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Peck Heads Conference

The old adage that the best things in life are free may not apply to such things as: catching a runny nose, walking barefoot through a bed of hot charcoals, or even reaching under your desk-top to luckily discover a malleable wad of still wet gum. However, Rollins College is sponsoring the ninth annual Rollins College Writers Conference (RCWC) which is **FREE** to all Rollins students, faculty, and staff and will undoubtedly prove to be the best freebie offered you this year. Attracting professional and amateur writers from across the nation, this year's conference will be held from January 18-21 and will feature top executives in publishing, broadcasting, and advertising.

The objectives of the writer's conference are to sharpen writing skills, learn tips and tricks from published writers, find out what editors expect, and make contacts with competent professionals in broadcasting and writing who can propel talented writers to success. This last aspect of the RCWC is the most important of all, especially for those who travel great distance to attend, Robert Newton Peck mentioned. Peck, the new director of the RCWC and a prolific author of twenty books to date, has been a speaker at some of the past conferences. The Rollins alumnus has attracted a variety of experts from different fields of the media business for this conference.

These experts include: Sloan Wilson, author of *Man in a Gray Flannel Suit*; Dr. Thomas G. Aylesworth, Doubleday editor; Squire Rushnell, VP of Children's Programs at ABC; W. B. Park, illustrator and author of Children's books; Constance B.

Sayre, VP and Director of Subsidiary Rights at NYC's Simon & Schuster; Gloria Klicko, advertising executive at Armstrong Cork; and Robert S. Kiliper, president of Whitehall, Hadlyme and Smith.

All of the faces won't be new ones. Wilbur Dorsett, a Rollins English professor who last year delighted the audience with his topic "How not to get Published," will be back along with Dr. Edwin Granberry, author, and co-author of the Buz Sawyer comic strip, Patrick Smith, the author of *Forever Island*, and finally Robert Newton Peck.

While the three-day festival of lectures, panel discussions, and workshops is free to Rollins attendants, others must pay a \$75 fee for the full registration package. This includes the meetings, lunches, and a party on Friday evening. Separate registrations are also available for those who can't attend the full conference schedule. All meetings, which will be held in Hauck Hall, are optional so that students can come to any or all of the get-togethers. Students need not register in advance for the events.

Besides heading the RCWC, Peck will also be teaching a short mini-course scheduled for Jan. 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13. The cost of the course, \$105, is definitely outweighed by the advantage of its being taught by an accomplished writer such as Peck. The course, *Pro-Creative Writing*, embraces the concept that writing is not an art but a craft to be mastered like carpentry or cooking. More information about the mini-course, to be held at 6 p.m. each evening at Woolson House, can be received from the School of Continuing Education at 646-2232.

Committee Reviews Presidential Prospects

The search continues.

The 11 member Presidential Search Committee, established after Dr. Critchfield's resignation two-and-a-half months ago, is presently reviewing applications and nominations for the vacant position.

Approximately 100 applications from advertisements placed in the *Chronicle of Higher Education* and the education section of the *New York Times* have been received, said Dr. Charles Edmondson, Vice-Chairman of the Presidential Search Committee.

Other sources for prospective candidates include nominations from the faculty, staff and student body as well as an advertisement in *The Alumni Record*. According to Dr. Edmondson, about 60 nominations have been received so far.

"This is by no means all of the applications we will receive," said Edmondson. Each applicant is required to submit a resume summarizing educational background and work experience and the names of five people as references. All the material on each applicant must be read by all of the Committee members and then discussed at their weekly meeting.

Each of these meetings, held in the Bush Science Center, is a work session as the Search Committee attempts to reduce the number of candidates to five. Then it will be up to a Selection Committee to do the rest.

"It's a slow process," Edmondson said, adding that this committee is following much the same procedure as the Presidential Selection Committee nine years ago.

Most of the applications re-

ceived consist of people already in higher education with administrative experience as well as some businessmen. But Edmondson states that the committee is not looking for candidates who are just adept at fund raising.

"We all recognize that fund raising is an integral part of this job (of President of Rollins); but that doesn't mean we are looking primarily for a fund raiser, but he must have the ability," Edmondson commented. "With colleges being as they are, you would be a fool not to choose someone who has that talent," he added.

The committee will adjourn during Christmas break only to return in January to continue their search.

