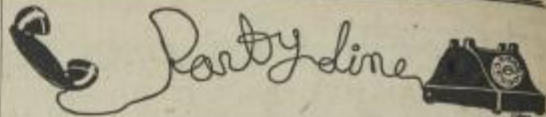
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PI PHI SWIM PARTY

With so little time for society, Rollins was still the scene of some merrymaking. The Pi Phi's held a swim party at Sanlando Springs on Saturday afternoon. An elaborate picnic, and group singing was enjoyed by Kay Kibby and Dave Manley, Jeannie McGregor and Bill Frickie, Inez Libby and Joe Trigg, Diane Evans and Scotty Wetherall, Janice Eldridge and Allen Trivillion, Windy Andrews and Hank Gooch, and Dale Travis and Frank Polak.

ALUM'S BACK

Rollins welcomed several alumni back to the family this weekend. Among those catching up on the news were: Jim "The Gutch" Be-dortha, Sigma Nu, '50, who stopped over on his way to see "Sam." The Pi Phi's were glad to see Cathy Dawson, '50, and "Neets" Donnesberger Blackmore, '50. Others answering the alumni roll were Hank Osten KA '48, Norm Copeland, KA, '50, George Franklin, Lambda Chi, '50, and Hardy Webb, KA, '47.

PRICELESS PATTERN

Comment of the week comes from our private police force "Cap" Jerry O'Brien, "I joined the force, and we had a crime wave. I entered the tunnel, and it blew up. Now, I enter Rollins, and look!"

REVIVED TRADITION

Rollins, since the discontinuation of football, has had no official homecoming queen. The alums, during Founders' Week Homecoming Dance, appointed a committee of two Rollins students to officially crown our incomparable Miss Corky Hall as the Homecoming Queen of 1951. We likes it good!

The X-Club gave a delicious fish fry Friday night at Rock Springs. Mr. and Mrs. Mays came to help

prepare the food which was enjoyed by Bobby Doerr and Don Corrigan, Mae Wallace and Jim Bryson, Gloria Burns and Ed Moteh, Carolyn Alfred and Pete Fay and "Chief Hush Pupples" Dan Daugherty.

THETA PELICAN

Among those couples who enjoyed the sunning, swimming, dancing, and partying at the Theta Pelican weekend were Ann Boyle and Vic Dykhuizen, Ginny Fishbeck and George Hansen, Al-lee Chatham and Charlie Knecht, Bobby Davis and Joe Dan Trigg, Sally Hopple and Bob Peck, and Shirley Sauerburn and Don Brise-gar.

IT'S TOLD THAT

The Gamma Phi's have reported that Jan McGaw has just about the laughingest eyes and best humor that they've ever witnessed in one week. Maybe she's getting a kick out of Shorty Bersategui and Ellie Parker going to Sarasota "To visit the museum."

VACATION PLANS

Daytona, Key West, Jacksonville, and Tampa will be only a few of the places playing host to vacationing Rollinites this coming weekend, as tired faculty and students head North, South, East and West. Most wonderful plans I've heard so far are those of the mass migration to Nassau. Among those trying to limit their baggage to 50 pounds are Pat Whetton and John DeWerd, Jane Fraser and H. B. Roberts, Ginny Fishbeck and Don Marvin, and Lee Simon and Clayton Kyle.

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Limelight

BY L.L.

Let's face it—a grave post-mortem has just come about. "All" intercollegiate sports have been dropped from the Rollins roster. Just how is this going to affect the school?

Not only will it face the biggest part of the Rollins spirit, but we must face the fact that the athletes have played and are playing a very major part on the Tar campus. They are not merely stars and heroes in the athletic spotlight but they are student leaders in all campus organizations. What will the school do without the general atmosphere of competitive sports and sportsmanship?

Approximately a year ago Dr. Paul A. Wagner announced that football would be eliminated from the 1950 program. Prexy made it very clear that while the school had decided to give up football, sports would be emphasized.

"We want to stress other sports such as basketball, baseball, crew, tennis and golf. These cost only a fraction of what it takes to play football on the intercollegiate level," Wagner explained at the first elimination.

McDowall, at the time he stepped down as head football coach in September 1949, was the dean of Florida football mentors. Under McDowall who came to Rollins in 1929 the Tar team won 84 football games, lost 36 and tied seven. His double wing-back formation was nationally renowned.

