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# THE ROLLINS SANDSPUR



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"STICK TO IT"

THE ROLLINS SANDSPUR, WINTER PARK, FLORIDA

"STICK TO IT"

December 9, 1964



YR officers were elected last week: (l-r) Hugh Simpson, Stevie Brewer, Lee Mingledorff, president, Karen Whitley and Brian Smith.

## Officers Chosen for Young GOPs

Lee Mingledorff, vice president of the Rollins Young Republican Club, was elected president of the club at the annual elections Thursday night. He succeeds Matt Quay.

Mingledorff, a junior who has also been treasurer and Convention chairman, ran unopposed.

Karen Whitley, Kappa Alpha Theta, was elected Vice-chairwoman succeeding Ellie Riker. She has been active in the convention activities held this fall.

Hugh Simpson, freshman, was elected Vice-chairman, replacing

Mingledorff. Simpson has served as treasurer during the fall term and had participated in the Holly rally of October 12.

Stevie Brewer, Kappa Kappa Gamma, was reelected secretary. She had served out the unexpired term of Mary Taylor, who is studying in Europe this year.

Brian Smith, Sigma Nu, was elected treasurer.

At the close of the meeting, President Mingledorff announced that committee appointments will be made by the executive board and publicized at a later date.

## Rollins Young Democrats Sponsor Howling Debate

By Fred Suarez

Brailey Odham and Roy Caldwell squared off in a hot noisy political debate before the Rollins Young Democrats at their December 4 meeting. In the debate, attended by over 300 highly enthusiastic people who jammed Bingham Hall, was arranged by Young Dems President Fred Suarez and Dr. Paul Douglass. Odham and Caldwell discussed the topic: "Is the John Birch Society an effective weapon against Communism?" This was the first such face-to-face debate between a supporter of the John Birch Society and one of its opponents in the United States.

Caldwell, a member of the Florida Bar and former mayor of Tevares, is a registered member of the Society. He outlined the organization's stand on political issues of the day and explained the organization and history stating that the Society was founded to insure that the U.S. would not fall to the Communists by default and to avoid the vortex of mediocrity for America.

Brailey Odham, Orlando real estate developer who is active in state Democrat politics, having been twice a candidate for governor and recently a candidate for U.S. Senator in the last primary, opposed the Birchers, calling them more of a menace to America than the Communists. Mr. Odham also emphatically denounced the organization for opposing the U.N. NATO, the poverty bill, and the civil rights law. "You're

When the meeting was thrown open to general questions, many of the adults in the audience barged Mr. Odham with questions, denounced his stand, called him "liar" and booed his statements. This brought out the dynamic and powerful oratorical skill for which Mr. Odham is well known.

At one point a poll taken at the request of the television and newspaper reporters present at the event revealed that there were 18 members of the John Birch Society in attendance.

Mr. Bob Petree, President of the Florida Young Democrats, served as moderator.

## Lower Court States Rule On Drinking

Due to the current problem of the use of alcoholic beverages at fraternity and sorority parties, it seems imperative that the students understand the Lower Court's position in such matters.

If a social group has a party they must assume full responsibility for their members and guests. If minors are drinking and the party is raided by police, not only the individuals, but the social group will appear before the Lower Court.

It is the feeling of the Lower Court that the first offense on the part of the social group will necessitate Social Probation which may involve the loss of the following privileges: no pledging for one year, no participation in intramural or social activities; and a possible fine. If the group appears before the Lower Court a second time, it will be referred to the Upper Court with the recommendation that the charter be lifted and the group removed from the campus permanently.

Elizabeth Hall will hold a Christmas open house in honor of Dean Watson Dec. 13 from 3-5 p.m.

FROM THE MINUTES OF THE DEC. 7 FACULTY MEETING . . . IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE FACULTY RESTORE THE LONG THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY. AT THE SAME TIME, THE FACULTY COMMENDED THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT FOR THE MATURE MANNER IN WHICH THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT STUDIED THE MATTER AND PRESENTED THE DATA TO THE FACULTY. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.



New Sandspur Editor Steve Combs, seated, with new staff: (l. to r.) Beth Davis, Scott Gifford, Judy Uren, and Steffen Schmidt.

## "Stick To It" In '65 The New Staff Will

Stephen M. Combs, a junior, is the new Editor of the Sandspur as of January. The new staff will publish its first issue on January 13th.

The editorial staff is composed of Combs as Editor, Steffen Schmidt as feature editor, Beth Davis as women's sports editor, John Deming as sports editor, Bonnie Miller as news editor, and Scott Gifford as humor editor.

In the news department, Molly Harris and Patti Fran McCrary, both freshmen, will serve as assistants.

The technical departments are headed by Morna Ruud as layout editor, Kay Bostick as heads edi-

tor, Wendy Rabinowitz as proof reader, Sally Shinkle as copy editor, Jeanne Lockamy as office manager, and Judy Schlatter as Cartoonist.

Judy Uren is circulation manager and Tom Brightman is business manager.

Combs said two of the editors are seniors and that he hopes to find replacements for them among the new reporters who will have a term to break in on the staff. He said, "Any student who has an interest in newspaper work and at the same time doesn't mind working, will find an excellent opportunity for rapid promotion if he sincerely exhibits his talents and displays desire to work." He also stated that he is looking for "bright students who have the ability to learn even though they might not have any newspaper experience."

In discussing the campus as a whole, he expressed his wishes that each of the social groups would encourage members to work on the Sandspur. However, he added that people must be willing to really work and not be just interested in adding a new activity to their records.

He concluded by saying, "Every member of the Sandspur staff must be willing to live up to the motto: 'Stick to It', if the paper is going to continue to grow and be placed on the firmest possible basis—that of a well trained, conscientious staff who will always follow through and give the best they have to the paper."

Current editor, Tom Brightman, expressed great hope for the new staff: "Combs has done an excellent job for me as associate editor for the past year and has every potential possible to make a good editor." Brightman added, "He has maintained several members of my staff and with the enthusiasm which will be added to the paper by the new members, the Sandspur should have a very good year and the support of the entire college." He concluded, "It is the hope of all of us who have worked on the paper over the past year that with the base we have left the new staff to work with, they shall produce a Sandspur with many fold the assets of ours."