Four Speakers Scheduled to Lecture On Human Values, Decision Making

How do people make decisions and value judgements? Do they process the pertinent information and then arrive at a rational, empirical, objective decision; or is decision-making derived from a non-rational, intuitive, subjective process?

This long debated issue will be the topic for the 1978 Winter Term Lecture Series entitled "Scientific and Humanistic Perspectives on Human Valuing."

Four speakers will lecture to the students and community on the differences between gathering knowledge and making value judgements from the perspectives of their own disciplines. These addresses will then be responded to by member of the

faculty and administration at Rollins.

The first speaker is Dr. George E. Pugh, who is a physicist and systems theorist, and President of Decision Science Applications in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Roger D. Ray will be second speaker in the series. Dr. Ray is Associate Professor of Psychology, and has been affiliated with the Behavioral Science Department at Rollins since 1969.

He will be followed by Dr. Wayne D. Hales, who is Associate Professor of Economics and Associate Dean of the Roy E. Crummer School of Finance and Business Administration.

The final speaker will be Dr.

Bruce B. Wavell, Head of the Department of Philosophy and Religion, who has recently completed two books which contain novel contributions to the theory of values.

The schedule

Jan. 10, Speaker, George Pugh; Respondents, Tina Beer, Dave Richard.

Jan. 17, Speaker Roger Ray; Respondents, Ed Scheer, Dan DeNicola.

Jan. 24, Speaker, Wayne Hales; Respondents, Virginia Stevens, Maurice O'Sullivan.

Jan. 31, Speaker Bruce Wavell; Respondents, Don Griffin, Tom Lairson.

All of the lectures will be held in Bush Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.



Robert Newton Peck & friend.

Current Film Trends Constantly Evolving

By Shawne Wickham

If one glances at the listings for current films for this past fall, amid the apparent diversity of subject matter and style, one dominant trend does seem to be emerging, and this trend seems to be traceable to one specific film. Last fall, audiences all over the country laughed, cried and cheered over "Rocky," its young stars Sylvester Stallone and Talia Shire, and its message. That message: If you're young, pretty, and good, you can be a winner. And "Rocky" was, in unheard-of proportions for a film of its kind (low-budget, unknown stars, etc.), a true winner in nearly every sense of the word.

Ever since the success of "Rocky," it seems that that same winning combination has made for the most popular films, and this is especially true of this past fall season. As a result of this combination of youth, good "clean" looks, and a little bit of what used to be known as "pluck," we've seen these films: Robby Benson's "One on One," "Smokey and the Bandits" with Burt Reynolds and Sally Field, "You Light Up My Life" (in which plucky heroine Didi Conn ends up a winner by virtue of her acquired knowledge of her own self-worth), and most recently "First Love" (Susan Dey and William Katt), "Heroes" with Sally Field and Henry Winkler, and "Bobby Deerfield," starring lovers Al Pacino and Marthe Keller. In each of these popular films, the same "worthy-youth"

concept has been applied to the plot, with varying degrees of quality and resultant success.

Once one has ascertained a certain film trend, it remains to be seen whether the trend should be viewed in a positive, negative or indifferent light. Although it is still early to make any definite statements as to the most recent trend, a few general observations may be made. For one thing, this youth trend seems to have resulted in a new overall optimism in films. No longer must the "good guys" always lose; oftentimes he or she was against seemingly insurmountable odds, and, in the latest films, he, she, or they seem always in some way to have come out ahead.

It is interesting to note that just as this latest trend seems to be reaching its popular peak, a change is rapidly approaching. The newest films, those just released or set for imminent release, seem to be striving for uniqueness either in plot, characterization or effects, for example "Equus," "The Turning Point" and "Close Encounters of the Third Kind."

It seems to be a characteristic of American society that when something once considered novel becomes generally accepted, it is immediately given up in the search for something even newer. Such may be the fate of our recent "winner films," but even if this is the case, this short-lived genre has at least been refreshing for its unaccustomed breath of youthful beauty and optimism.

A Christmas Car-ol

'Tis the season to be Jolly,
So Deck the Halls with boughs of holly
And check your car real good, by golly,
Or you'll be stuck at Jolly Rolly!