No final announcement has been issued by President Wagner to the students in regard to the affect of the scholarship basis after this year. The freshmen and sophomores, or some of them will prefer to transfer to other schools where they may continue their sporting careers.

In quoting from the Orlando Morning Sentinel shortly after it was announced that football would have to "go," we find this. "It is commendable as well as typical that Rollins first thought about its students. The players on football scholarships were told their scholarships were still good. They can get their education regardless."

Now the tide has turned. It has been exactly six days since everyone has known that the sports schedule is being cut, and still the scholarship students have not heard anything from the President. Actually, all that anyone knows is what they have read in the papers.

The coaches cannot answer any questions in regard to how the athletic program will be carried out because they are in the identical position . . . they too know only what they read. And at this point I'll add that it is past time that at least the athletes be told, ask, or informed as to the situation as far as scholarships are concerned next year.

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Fay Noted Figure

Basketball, football, crew and the ski team have been Pete Fay's athletic endeavors in the four years he has been at Rollins.

Pete started as a basketball standout for Fort Lauderdale High where he made All State forward his senior year. Three men on this crack team went on to make All State in football. Pete made all conference and in 1946, and suffered a chipped elbow that prevented his playing baseball, where he had held down the 2nd base position. Unlike many athletes Fay won several high scholastic honors, including a \$150 award for the outstanding student. In addition to this he was the Salutatorian of his class—not a bad record for a student who spent so much time in athletics.

At Rollins Pete has kept up both his scholastic and athletic efforts. In the athletic field he has played three years Varsity Football for the Big Blue, holding down the end position. Pete's accomplishments in basketball are well known to most of the Campus. When the Tars revived Basketball last year Pete led the state in points per game, with an 18-point average, placing on the All State Team that year. This year most of you on campus have seen the fine job Pete did as a starting forward for the Tar Five, averaging approximately 12 points per game.

Pete has done some fine work in a comparatively new sport—Water Skiing. Pete took part in intercollegiate matches won by Rollins held at Cypress Gardens. Last summer Pete worked with Mr. Pope at Cypress Gardens to make television

shorts on bare foot water skiing.

On the scholastic side at Rollins, Pete is a Human Relations major who has done outstanding work during his entire four years here.

To end the story on an athletic note, Pete participated last week in the District A.A.U. meet in Jacksonville where he was named on the All district team. This is a fitting end to a great record in sports and studies here at Rollins.

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Tar Golfers Tie F.S.U. 9-9

The Florida State Seminoles invaded Duhadread last Friday afternoon and opened the season for the Tars Golf Team.

Billy Key and Larry Bentley teamed-up together against Dick Molton and Eddy Johnson number one and two men in the Seminoles Team respectively. Carl Nestler and Dave Shelley represented Rollins in the second combination against Ted Hewitt and F. S. U. fourth man.

Florida State entered the match as favorites but the steady and cool play of the home team came up to equal them and the match ended in 9-9 tie.

The Tars looked as if they were headed to their first victory, but their hopes were squelched when two important putts were missed in the last hole.

Billy Key was not up to his standard play and lost his match 4-2. Larry Bentley went on to win his by a 4-2 margin. Dave Shelley and Carl Nestler they both came out ahead of their opponents.

The Tars will compete with all the other teams in the State this week from Thursday at Seton. They will be defending the State crown which they won last year.

Last year the Rollins linkers edged the Miami golf squad in the Florida Intercollegiate tourney by one point to bring home the championship cup.

Jensen Takes Title; Riggs Tour Success

Doris Jensen copped the intramural tennis tournament for Alpha Phi by downing a member of her own sorority, Elaine Lakwicki, 3-6, 6-4.

The doubles finals between Jensen-Lewicki, Alpha Phi's, and Norris-Dunn, Kappa Kappa Gamma's, has not been played at press time.

Last Thursday night at the Davis Armory Rollins students participated at the Bobby Riggs Tours as ushers and lineamen. The tennis that was seen by a very small crowd was well worth the price of admission. Gussie Moran was not present because of sickness. As a substitute, Riggs turned to playing and some marvelous tennis was seen as he turned back the ever clowning Carl Earn 10-8.