## Chapel Staff Invests In Children's Future

The Chapel Staff has two foster children which provide both a concern and entertainment. There is a girl from Hong Kong named Yuen Chui Lin; and our newest child, a Filipino, Edmundo Mejles. Our concern lies in the fact that both of them belong to very poor families and live in poverty stricken parts of the world. We hope their education is good enough to help them better their position. The Foster Parents Plan keeps us well informed on their progress, but the place we see the most improvement is in the letters they send us every month. These letters are the source of entertainment that keeps enthusiasm high. As children, they have funny things to say; and in translation of the letters, they become funnier.

Some of the money you give to the CHAPEL FUND DRIVE goes to the support of these youngsters. \$7 is all we need to take care of one of them; and, of course, we send them book bags and some small articles. This \$7 seems like a very small amount by our standards, but this is only \$3 less than their mothers earn working an entire month. This is a smart investment in the future and shows the true good of giving; so when the CHAPEL FUND DRIVE starts, pledge your support to the Christian way and give generously.



Alpha Iota Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa recently initiated five new members. ODK is a national men's honorary fraternity which recognizes scholarship and leadership. From left to right, Chuck Olsen, Bob Ennis, Tom Edgar, Jim Bomhard, and Van Emerson.





## THE 'SPUR SPEAKS

Over the past year, the Sandspur has taken issue with students, administration, and faculty over many and varied controversies. Try as they may, people were unable to put us in any particular camp — which is the way we wanted it. The Sandspur maintained a constant vigil against anything which was not for the benefit of the students. And, if we had to speak out against fellow students to do this, it was done without hesitation.

The Editor was elected by a mere one vote majority — that being the vote of Council President Grant Jennison. Thus as this staff goes out in a certain amount of tumult it certainly began its task of publishing the Sandspur under equally disquieting circumstances. However, the staff forgot the council hassle and began immediately to work up its first 'Spur.

A staff was built up from members of every group on campus with special attention given to no one except those with special talents and abilities. We hired those who could produce and could be relied on to follow through under even the roughest circumstances. All didn't make it, however, for we fired several students over the year. This almost unknown practice at Rollins shocked certain people but it cleared out the deadwood and allowed us to produce a better paper under more harmonious circumstances.

We did not take controversy for controversy's sake. With the controversy came many accomplishments. Students began to talk about the issues which face the campus. They actually read the Sandspur from cover to cover and no longer discarded it after a casual glance. Why? Because it was worth reading! It said something! Yes, it actually took stands and stood behind them when they were liked as well as when they were attacked. We have served as a catalyst of student opinion in hopes that if people discussed enough and thought enough and became aroused enough that they would come up with some answers to campus problems.

Then, of course, there were times when we cut across all lines and upset some members of every branch of the Rollins Family. To this we simply say that though we are the voice of the students we must and shall remain forever aloof from all or any pressure groups to maintain our freedom of the press. This Sandspur has been a Rubber Stamp for NO ONE. We have simply stimulated and recorded the pulse of the student body and at times created issues of our own as any responsible and vigilant newspaper should.

We are very much aware of the fact that the administration does not tolerate criticism from scholarship students; however, we do not believe in this and have spoken freely even though many of us have sizable scholarships. It would be a shame for the minds of these students of excellence in the academic world to be censored. We hope that this will encourage other scholarship students to constructively criticize the college. For if you don't, you are depriving the college of your most valuable asset — your mind and its ability to solve problems.

The Sandspur wishes you all a very Merry Christmas and asks one gift from the incoming staff: **KEEP THE ISSUES HOT! KEEP THE ROLLINS FAMILY FROM SLUMBERING IN APATHY AND THUS INVITING DETERIORATION OF THE ROLLINS IDEALS. CRITICIZE, BUT BE CHARITABLE. ABOVE ALL BE VIGILANT! DON'T LET PROBLEMS CREEP UP ON YOU AND BECOME CRISES—HEAD THEM OFF WITH CONSTANT VIGILANCE.**

## Worth Remembering

Passion holds up the bottom of the universe, and the poet gives it a new dress.

Love is not true love without a form of madness. A literary artist must have zest in life to enter into nature's spirit.

One should discipline oneself in the spirit of autumn and live with others in the spirit of spring.

Recluse scholars often disdain to discuss affairs of the government. But history is full of affairs of the government. Should one stop reading history, too? They cannot have meant it.

Random reading and browsing are better than not being acquainted with books at all; it is all right to be detached, but not to be ignorant of the trend of the times.

The ancients praised those who were proud though poor, and not snobbish though rich. Now in modern days it is difficult to find the poor who are not snobbish and the rich who are not haughty.

One does not live in vain if there is one in this world who truly understands oneself.

Be the day lily among grass. Do not be the cuckoo among the birds.

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

As the turmoil and controversy concerning the liquids of Bacchus rages over the college campus, I believe that it is time to gather some salient facts, unlike the editorial from the last Sandspur, free from the oversimplified and evangelical diatribe.

If the administration is determined to base academic quality of the college solely on the social behavior of the students, a natural conclusion might be derived from this policy; consequently, this argument continues, the less collegiate misbehavior there is the higher must be the standard of a Rollins education. Under this narrow and superficial hue of thinking, Rollins must be a more superior educational institution than, say Harvard. Although the guardians of student behavior have not made this point, the belief exists that conduct set along their guide lines is a criterion for improvement of the Rollins educational program. Unfortunately this indicates that some administrative leaders are plagued with black and white convictions of middle class morality and that they have no real comprehension of modern educational processes.

The problem over student consumption of alcoholic beverages is a good case in point. However, before the present condition of this dilemma is evaluated, a few noteworthy observations of the past are necessary.

During Dean Vermilye's tenure the problem was handled with a great deal of skill and the results on the whole displayed responsible attitudes on the part of the students. During the past Dean's stay the problems of the students' conduct were far more serious at the outset of his services than in his last three years. Dean Vermilye of course was beset with certain crises caused when individuals or groups tread upon the feet of the local law enforcement. However, he dealt with the students as individuals and in most cases allowed the punishment of students for off campus behavior to be dealt with by the police. At no time did he seek to discipline a group by promulgating a uniform law on the other groups who were not involved in the particular incident. As best he could Dean Vermilye tried to limit enforcement of campus rules to the campus. And still Rollins grew in stature and student responsibility became the determining factor in the formation of the new government.

The present policy of the three sultans of the "Pink Palace" is one of impulsive over-reaction. It is understandable that the new Dean of Men is not yet acquainted with the nature of Rollins students and is probably feeling the pressure from the established officials of the College to make his mark. Undoubtedly, another factor is that he is young, perhaps too young, and he sorely needs experience. As for the Dean of the College and the Dean of Women, their positions are not discernable.