Yes folks!! It's that time of year again. The fall semester is almost over and the Christmas break is rapidly approaching. Students will be leaving this college to be with their loved ones for the joyous holidays. Some will be covering great tracks of land just to be home with their families and friends in a warm familiar atmosphere. Many will be traveling by air, some might go by train, there are even those who will go by Lear jet, but still others will make the long, hard journey in a car.

Yes, my friends there are people like this left in the world today. They are a tough, hard-nosed bunch who can withstand the torturous, time-consuming trek by auto through all types of driving conditions. All I can wish for these unique individuals is that St. Christopher be on their side, and also, that whatever they're driving, MAKES IT!!

I have listed for all those yuletide drivers a series of

maintenance checks which should be made on their autos prior to their departure. If they do not wish to do these simple tasks themselves, then the service station attendant will gladly do them. He will, I trust, be happy to sell a customer anything and everything he needs.

Check the following:

- 1) Oil
2. Automatic Transmission fluid.
- 3) Radiator Coolant-Anti-freeze (It's going to be cold up north!!)
- 4) Battery water
- 5) Brake fluid
- 6) Power Steering Fluid
- 7) Windshield washer solvent
- 8) Belts
- 9) Hoses
- 10) Tire inflation (spare?)

It makes no difference whether you're driving a '76 Cutlass Supreme, or a '72 BMW, a '77 Chevy Blazer, or even a '67 Plymouth, they all require a careful going-over before they are driven long distances.

—Steve Campbell

Dear Friends,

The Father's love for us surpasses our wildest dreams and expectations. God reveals himself to us in the birth of our Savior. In Jesus, God speaks his Word in the world of our human experience.

May your Christmas be filled with blessings and the New Year bring peace and joy to your hearts and homes.

The day after Christmas I will begin a six-month sabbatical at Mt. Saint Mary's Abbey in Wrentham, Massachusetts. This group of fifty-eight Cistercian Nuns dedicate themselves to St. Benedict's motto "Ora et Labora" - Prayer and Work.

After many years of active apostolates, I am and ready to enter into a period of silence and seclusion. At the end of August, I will return to work of Campus Ministry at Rollins College, hopefully, freed by these months of concentrated prayer, study and quietude. I will neither write, receive nor visitors, but will welcome news from you.

Please know that I wish you and your hopes in prayer and I ask you to remember me. Until we meet again.

God's blessings,
Sister Kate

Library Announces Holiday Schedule

Mills Memorial Library will operate on the following schedule starting on Sunday, December 11:

Sunday, Dec. 11, 10 A.M. - 12 midnight.

Monday, Dec. 12, 8 A.M. - 12 midnight.

Tuesday, Dec. 13, 8 A.M. - 12 midnight.

Wednesday, Dec. 14, 8 A.M. - 12 midnight.

Thursday, Dec. 15, 8 A.M. - 5 P.M.

Monday, Dec. 19, 9 A.M. - 5 P.M.

Tuesday, Dec. 20, 9 A.M. - 5 P.M.

Wednesday, Dec. 21, 9 A.M. - 5 P.M.

Wednesday, Dec. 21, 9 A.M. - 5 P.M.

Thursday, Dec. 22, 9 A.M. - 5 P.M.

From Tuesday, Dec. 27 through Sunday, January 8 the hours will be: Monday through Friday, 9 A.M. - 5 P.M.

Regular hours will be resumed

at 8 A.M., Monday, January 9.

The schedule for December 11-14 is experimental in response to student requests.

The Technical Services (Acquisitions, Cataloging, Processing) will observe their normal hours on Friday, December 14, but the library will be closed to all patrons.

The Reserve Desk and Circulation Desk will not be operating starting Friday, December 14, until Monday, January 9. Circulation and Reference Desks will be open as indicated above.

The Bush Science Library will be closed at 5:00 P.M. Thursday, December 15 and will reopen at 8:50 A.M. on Monday, January 9.

The Crummer Library will be closed at 6:30 P.M. on Thursday, December 15 and will reopen at 8:30 A.M. on Monday, January 9, except it will be open on Monday, Dec. 19 from 4:30 P.M. to 5 P.M.

CORRECTION: RUSH UPDATE

New data recently compiled by the office of Student Affairs reveals that original calculations regarding Rush statistics were inaccurate. Specifically, the percentage of total students joining Greek organizations was inflated.