In the feature match between Jack Kramer and Pancho Segura, Kramer proved why he has been rated as one of the world's greatest players. In the first set Segura completely blasted him off the court. But in the next two sets Kramer found his fine serve and his line shots which are his main forte. Kramer won 2-6, 6-1, 6-1.

Alfred Millet, Car Dickson, Elaine Brackett and Andy Denonn served as linemen and umpires. Jill Sherwin, Gail Smith, Jerry Faulkner and Elaine Brackett helped as ushers.

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INTERCOLLEGIATE SPORTS OUT

UP AND AT 'EM . . .



The 1951 edition of the Rollins Tars pour onto the field for a practice tilt. The team plays its first home game March 17 against North Carolina.

Baseball Underway Tomorrow

BY WHIT SIMPSON

Saturday, March 17 at Harper-Shepherd field Rollins opens its 1951 baseball season in a double-header against North Carolina and Alabama. Following today's games which are being played in the form of a round-robin, Rollins will play

The Tars now hold the Florida State Baseball Championship Title on both Monday and Tuesday of next week.

He and will be fighting to hold that crown. They have maintained the leading position for three consecutive years.

Then at the end of the week, March 23 and 24, Clemson invades Winter Park to play the Tars.

At this moment, Joe Justice has not named his starting pitchers. From a careful study of the situation it seems only reasonable to assume that Bud Fisher and Fred Baldwin will be named.

In case either pitcher is unable to go the distance, Justice will be able to call on Don Work or Pete Sturtevant. Both men were impressive in last Saturday's inter-squad game.

The battle at first base seems to have been won by Joe Hull.

Hull, a long-bail hitter, isn't a defensive demon like Del Helms but his long ball more than makes up for his short comings in the field.

Lyle Chambers has once again been reinstated at short stop since newcomer Billy Pate has not rounded into top form. This means that Lyle will team with Diche Williams at the keystone sack, while Jim Doran will hold down third.

Justice is toying with the idea of starting Del Helms in left field. His fine hitting and all-around performance has earned him a shot at the job. Natolis and Tate should make up the remainder of the outfield.

The catching duties probably will be divided between Al Clubb and Frank Barker. At this moment, no information is available regarding a first string choice.

Manpower Cited As Factor In Abolishing All Sports After Spring Term Ends

On Saturday evening, March 10, the board of trustees of Rollins College announced that all intercollegiate sports would be dropped upon completion of the spring term.

The announcement, coming when it did and in the manner it did, added to the confusion and uncertainty which had swept the campus since the moment when the faculty dismissals had become public knowledge.

The announcement was not given to the student body but released directly to the press. Even the coaching staff themselves knew nothing of the matter except what they read in the newspapers. (Only two of Rollins' several coaches received dismissal notices.)

Apparently, from the wording of the statement, all intercollegiate sports are being dropped. This would include tennis, golf, water skiing, and crew, as well as baseball and basketball.

In the official release from the trustees, the drop of athletics was deemed necessary because of a drop in the enrollment of male students. The announcement read:

"Because of an anticipated drop of 60-65 per cent in male student enrollment, the board of trustees of Rollins College has voted to drop intercollegiate athletics at the end of the college year."

In a series of events unprecedented since Chancellor Hutchins made a clean sweep of things at Chicago University approximately fifteen years ago, President Paul A. Wagner moved with dramatic swiftness last week and struck at least nineteen names from the roster of his faculty. With rumors still running riot, Wagner moved again and dropped all intercollegiate athletics from the school. The Sandspur here presents all the facts that can be obtained on that story.

There had been no previous indication that there would not be the necessary athletes to conduct the smaller intercollegiate sports next year. The admission office had announced that the number of entering men was down only 7 per cent from the figure of last year.

Despite the fact that women athletes occupy prominent positions on the golf, tennis, and water-skiing teams, they have never officially competed in intercollegiate sports and were unaffected by the edict. No mention was made of stopping such activity as women had participated in previously, private tournaments, etc., or of disbanding such organizations as the Tarpon Club.

In dropping all intercollegiate sports Rollins also dropped athletic Director Jack McDowall and baseball coach Joe Justice.