As a practical matter, the College should publicly frown on under-age drinking and thus maintain consistency with the state laws. However, the College should make an effort to maintain a posture which counsels student independence of decision in regard to consumption of alcohol.

Secondly, the chaperon requirement makes little sense when it is State law that all persons over 21 at-

## From Under The Rug

By Steve Combs, Assoc. Editor

In five weeks the Sandspur will begin its 71st year. As changes are made on the staff, and the new editor takes over, you may be surprised not to find the traditional pleas for help which appear on the front page of every editor's first issue. For, unlike recent years, when there was a complete changeover in staff every year, this, for once, will not be called "The New Sandspur."

Yet it won't be the same Sandspur either. Spark will be added to the sports section. The features department will not be content to stay at home and write long eulogies about faculty members and seniors. It will take you places — from the desk of President Johnson to the set of Alumnus Tony Perkins — and somehow tie the message up with what's happening on the home front.

But our staff is not being drawn from mass recruiting and sign-up sheets. Neither will we be content to get by with what we've got. We are going to use the most talented members of the present staff, and then we are going to go out and find what else we need to make the paper better.

But we could not do all this starting from scratch. Tom Brightman has worked hard during the past year to build the paper to what it is now. He started with no staff. We have the advantage of picking up where he left off.

And we hope to continue to build it.

What's News — Students won't get identification cards at all this year, according to the cashier's office. Pictures were taken early this fall, but service was poor. The cards that did arrive came long after the time when they were needed most, so all were returned.

Merry Christmas.

tending any party are responsible for under-age drinking since many parties are not fully planned until a day in advance.

Thirdly, the requirement that all parties must be licensed 72 hours in advance is a cumbersome rule or two before the actual event. Furthermore, this is a hindrance of the right of free association and is not in keeping with the College's historic practice of minimum interference in the students' off-campus activities.

If the College wishes to preserve its fine tradition of student-faculty relations, a revision of policy is desperately needed. Student respect for the administration has never been whole-hearted as evidenced by Grant Jennison's letter in the Sandspur last year. It would seem unwise to embitter relations further at this point. If the College wishes to so severely limit the student's responsibility in his present life, it will also stifle his imagination in his academic life.

Matthew S. Quay

Dear Editor,

I want to congratulate the editors on their hard stand on the Rollins drinking problem. I'm sure you don't stand alone in backing their opinions concerning drinking at Rollins.

It just doesn't make any sense for Fraternities to have parties where there is alcohol served; after all there are many other ways of having a good time such as bridge parties, night baseball games, or even a trahouse Scrabble tournaments!

It is certainly justified to attack all drinking when a minority gets out of hand. After all, one doesn't come to college to enjoy himself, he comes to get an education. Certainly it isn't too much to ask students to refrain from drinking at college or Fraternity parties, after all, it is the law!

I have a suggestion — why not pass a law outlawing college students?

Dryly,  
John Kilian

Dear Editor:

In order that rumors concerning recent statements by the student deans on drinking be dispelled, and in order that Rollins social groups may take the proper steps to insure that future social functions will be positive contributions to the college experience of the student and the respective reputations of the sponsoring social group and the College, we wish to fully state the College position on alcoholic beverages and social events.

1. Students may not possess or consume alcoholic beverages on Rollins College property.

2. All off-campus group functions must be registered with, and approved in writing by the Student Deans.

Such permission must be requested in writing 72 hours prior to the event, and requests must include the place, approximate number of students attending, and the names of the chaperons who have accepted responsibility for the particular event.

A flexible definition of a group function is one in which three or more members of the same housing unit, club, fraternity, sorority, etc., attend.

3. Florida state law specifies that no person under 21 years of age may possess or consume alcoholic beverages, and that any person 21 or older who provides a minor with an alcoholic beverage will be held liable for contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Rollins is committed to abiding by the law; therefore, no student under 21 will be permitted to consume alcoholic beverages, and the minor, the individual group who provides him with the alcoholic beverage, and the group which sponsors the function will be held responsible for the violation.

4. Chaperons must be at least five years graduated from college. They, with the sponsors of the function, are liable under the law for any violations which occur, and it is the group's responsibility to see that the nature of the function does not place the chaperons in violation of state law.

The law of the State of Florida is clear. Because the College is dedicated to abiding by that law, and because students upon admission become representatives of Rollins in all their activities, violations will be dealt with not only by law enforcement officials but such infractions will be referred to the student court for disciplinary action.

Dean Burdell  
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## Council Reports

The faculty voted unanimously Monday afternoon to restore the four-day Thanksgiving vacation. At the council meeting Monday night President Olsen read part of the faculty meeting minutes, which commended the council for the way it presented its case.

The council also voted to raise the Student Association fee to \$50, up from \$45 this year. Assistant Dean of Men Jack Lindquist, di-

## Money Rolls In To Aid Rollins

The National Biscuit Company Foundation has given its ninth consecutive contribution to the Associated Florida Private Colleges Fund. Hugh F. McKean, Rollins College President and President of the AFPCF, announced the \$200 gift.

In accepting the gift, McKean stressed the need of the private colleges for financial support to help span the difference between cost and student fees.

Sharing the \$200 gift are the four members of the AFPCF: Barry College, Miami; Florida Southern College, Lakeland; Rollins College, Winter Park; and Stetson University, Deland.

rector of the Union Program Board, urged the raise so that the Union could broaden its activities. He gave several examples, including reduced-rate ski trips and concerts.

In response to the student demonstration which took place last Friday, a faculty-administration-student forum will meet Friday at 4:30 in the Annie Russell Theatre.

(Last week-end in front of his home, President McKean suggested that student grievances be taken up in the council. Students attending the demonstration immediately rejected the idea.)

In other matters, Jim Bomhard called for a Fiesta Committee report from chairman Jim Stein. Bomhard said that weekly reports were promised, but that none have been forthcoming. He was told that plans now are unstable, and that a report will be issued next month.

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## This Is The Story Of A Leader

Rollins owns a reputation for being friendly, and most of the credit for this distinction goes to students like David Schechter.



Dave Schechter

Just about everyone on campus has come into contact with Dave's friendly grin and warm personality. He likes people and finds that participation in campus activities allows him to meet many students. He commented, "This is a friendly campus, and I love it this way! I like meeting and talking to people, and working with them enables me to do so."