In Greek Rush for men, 52% of the freshman and transfers accepted bids. In addition, 28 returning upperclassmen accepted bids. The fraternities

extended bids to 162 men of these accepted.

In Greek Rush for women of the freshmen and 20% transfer students pledged Greek organizations. These combined, 38% of all new women joined sororities. Along with these pledges, 25 upperclasswomen were inducted into sororities.

These figures, based on previously collected information, indicate no drastic shift in existing trends.

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Dr. Edmondson prepares to add some action to the Pinehurst - Faculty softball game as Drs. Levis, Lairson, Jones, and Wettstein offer support.

Faculty Evaluation: Students Offer Criticism

The Teacher Evaluation Questionnaires, distributed at the end of each term, have now been filled out by the majority of students on campus for the fall term. Although many students take this responsibility of evaluation lightly, these forms are valuable both to faculty members who can examine their own teaching effectiveness and to committees which periodically review all professors.

This year's questionnaire, which asked twelve general questions about the course and the abilities of the course instructor, plays one role in a complex process designed to review the capabilities of faculty members. The faculty was primarily responsible for setting up this process of evaluation which Rollins Provost Dr. Dwight L. Ling terms a democratic one.

Dr. Ling explained the evaluation procedure in a private interview. While every faculty member is reviewed periodically, all non-tenured professors are evaluated each year; this year about thirty faculty members will fall into this category. The process begins for each teacher with the establishment of a committee, composed of a tenured and non-tenured member of that teacher's department and also a faculty member from outside of the department. This committee collects written evaluations from department members and carefully considers student evaluations provided through the questionnaires. Dr. Ling emphasized the point that the teacher being evaluated has a chance to respond to everything that is brought before the committee. After consideration of all written reports, the committee drafts a preliminary report on their findings and recommendations on which the teacher may comment. If there are any points on which the teacher and committee cannot agree, the teacher may appeal to the Faculty Review Committee. The final step is the submission of the report to the President of the College. After the completion of the review, the report does not go on public record or become part of a personnel file but is destroyed.

The Teacher Evaluation Questionnaires, though important to review committees, are also seen by the professors after the final grades are posted. This precaution is taken, even though the evaluations are not signed, because of the slight chance that an instructor might recognize a student's handwriting and let the evaluation influence a student's grade.

Mid-Florida Council Accommodates Visitors

The Mid-Florida Council for International Visitors has done it again!

For the 11th year since 1966, the Agency for International Development has asked us to host a Mid-Winter Seminar for 100 visitors representing 31 nations (Africa, Asia, Mid-East, Latin America) to be held Dec. 24-30 at the Langford Hotel in Winter Park.

These visitors are young leaders and specialists of all fields (ages 21-48) who are studying in the U.S. under one to three year grants at various universities and governmental agencies.

Two events you will not want to miss:

Thurs., Dec. 29th - International Gala when the participants share a little of their culture via film, song, dance, etc.

Fri., Dec. 30th - Cross-cultural Dialogue in which the participants from panels representing their country discuss briefly how their experience in the U.S. will benefit their country or field of work. Afterwards, a special American Panel will be formed by: Dr. Dwight L. Ling, Provost, Middle Eastern Affairs - Rollins Prof. Tom Lairson, International Relations - Rollins Dr. Yassin Hosni, Industrial Engineering - F.T.U.

In the first half of the dialogue, there will be time for questions after each presentation.

In the second half, the participants will direct questions to the American Panel.

On Christmas Day, we allow the visitors to share Christmas dinner with an American family.

Republican Conference Arouses Support for GOP

By Kathy Kohl

Paula Hawkins, the Conference Chairman, jokingly denied in welcoming Republicans to the Southern Republican Conference that the convention was a political pep rally. The November 18-19 weekend at Disney World's Contemporary Hotel, while at times imbued with the spirit of a pep rally, progressed into something much more. Workshops, panel discussions, and speeches by prominent Republican leaders endeavored to broaden the base of Republican support by encouraging grass-roots Republican candidates and promoting a new image of the GOP which in the last few years has suffered from the spectre of Watergate.