McDowall was released after 23 years of service at Rollins. He came here in 1929 as football coach. His teams piled up one of the most successful all-over records ever attained by any small college. Under his coaching Rollins players were officially elected to past "Little All-American" teams. McDowall was known as the "Dean of Florida Football Coaches." After he turned over his duties to Joe Justice in 1949 he remained active, assuming the duties of basketball coach.

Joe Justice was one of the finest football players who ever attended Rollins. He graduated from this school in 1940 and after a short period of coaching at Tampa University he returned as freshman football coach in 1942. He was made head coach of the Rollins football team in 1949 when Jack McDowall was made director of athletics. His most marked success was as baseball coach, a position he has held for the last five years. Justice's teams have won three straight state championships and were possibly the strongest in the south.

The move followed a stoppage of intercollegiate football by only one year. Wagner said at that time that football was being dropped for economic reasons. He went to great length in a general student assembly to explain his action.

STROKE . . .



The Rollins varsity and junior varsity crews test each other's power during a practice race on Lake Maitland.

Gal-axy of Sports

BY MARNEE NORRIS

This week-end the Tar Maids are playing their last basketball of 1951 after rolling up another season of an unbroken string of 8 victories.

The state tournament, going on up there in Lake City, is a big affair for the team. It has only had two real tests so far, and, although it passed both tests with flying colors, it is playing this week-end without Ginny Appgar, highest-scoring forward.

It has been announced that the tournament will be a double-elimination affair so the gals can lose one game and still win the whole shrimbang. It's going to take a lot of basketball, though.

The starting line-up will probably find Doris Jensen, Carolyn Herring and myself as forwards and Bobbie Doerr, Jo Dunn, and Sis Shute or Jerry Faulkner as guards. It could easily shift, though, to include Joan Champion as a forward and Marilyn Shinton and Mary Craire Koltes at guard posts.

At least I can say I've made one good prediction this year. The Alpha Phiis did win the tennis intramurals, for the second straight year, and the Kappas came in second. The Independents and the Kappas as of last Monday, were still fighting for the golf trophy with a great deal still depending on the outcome of the first flight finals.

Doris Jensen certainly deserved the tennis championship. Had to come from way behind in her last three matches, against Elaine Brackett, Ruth Pate, and Elaine Lewicki, in order to emerge on top.

Every Rollins' student knows how much spirit can accomplish. A person faces defeat and still fight as hard as he can to do as well as he can is a true champion.

CREW POSSIBLE NEXT YEAR RACES BEGIN WEDNESDAY

With regard to the present statement that all intercollegiate sports must be ousted from Rollins, maybe a few facts about the crew team should come forth at this time.

During 1942 intercollegiate crew kept stride regardless of the crisis that fell upon the school. Crew cost the school nothing. The boys who were here at that time were perfectly willing to share all necessary expenses, such as transportation, etc., in order that the sport be continued.

Crew was on a limited basis, rowing only Florida colleges and universities. Coach Bradley says, "We have all the necessary equipment for another season, and if it is merely a matter of money and not school policy, a limited crew schedule is possible next year without any expense to the college."

The above mentioned would only be possible if there are enough entering and returning male students enrolled at Rollins next year who are interested and willing to support crew enthusiastically.

The fact boils down to the point that so far, Bradley is returning and would be available to help the men who would be oarsmen in the coming year.

"Only yesterday, March 12, I

had an offer to help finance crew for the coming year," added Brad. Offers such as these would help buy the gas for the motor boat and small items which would all have to be considered.

It has been done before, so don't give up hope. It may be done again.

The Marietta crew will row against the local oarsmen next Wednesday on Lake Maitland at 4:30. Rollins beat this shell in the Dad Vail Regatta a little over a length last year, and since they have only two returning lettermen the blue and gold are expected to take an easy victory.

Saturday, March 24 Rollins will be host to Boston University and Florida Southern. It has been three years since we have conquered Boston University, four year winners of the famed Dad Vail. Incidentally, Boston will not enter the Dad Vail this year.

Southern will be a strong contender in this year's triangular meet since they are blessed with four returning "water-boys."

The Rollins J. V. crew will row the Boston freshmen and the Southern J. V.'s at 11:45, and the varsity race will follow.

It is interesting to note that from a large university like Boston they can only get two crews, a varsity and a freshmen squad.