Dave has run the gamut in campus activities. He has been a member of TKE's Executive Board for

three years, is President of ODK, Vice President of the student body, past president of the S.F.E.A., holds membership in the Chapel Choir and chapel staff, won the Algernon Sidney Sullivan Award, and as recently elected to **Who's Who In American Colleges and Universities**. I asked David if his busy schedule interferes with his grades. David replied, "Active participation is bound to have an effect on them." But he hastened to add that he has no regrets about time spent in campus activities.

Questioning David about his high school background, I found that he was as active in high school organizations as he is at Rollins. As a matter of fact, when his Detroit school's legislature passed a rule limiting the number of presidencies one student could hold, David had to resign one of his numerous presidencies. Despite his busy schedule, Dave's high average allowed him to graduate 7th in a class of 325. It is obvious, then, that Dave garnered considerable leadership training before entering Rollins.

Dave, a senior physics and math major, intends to teach after attending graduate school. He feels that Rollins liberal arts program has accorded him the type edu-

cation a teacher needs. "For," he said, "if I'm going to be in a classroom with kids, I'll need to know more than just physics and math."

David is a champion of the conference plan. Citing his Modern Algebra class of six students, David commented, "Where else could you find such an opportunity for individual learning?" I chose Rollins because it was a small liberal arts college employing the conference plan, and it has lived up to my expectations beautifully!"

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## A Student Speaks Out On What The "Deans" Never Discuss

### THE INTELLECTUAL ATMOSPHERE OF ROLLINS

On Monday afternoon I sat down at my desk to write a composition for English class on the "Intellectual Atmosphere of Rollins." It was a nice sunny day, and my roommate and friends had gone up to the sundeck of Elizabeth Hall. I longed to join them in the healthful Florida sunshine. It was hard to concentrate, because my neighbor's radios were turned on loudly and tuned to different stations. I heard the ping of tennis balls against the backboard, the roar of motors, and the familiar sound of skateboards. I could hear the jubilant cheers of the students at the Delta Chi football game where I wanted to go. Finding completely impossible to concentrate on the intellectual pursuit of writing a theme, I picked up my notebook and moved to the study lounge. There I quickly became involved in a discussion of the weekend parties. The telephones which are situated right across the hall were constantly ringing and one could hear every word of some very stimulating conversations. After wasting about an hour in the study room, I decided that I had better go to the library to write my theme. There I became involved in another intellectual discussion entitled "I can't wait until Christmas vacation." Thirty minutes later I sat down at my desk and began to write my theme.

As I thought about the topic, the first thing that came into my mind was the question, "What intellectual atmosphere of Rollins?" The former paragraph and the following facts prove that in reality Rollins College does not have an intellectual atmosphere.

First of all, the climate of Florida is not conducive to learning. The "Garden of Eden" type of weather is much suitable for all outdoor activities. Thus, many of

the Rollins students who come from the northern states are year-round victims of spring fever. The climate and location of "Jolly Rolly Colly by the Lake" contribute much to the social atmosphere but certainly hurt the intellectual atmosphere.

The social life at Rollins is also very detrimental to the intellectual atmosphere. Emphasis is heavily placed on fraternity life. There is a party going on almost every minute of every night, and the majority of students do not

have the willpower to sit at home and study. A union-sitter would be ridiculed if he attempted to stir up an intellectual discussion with the fraternity brothers at his table. The only incentive to study at Rollins is the average you must obtain to get initiated into your fraternity.

The freshmen are at a great intellectual disadvantage at Rollins. They have not had the time to become personally acquainted with their teachers and thus can't generate any real interest in their

work. They are swept up into the social whirl of fraternity life and do not know where studying fits in. They are the innocent victims of a program intended to improve the scholastic rating of Rollins. This program is only resulting in very low grades for the Freshmen, especially in languages.

After considering all these facts, it is evident that Rollins College does not have an intellectual atmosphere. The students who are here to learn must develop an intellectual atmosphere of their own.

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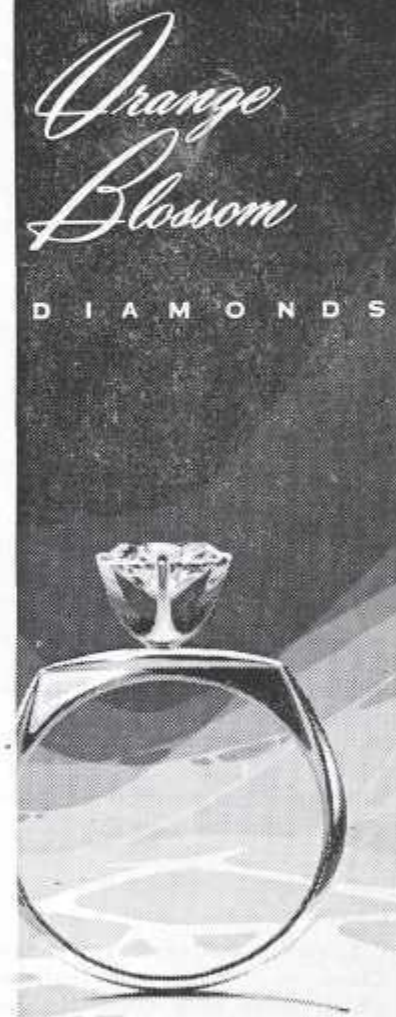
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# Sinter Klass Must Conform To Various Customs

## TRY THIS CHRISTMAS QUIZ

You decorate your home with holly and sneak kisses under the mistletoe . . . take it for granted that Christmas was always celebrated on December 25 . . . even if you're past believing in Santa Claus, expect to see him drawn and painted as a jolly, bearded old elf. But did you ever stop to think of why you do these things?

1. How about your Christmas decorations: Know why we kiss under the mistletoe . . . who was first to use holly in December . . . what holly symbolizes to Christians . . . from which country the poinsettia came . . . how the cherry tree figures in Yule lore?

KISSING under the mistletoe is said to have begun with the ancient Romans, who viewed the

POPE JULIUS, about the year 349 A. D. Two years later, after agreement on this date had been reached among church officials (some had favored fixing the Savior's birthday in January or March), Julius decreed that Christmas should thenceforth be celebrated on December 25. In the 6th century A. D.—the year 543, to be exact—Christmas was made a legal holiday in Rome. But 100 years before that, the Roman government had required all theaters to close on Christmas Day. The Puritans, in 1659, passed a Massachusetts law making it a penal offense to celebrate Christmas! As for Epiphany, it occurs on January 6, and marks three events in the life of Jesus: His baptism, the visit of the Wise Men to Bethlehem, and the miracle at Cana.

For a long time after that, ladies were called "toasts" and toasts were drunk only to ladies. Britons often toasted their true loves on bended knee.