In his keynote address, former Texas Governor John Connally elaborated on this image in his revision of the term GOP as "Growth, Optimism, and Promise of America." He used his revivalist oratorical style to denounce the Democrats' mismanagement of government in cases such as the Panama Canal Treaty, extravagant deficit spending, and inadequate military defense. To strengthen the Republican party, Connally exhorted his colleagues to create a party for the people not for big

business, which he accused the Democrats of doing, and to demonstrate for the nation the Republican concern for the underprivileged which must be tempered with limited federal regulations.

Grilled in a press conference on his political aspirations, Connally insisted that he had none and "won't have any until next year." He felt that it's more important to increase Republican numbers in Congress and all government levels to insure support for the Republican party. Like almost every political leader at the conference, Connally commented that the GOP must appeal to the broad, middle-ground of Americans in the South as well as in the rest of the nation, if it hopes to survive in coming elections.

In contrast to the hard-line most Republicans took against the ratification of the Panama Canal Treaty, Senator Howard Baker - the Senate Minority Leader - refused to voice his opinion on the issue until it is presented before the Senate for debate. Baker, like others on a panel which discussed foreign policy and national defense, fervently urged that U.S. military strength be upgraded and maintained at a level second to none. Citing the current talks between Russia and the U.S. on a Salt II agreement, he explained that it is the responsibility of the Republicans to understand and criticize foreign policy approved under Carter's Democratic administration.

Baker did not commit himself when asked if he considered himself a candidate for the Republican Presidential nomination in 1980.

Many other illustrious Republicans attended and spoke at the conference such as: former Governor Ronald Reagan; Republican National Chairman Bill Brock; Senator Bob Dole of Kansas; and Congressman Jack Kemp (New York). Though conferees differed on methods to achieve support, most felt the party should be built on a strong foundation of local Republicanism but some argued that the way the Republicans will gain strength is through the Presidential Oval office. Thus, the party is off to an excellent start in anticipation of political developments in the next few years.

Dean Wireman Profiled in "Change"

Dr. Billy Wireman, Dean of Roy E. Crummer School of Finance and Business Administration, was honored in this month's issue of *Change*, a national education magazine. He is the third educator to be recognized in a series "of profiles of noteworthy academics."

The article, entitled "The Vision of Billy Wireman," highlights his 17-year career at Eckerd College, St. Petersburg, including the last nine years in which he served as President of that institution.

"The history of innovative higher education has produced its share of charismatic leaders, men and women with strong educational ideals who have managed to convey to their faculty and students a sense of their own importance and of their university's special place in the sun. . . Such is the case with Billy Wireman."

After leaving Eckerd College last February, Wireman served for several months as Vice-Chancellor for Academic Programs in the state university system. He began his deanship of Crummer at Rollins this past September.



Dr. Billy Wireman



Jody Kielbasa, assisted by fellow students, strings lights on the First Rollins Christmas Tree.

Students, Faculty, Administrators Begin Christmas Tradition

This past Tuesday marked the beginning of a new tradition at Rollins. Students, faculty, and administrators participated in the decorating of the first Rollins Christmas tree. The Campus Ministry, with the assistance of the Fine Arts House, The Rollins Club, and various individuals, sponsored the event.

Highlighting the evening were the dedication ceremonies during which President Critchfield had the honor of lighting the tree. He subsequently made a brief state-

ment, thanking those involved with the activity, and was later presented with a handsome plaque.

It was a good night to start a tradition.

With the present semester ending and a new one approaching rapidly, the **Sandspur** will require additional personnel to fulfill positions presently unoccupied. Also, the **Sandspur** is seeking competent and responsible individuals to serve as reporters in an effort to expand its staff. Interested persons are invited to contact the **Sandspur** office at their convenience at extension 2186, preferably before the next issue, January 20, 1978.

Dragon Breathes Hot Air on Students

Grand dragon John Paul Rodgers, representing Florida's United Klansmen of America, lectured at Rollins' Woolson House last week. Rodgers and two fellow klansmen spoke as part of a special student project sponsored by Dr. O'Sullivan.

The duo related to their audience the history, ideals and practices of their widely known and infamous organization. After which, they were barraged with student's inquiries as to the validity of commonly held aphorisms.

Topics of discussion included: discrimination, cross burnings, and the U.K.A.'s goals and accomplishments. Rodgers, in opposition to integration stated that the presence of blacks in a classroom lowered the learning capabilities of whites. In addition, the dragon complained about quota systems and reverse discrimination in labor.