Although American toasting procedure couldn't be simpler (just stand, clink and drink), our toasts are among the most colorful in the world. Who hasn't heard or said, "Here's mud in your eye"? The phrase was born in pioneer days when a farmer, about to leave town and head west, would stop at the tavern for a last round of drinks with the boys. The thought on everyone's mind was: would the new land be rocky and hard to plow, or would the soil be soft and rich, throwing specks of mud into the eye of the man behind the plow? The toaster hoped for the latter when he said, "Here's mud in your eye."

SINCE THEN, we've toasted love and war, mother and money—we've even toasted the bank. There are tender toasts and dryly humorous ones. Mark Twain's witticism: "Let us toast the fools—but for them the rest of us could not succeed."

Many toastmasters drink to the drink in their hand. "Here's champagne to our real friends, and real pain to our sham friends." Said English poet Lord Byron, "Let us have wine and women, mirth and laughter/Sermons and soda water the day after."

Not too surprisingly, the ladies remain our best-toasted subject. "Here's to the pictures on my desk. May they never meet," is the college man's dearest wish. The sailor raises his glass to this one: "Here's to the ships of our navy and the ladies of our land. May the first be well-rigged and the latter well-manned." Not to be outdone, the Army man says: "Here's to the soldier and his arms/Fall in, men, fall in. Here's to woman and her arms/Fall in, men, fall in."

There's even a toast for those who rarely work. Hobos raise their mugs thusly: "Here's to do holidays! Bless de hull t'ree hundred and sixty-five of 'em!"

And in an entirely different vein is one spoken by Tiny Tim in that immortal story of Chrismats good will, "A Christmas Carol": "Here's to us all—God bless us everyone."

## THE ORIGIN OF CHRISTMAS CUSTOMS

While the exact origin of the practice of kissing under the mistletoe is not known, there are several popular stories about it.

THE DRUIDS of ancient Britain paid it more than lip service—they thought it could heal disease, neutralize poisons and protect against witchcraft! They wore charm bracelets and rings made of mistletoe, and fastened the plant over their doorways to ward off evil spirits.

A SCANDINAVIAN tale involves Frigga, the goddess of love and beauty. Researchers report that Frigga first made mistletoe an emblem of love and granted some lucky man a kiss beneath its branches—beginning a smacking good custom.

Of course, the Christmas tree is a center of attraction in most homes during the Yule season—a place of honor, incidentally, solid rooted in history. For thousands of years before Christ's birth, evergreen trees were revered by German tribesmen as symbols of immortality. When the pagans were converted to Christianity, they transferred their feelings for the evergreen to the new religion.

THE FIRST PERSON to put lights on a Christmas tree was Martin Luther. Walking home one night shortly before Christ-

mas, the Reformation leader felt a strong tie between the starry night and the love of God. At home, he placed candles on a little evergreen tree to help his children experience the same wonder of God's heavens. The custom grew and spread through Northern Europe, then to America.

THE WORD "CAROL" means to dance in a ring, and the man who popularized the practice was the beloved St. Francis of Assisi. To bring the Christmas message vividly and directly to his 13th century villagers, most of whom could not read, he arranged a manger scene using real people and animals. When the villagers came to see it, St. Francis led them in joyous celebration—"caroling".

ABOUT THOSE CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS: One legend says that the original St. Nicholas—who was a charitable Turkish bishop—taking pity on a man too poor to provide a dowry for his daughters, dropped gold pieces into a stocking hung up by the fire to dry.

One of the most recent of the popular Christmas customs is the Christmas card. The first one was sent in 1845 by W. C. Dobson, one of Queen Victoria's favorite painters. Louis Prang of Boston made the first American Christmas cards in 1875, but only during the last 50 years has the practice of sending Yuletide cards become widespread.

HISTORY records many other Christmas customs. But in all lands which celebrate this ancient holiday, the feelings of reverence and joy are the same.

## MIDNIGHT AROUND THE WORLD

When you raise your glass and shout "Happy New Year!" at midnight, December 31, how will citizens of other countries be welcoming in the New Year? Will they boil Indian rice? Toast with Spanish sherry? Exchange Iranian eggs?



President McKean as he appeared Friday night . . .

At midnight, in observance of an old Russian custom, celebrants douse all the lights. Many teenagers go about the streets festively throwing peas and wheat grains at passers-by—much in the same way we throw confetti.

If you're anywhere in Italy on New Year's Eve, don't walk close to the buildings because at the stroke of midnight people stand at their windows and heave out old glass, kitchenware and chairs. This symbolizes the cleaning out of the old and the beginning of the new.

ITALIANS also get a bang out of New Year's fireworks displays.

Here the understanding is that the noise will frighten away bad things that happened during the old year and so assure good luck in the year to come.

LUCK also dominates the New Year in Spain. In Jerez and other areas, it's customary for families to gather on New Year's Eve to celebrate the coming of the new year with music and a special kind of amusement.

When the clock begins to strike midnight each person starts eating twelve grapes. The grapes must be eaten before the twelfth stroke of the bell to ensure that the new year will be a happy one.

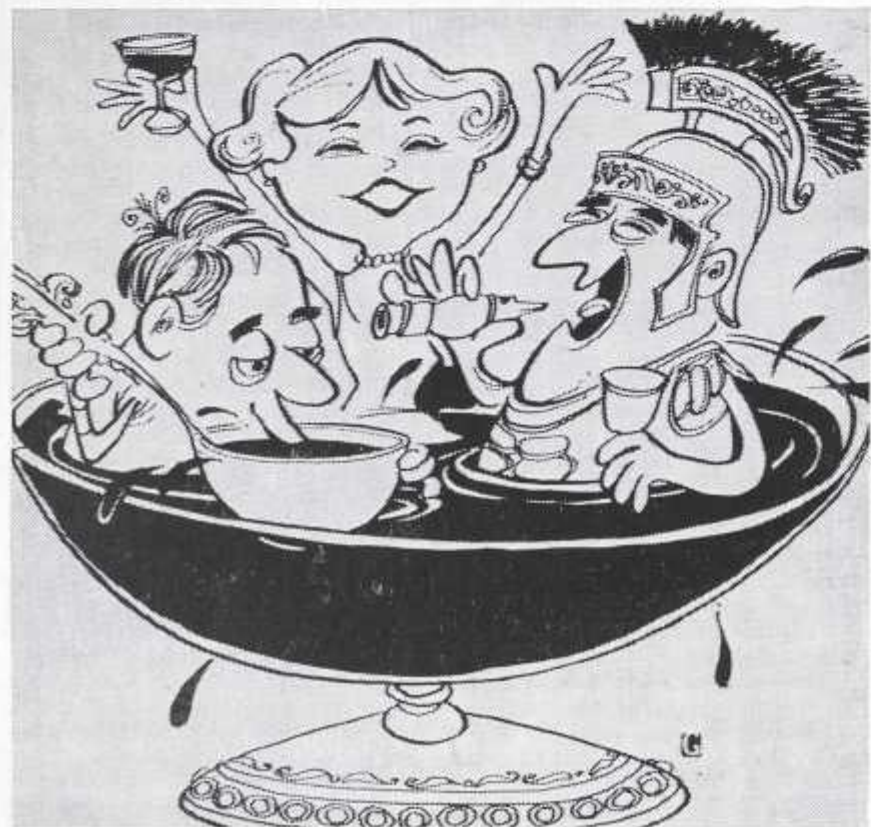
IN FRANCE AND SCOTLAND New Year's Day is a more important holiday than Christmas. Christmas, a French peasant puts his wooden shoe on the hearth for a gift, but it's on New Year's Day that adults exchange presents.

Scottish tradition has it that the first one in a house on New Year's Day brings good luck. At night celebrators carry cakes and other goodies to their hosts a good year.

But if you were to welcome the new year in Iran, you would be surprised at the gifts you would be expected to exchange: eggs!

NEW YEAR'S IN INDIA is an extremely solemn festival. The bedecked cattle are led through the streets to the Ganges River where pilgrims gather to worship. In the southern part of the country, the boiling new rice is an appeal for good luck during the new year.

IN CONTRAST, the Japanese New Year's celebration is a dazzling affair. Everyone takes three days off from work to join with his friends and join in many colorful parades. Homes are decked out with green branches, and bamboo stalks hung on gate posts along with tangerines—indicative of long life.



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plant as a symbol of peace. Enemies, meeting under the mistletoe, were supposed to embrace and declare a truce. The Romans were also first to use holly—at their December Saturnalia festival. But Christians also find holly appropriate because they see in it the symbolism of Christ's blood (the red berries) and His crown of thorns. The poinsettia, another holiday bloom, comes from Mexico. Joel Poinsett, first American Minister to Mexico, brought it here in 1836. The cherry tree, according to the well-known "Cherry Tree Carol," bent its boughs so that the Virgin Mary could pluck its fruit.

2. Which settlers brought Santa Claus to the New World, and which three men created today's popular image of Santa Claus? Can you name his real-life prototype?

The Dutch brought San Nicolaas (Sinter Klaas for short) to the New World; later his name became Americanized to Santa Claus. Author Washington Irving first described Santa as riding through the skies in a reindeer-drawn sleigh. Clement C. Moore described Santa as fat and jolly, with a snowy beard, in his famous poem "A Visit from St. Nicholas." Cartoonist Thomas Nast drew him that way. Santa's prototype, the real St. Nicholas, was a 4th century Turkish bishop who became a legend in his own lifetime for his generosity and his love of children.

3. Christmas dates are the subject of his one: Who fixed the date of Christmas on December 25? In what century was Christmas first declared a legal holiday? Which Americans made it a crime to celebrate Christmas? When is Epiphany, and how does it fit into the Christmas calendar?

## TRY THESE HOLIDAY TOASTS!

Whether it's skoal, salud or cheers that's exclaimed, the toast is the shot heard 'round the world! It rings out wherever there's laughter, love and liquid.

ODDLY ENOUGH, this happy custom had a solemn start. The ancients drank to their gods and their dead during religious rites. It wasn't long, however, before some good-time Greeks got the idea of drinking to the here and now.

THE ROMANS were even heartier. They complimented their lady friends by draining a cup for each letter in the damsel's name. Undoubtedly the hostess with the mostes' syllables won the popularity poll. One of the noblest Romans-about-town, a fellow named Petronius, coined a phrase that's come down through the centuries. "Let us wet our whistles!" was his contribution to conviviality.

ANGLO-SAXON toasts were even shorter, as might be expected from the tough, fiercely-fighting beer drinkers. (Their beer was called "mead" and made from fermented honey.) "Waes hael!" the drinkers would cry (literally translated: "be healthy!"). The hygienic beverage soon came to be called "wassail."

It wasn't until the 17th century that people called a toast a toast. The term derived from a quaint English custom of floating a piece of toast in the drink to improve its flavor. The legend goes that a lord once visited a lady after her bath. The gallant gent filled a wine glass with the bath water and announced that he would drink her health. His sensible sidekick advised him to pass up the drink and take the toast instead—meaning the pretty girl who had recently floated in that particular "punch."



# Rollins, Hampered By Fouls, Drops The Opener To Stetson

By Tom Brightman  
Sports Staff

The Tars opened their 1964-65 basketball season Tuesday, December 1, against Stetson University.



Millard Nixon blocks a Hatter shot during action of the season opener in the Winter Park High School gym.

A capacity crowd was on hand for the opener.

Scoring was slow in the opening moments, but Stetson took the lead. Less than a minute had

passed in the first half when Rollins committed its first foul which seemed to start a trend in that direction.

Rollins stayed in contention un-

were committed on both sides and Stetson gradually pushed even further ahead in score.

The game ended with Stetson holding a commanding lead of 32 points — Stetson 84, Rollins 52.

The fouls proved costly to Rollins as Stetson scored 24 points on foul shots. Stetson also committed several fouls, but the Tars accuracy at the charity stripe was not good while Stetson's accuracy was excellent.

Dave Bussler and Gary Kilmer led the Tar's scoring with 11 points each. Hester led the Stetson Hatters with 29 points.

Last year's cagers won 5 of 26 outings and came within two points of taking several other wins. This record was an improvement over the past years and Coach Coffie is hoping for a far better record this season. The Tars face the remainder of the season with four lettermen, six freshmen, and two untested performers.

However, Coffie lacks the big man and Sophomore Millard Nixon standing at 6'5" is faced with the job of controlling the backboard with help from seniors Butch Hearn and Lee Baggett.

The next home game is Tuesday, December 15th in the Winter Park High Gym.

## Sports Editorial

### Intramural Issues

by Dick Cohen, Sports Editor

It is the end of another administration of the Sandspur. The term has consisted of contests in table tennis, tennis, flag football, and discussions on the field house.

The results were as follows: table tennis was a big success; tennis was a big success on the courts but not off the courts; flag football has improved from the nonsense of last fall term; and the ground breaking of the field house should take place during the spring term.