The klansmen, seeming despondent with student conviction, left campus without a single recruit.

WING-NUT Awards Sunday

This Sunday, Dec. 11, The Retreat Production Radio Network in conjunction with Grover Gardner and the Intergalactic Radio Network will present the 1st Annual Wing-Nut Awards Broadcast from 6 p.m. til 2 a.m. live from the WPRK Studios in Winter Park, Fla. The idea created by the RPRN producers, Jerry Chonody and Bruce Barker, will be taking place at 11 college campus around the nation, not including those that will be listening from the Intergalactic listeners. A simple affair in the beginning, the awards have become like the proverbial rolling snowball that keeps gathering support and enthusiasm as it keeps rolling along. It all started as an idea to give the students an opportunity to actively participate in the programming of their campus radio station and at the same time offer a little fun and relaxation from the tedious and generally hectic chore of dealing with finishing off the term and passing the finals. How it works is, the students are sent ballots listing the awards and the quali-

cations for voting. After a week the ballots are counted, and Sun., Dec. 11, the winners will be announced and presented awards. So far, response at schools has been far above expected figures. Producer Bruce Barker is hoping that turnout will be just as good on Sun. at the studio open house. From 8 p.m. til midnight, students are invited to take a break from their studies and visit the studio and relax awhile. Activities during the time at WPRK will run approximately as follows.

From 6 p.m. til 9 p.m., Grover Gardner will take a look back at the classic Gardner-Derby reports, from a much simpler time. Also, Grover will be presenting some all new specials from the Intergalactic Radio Network. From 9 p.m. to midnight, the Annual Wing-Nut Award winners will be announced and presented their awards while the Retreat Production Radio Network performs live their extraordinary brand of comedy as they celebrate their second birthday. From midnight til 12:30 an original WPRK sci-fi drama, "Tiff Between the Worlds," will be presented followed by another edition of the Thirsty Ear with their guests Horslips. And of course all this time you can enjoy the best recorded music with commercials. The WPRK studios are located in the basement of Mills Memorial Library. You're invited to come down Sun., Dec. 11, to relax and enjoy the 1st Annual Wing-Nut Awards. If you haven't voted today is the last day you can. Ballot boxes are located in the campus postoffice and in the Beanery. If you need a ballot there are still a few left at the WPRK studios. And remember if you can't join us, be sure to listen, cus **WE'LL SET IT FREE!**

Incumbents Hold Commission Seats

Incumbents Jerome J. Donnelly and Richard W. Stevens narrowly beat their opponents Dec. 6 to retain their \$2,400-a-year seats on the Winter Park City Commission.

Donnelly, an English professor at Florida Technological University, received 2,072 votes, defeating David A. Johnston, a vice president of ComBank Corp. by 544 votes.

Insurance agent Timothy Bailey was edged out by Stevens, 1,900 votes to 1,697. Bailey spoke to Rollins SLAC members at a recent meeting.

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Holt House: Setting Your Own Course

Almost every person who has ever been associated with an educational endeavor realizes, sooner or later, that there is no one best way to educate. Some of us operate quite nicely in the traditional lecture - discussion, classroom - laboratory mode of education. Some of us find the traditional approach effective in only certain areas or courses, believing that in other instances a different approach is more desirable, if not required. Frustration arises when we can't define or pursue an alternative, and we plod along feeling there must be a better way, but what or where?

In Holt House, Rollins provides the mechanism for finding "the better way" we sometimes need in order to realize our full potential and our maximum satisfaction. By means of a contractual process between a Fellow (student) and his various Facilitators (instructors), a personalized program of study is constructed which details the various aspects of what the Fellow and his Facilitators believe serve the best interest of the Fellow's educational and vocational objectives.

The Holt House Program, an innovative curriculum concept, is based on the belief that the most fulfilling educational experience generally takes place when the learners are not only gaining the knowledge that they believe they need, but are, at the same time, going about the learning process

using methods of their own choosing. The mechanism that Holt House employs, by which students can personally tailor and pursue their academic programs and objectives, is known as contract learning.

There are two dimensions to the contract concept - course contracts and graduation contracts. Students admitted into Holt House as fellows are permitted to contract any course they wish, except those which are being used to satisfy general education requirements. A course may be already established or be completely original. All that is required is that the student meet with an appropriately qualified faculty member or administrator and negotiate the details of what will be expected from the student during the term. During the term of study, the faculty member serves as a facilitator to the learning process and as an evaluator of the student's progress.