However, the main objection of the Sandspur concerning intramurals is that there is a decisive lack of sportsmanship on the field as well as off the field. Sportsmanship can be elevated from its present low point to a surprising high point if the athletic department would consent to have a sportsmanship trophy of equal value to the Intramural Trophy.

As of this time, there has been no word from the athletic department concerning this trophy. I urge the department to initiate this trophy; without it, the winner of intramurals will always remain the team that can play the roughest.

In closing, I wish to thank my staff for their undying attempts to bring to the reader a pleasant and accurate sports page.

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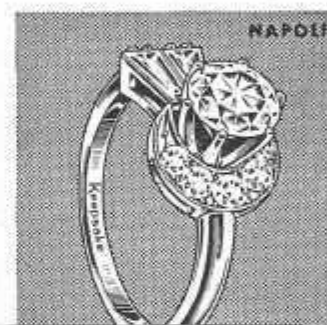
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# Spotlight On Sports-Minded Soph

**By Lane Taylor**

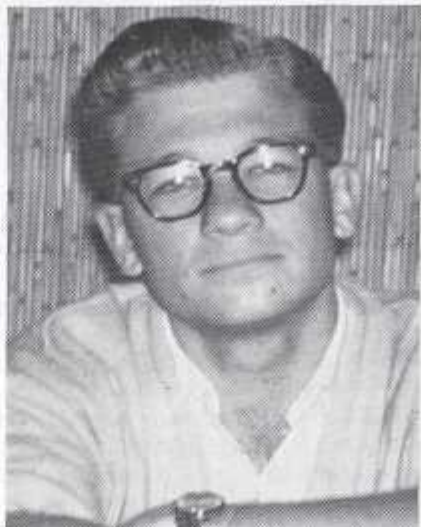
Pete Taylor is one of those dynamic little soccer players you see all over the field during the course of a game. He is a 20 year old sophomore from Sarasota, but attended Blair Academy which is located in New Jersey. He came to Rollins because it was an easy transition from a small prep school, it was not too far from home, and it offers one of the best liberal arts backgrounds in the South. Pete is a business major,

but has yet to decide which specific field he would like to go into.

Besides being on the varsity soccer team for two years and being initiated in the "R" Club, he also was a member of last year's Junior Varsity tennis squad. Now that the soccer season has ended, he plans to get back in form for the upcoming tennis season.

Commenting on social life here at Rollins he said that although he is an Independent, fraternities are a necessity on a small college campus. It is just like a small community to him where everyone knows everybody else's phone number and the atmosphere is very informal.

When asked if he had anything to add, Taylor said, "I feel the only thing lacking at this college is an adequate field house. The support which the students give to the various teams would gain immensely if we had the use of this proposed multipurpose field



Pete Taylor

house. The sooner the completion of this project has arrived, the sooner the morale and school spirit, which now lacks, will reach its peak."

# Gerry Baer Elected To "Play" On Women's Basketball Team

**by Gloria Giles**

Gerry Baer, a day student residing in Orlando, Florida, enjoys participating in the women's intramurals. She has just been elected a member of the women's varsity basketball team for her excellent ability in the game. She also participates in archery, softball, canoeing, and volleyball.

Regarding other sports, she stated that she would like to have more opportunities to ride and to bowl. Gerry feels that more girls should take part in the women's intramurals as "they would find it interesting, stimulating, and a lot of fun."

Gerry, who made the Dean's List last spring term, is majoring in English. She feels that the English Department at Rollins is excellent, but "there should be more emphasis placed on reading and analysis in Freshman English that would be useful for future English courses." She also stated her belief that Mr. Aycock and Miss Moore do follow this idea to her liking.

When questioned about Rollins, she offered, "I love it! It is a very

good college, and I selected it because it has a lot to offer."



Gerry Baer

I like the methods of student participation in the classroom, and am glad that emphasis is placed on the student's ideas as well as on his professors'."

# Let's Welcome The Tars Home Next Tuesday

**By Dick Cohen, Sports Editor**

The Rollins College Tars opened their 1964-65 basketball season Wednesday night, December 9, in the Winter Park Gymnasium. His next four games will all be played away from campus, but the Tars will resume play at the Winter Park Gym on Tuesday, December 15, at 8:00 P.M. against Georgia State.

Although the game is played on the eve of the closing of the college for the fall term, the spirit and determination they displayed last Tuesday night deserves a representation of supporters from this college to welcome the Tars back from the road. Let's all get out there on the 15th and cheer our team on to victory.

# 14 Women Named To Hon. Varsity Basketball Team

The following girls have been elected to the Woman's Honorary Varsity Basketball Team for the fall term of 1964:

Gerry Baer, Nona Gandalum, Mary Grantham, Susan Whitely, India Ferrell, Jeanne Maurer, "Roach" Thompson.

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# Legler Pilots Sigma Nu To Third Championship

By Tom Brightman  
Sports Staff

Bob Legler piloted the powerful Sigma Nus to a 39-0 shutout over the X-Club yesterday afternoon to take the third football championship in three years.

Legler, Sigma Nu quarterback, threw five touchdown passes and kicked two extra points. The Snakes took the ball after the opening kickoff and marched down field for their first score. The touchdown came on a pass from Legler to Mickey Clark.

Sigma Nu scored again in the

second quarter on another pass from Legler to Clark. Halftime score was 19-0.

The Snakes came back in the third quarter to rack up more points against the failing X-Club. Bob Legler connected with Larry Johnson who then pitched out to Mickey Clark for the near score ending on the five yard line. Legler threw the touchdown pass to Jim Ehle on the next play.

Club quarterback Chuck Olsen had trouble with his offense, and couldn't connect on pass plays. The Club defense could not hold back the powerful Sigma Nu drive. In the fourth quarter the

Club lost the ball on downs close to their own goal line. Sigma Nu quickly scored on a pass from Larry Johnson to Mickey Clark, to make the final score 39-0.

Rusty Shapleigh and Jim Stein led the X-Club on defense.

Chuck Olsen led the Club on offense, as he did all season, but the Club couldn't match the Snakes, and were sorely out-

classed on both offense and defense. Sigma Nu scored every time they got the ball.

Sigma Nu met the Club for the championship as a result of the Club's win over TKE and Sigma Nu's win over the Independents.

With the X-Club ending the season in second place, TKE ends in third and the Independents are fourth.

## Sororities Are Set For Softball Season

By Beth Davis

As Christmas season comes near, among other things thoughts are turned to the approaching softball season in January. The intramural representatives are enthusiastic and eager for the second phase of intramural competition.

Gloria Giles, Phi Mu's representative, expects to have "a good team this year." She comments that the Phi Mus "have high hopes with the actives from last year and the pledges who will be playing this year." The Phi Mus have an enthusiastic and athletic pledge class with Pidge Phillips and Elaine Raighin promising good competition in softball. Also Judy Fox, Cathy Haburton, active Phi Mus, will be demonstrating their softball skill along with fielders Sally Williams and Peggy Henry.

The Kappas have a number of varsity players who will be returning in softball season, including Janie Blalock, Sally Charles, and Sharon Seigener. Other actives—Wanne Britt, Dutchy Bodenheimer, Barbara Bodman—will be participating in softball season. In addition pledges Gena Lowe and Tinki Oster promise athletic ability according to their recent basketball records. Janie, a member of the X Club, has high hopes for the Kappas "to win again this year although there will be some stiff competition from the Pi Phis and the Thetas."

The Pi Phis, who had such a good basketball season and seem to have an active group this year, should have a very good team," according to Sherie Paterson, Pi Phi's representative. Returning from last year will be Carol Bower, and DeDe Daugherty, and pledges Sally Ewell, Hanna Hemstead, and Judy Sasser should present some stiff competition.

The Thetas, who placed second in last year's softball season, should be anxious to place high in this year's season. The Thetas have two varsity members, Barb "Bunch" Thompson and Indy Ferrell who played so well in softball last year. Pam Sullivan, a pledge who showed her ability in basketball this year, has had quite a lot of experience in softball and should help the team pull through. Furthermore, Jeanne Maurey, the only freshman to make varsity basketball this year, promises some keen competition.

Stanny McNair, Chi O's repre-

sentative, is counting on much enthusiasm from the pledges. "We will find out the abilities of the pledge class, as soon as practice begins. We're really hoping to do as well if not better than last year." Returning from last year will be Mary Grantham, pitcher Terry Maxwell, Sue White, Diana Wilburn, and Nancy Albelt. The Chi Os have lost very few of last year's softball players through graduation.

The Alpha Phis and Gamma Phis are also hoping for a successful season, but as yet have no predictions since practice has not gotten under full swing.

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The Student Deans will then issue a form to each student, on which the instructors concerned will be asked by the student to indicate approval or disapproval of the proposed absence. The dissent of any one teacher concerned will prohibit the student from making the trip. The forms will be returned to the Student Deans, who will issue a list of students who may participate, to the instructor planning the trip.

No student is eligible to take a trip who is on academic probation or otherwise not in good standing.

Absences immediately before or after a holiday or vacation are considered a violation of the attendance policy. Students disregarding these rules are liable to suspension or probation.

## ABSENCES FOR MEDICAL REASONS

Your attention is invited to a long standing regulation which provides that it is the responsibility of the individual faculty member to decide whether or not a student should be excused from classes. The College, by order of the faculty, recognizes no occasion for excusing students other than hospitalization. The missing of classes due to the fact that the student was ill and visited the Dispensary does not constitute an excused absence. There is not adequate clerical service in the Dispensary to furnish certificates to students concerning illness. Consequently, we must request that the teaching staff that have been requiring such certificates or excuses from students not do so. However, when requested by a faculty member, the Medical Service will confirm the fact of illness but will not issue excuses.

If a student is hospitalized, noti-

fication to that effect will be sent by the Student Deans to the instructors concerned. Such absence and notification constitutes an excused absence.

The rationale behind the rule about excuses is well expressed by Doctor Dana L. Farnsworth, Medical Director of Harvard College. The following is an excerpt from his recent book on medical and emotional problems of students:

"Excuse systems have a long and deeply entrenched tradition in American colleges. By and large, excuses tend to promote irresponsibility and immaturity, since they allow students to avoid obligations which are clearly specified and understood and, in most instances, are appropriate. The psychiatrist will want to talk with administrators and students with a view toward the elimination of such excuses. A system with formal excuses discourages students from developing and accepting responsibility for themselves sick or well. It encourages them to exaggerate illness and to avoid academic responsibility from which they should not be released. The elimination of regular excuse systems permits each case to be judged on its own terms rather than on the basis of prejudicial rules and regulations and allows all concerned to operate in a more flexible fashion. Students at Harvard are encouraged to discuss their absences with their professor or instructor and to arrange for make-up work. The Health Service will confirm the fact of illness when requested by a faculty member but is rarely asked to do so."

## ABSENCES FOR OTHER REASONS

When a student finds it necessary to be away from the campus and must miss classes, it is necessary to secure permission from each professor whose class he will miss through the office of the respective Student Dean.

A yellow form must be filled out by the student—one for each person involved (professors, academic advisor, resident head, dean, etc.) in the office of the Student Dean. These forms are mailed to each professor from whose class

permission to be absent is being requested. On the yellow form is a space for the professor to indicate if the student may or may not miss the class and a place for the professor's signature.

When all of these yellow forms have been returned to the Student Dean, a memorandum is sent to the student with copies to all persons who receive the yellow "request for absence form" indicating if the student has or does not have permission to be absent from his classes and the campus. If there is a dissenting vote, it is not indicated which professor refused to give his permission.

Edwin S. Burdell  
Dean of the College

## AF Selection Team Here For Interviews For Officer School

A USAF Selection Team will be located in the Union today, according to MSgt. Joe Bloxom, local Air Force recruiter. The team will be available for interviews from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Senior students may apply for the Officer Training School now but will not enter the program until the month of their choice after graduation. Examinations will be administered at the convenience of the student, including Saturdays is desired.

Age limits are 20½ to 29½, but applicants must be commissioned before reaching their 30th birthday. Students desiring flying training must not be more than 26½ years of age at time of application and must be enrolled in flying training prior to their 27th birthday. All Career Areas, except flying training, are open to young women as well as men.

Seniors interested in any area of the Air Force Officer Training School may consult the Selection Team without obligation.

The Union Book Store will be open Tuesday, Dec. 15, from 2-5 p.m. to receive used books. It will open to sell and receive books Jan. 4, 5, and 6, from 9-12 noon and 2-5 p.m.

The Alliance Francaise of Rollins is ending its activities for 1964 with a lecture by Pierre Falquet, Attache for Atomic Energy Commission at the French Embassy in Washington.

He will speak on "Nuclear Energy in France." It will take place Dec. 11 at 8 p.m. in the Orlando Junior College assembly hall, 901 Highland St. Admission is free.

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