The graduation contract serves as a personalized educational road map to guide a Holt House student through the college curriculum. In a sense it is analogous to an insurance contract in that it specifies, in as much detail as possible, the course installments that the student must successfully complete in order to receive the degree. At the same time the "agency member" of the contract, Rollins College, has a written commitment from the student

which protects the institution from being academically compromised.

Students are eligible to apply for the Holt House Program at any time after the first semester of their freshman year. Acceptance into the program is based to a considerable extent on the justification a student can give for needing the non-traditional approach to achieve his/her educational goals. Good grades are important, but average grades are rarely the single obstacle to one's acceptance. All application

portfolios are carefully examined by the Holt House Steering Committee, which is comprised of six faculty members, one administrator and two Holt House fellows. The application procedure requires a personal interview with the student by the members of the Steering Committee.

Details on the policies and procedures of all aspects of the program can be obtained in the academic office and from Dr. Nordstrom, 207 Orlando Hall.

Campus Safety Apprehends Two Suspicious Characters

By John F. Beaumont
Special Operations Officer

The first of December proved to be a busy one for the Rollins Department of Campus Safety. At 3:15 a.m. a concerned student reported a suspicious person at the lakefront behind McKean Hall. Officers Terri Hornyak and Ken Colbert located and arrested a 28 year old, white male, on a charge of "Trespass after Warning," a 1st degree misdemeanor under Florida State Statutes. A records check indicated that the subject had been given a trespass warning in January of this year when a student reported him in Parking Lot G. A computer history displayed nine prior

arrests including four sexual offenses, burglary, dangerous drugs, and invasion of privacy.

Later in the day, Officer Cynthia McClintock with the assistance of Winter Park Police Sgt. James Younger, arrested a 23 year, white male on a charge of "Harassing Phone Calls." The subject admitted to calling Rollins coeds a number of times during the past few weeks.

Both arrests resulted from positive thinking and action by the officers, and a great deal of support and information supplied by Rollins students. The Campus Safety Department wishes to express its thanks for the cooperation given by the Rollins community.

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From the Sentinal Star:

First results from a large astronomical satellite suggest its powerful x-ray detectors may have discovered a "black hole" in space, the theoretical remains of a star so compressed nothing can escape its gravity.

Dr. Herbert Friedman of the Naval Research Laboratory reported the observation at a space agency briefing last Tuesday and emphasized the intriguing x-ray source will require much more study before any conclusions can be reached.

Black holes are believed to represent the final stage of the collapse of a heavy weight star. Friedman said the remnants would be shrunk "to a physically unimaginable, infinitesimal volume and infinite density."

The suspected black hole is called Circinus X-1. It is in the southern hemisphere, but its distance from Earth is unknown.

A new method that causes uterus spasms shows promise as the earliest, simplest abortion technique and may make arguments over abortion laws academic, according to a World Health Organization scientist.

In an interview, Dr. K. Sune D. Bergstrom disclosed details of a new suppository that starts a menstrual cycle within one to five hours after a "missed period."

A synthetic prostaglandin is the suppository chemical that starts up contractions in the uterus.

An unexpected new subatomic super-particle has been discovered by physicists at Argonne National Laboratory. Its existence adds a new dimension to the search for the fundamental nature of matter.

The particle is called a diproton because it appears to be made of two protons and to have an electric charge of plus two, double that of an ordinary proton, physicists said last Tuesday in announcing the discovery.

An "unholy alliance" of poor nutrition and infectious diseases must be regarded as the world's most menacing health problem, a Worldwatch Institute researcher said Saturday.

Diets deficient in essential nutrients influence a person's susceptibility to infectious diseases. Sanitary conditions usually determine the frequency with which people come in contact with disease-causing bacteria, viruses and parasites.

From the National Audubon Magazine:

Thailand may have the distinction of destroying its forests and wildlife more rapidly than any other nation. The dense jungle that covered half the country only 20 years ago will totally vanish unless illegal cutting can be slowed.

Mount Fuji, 70 miles southwest of Tokyo, used to be visible from the city about 100 days a year. By the 1960's the mountain had virtually disappeared behind a permanent curtain of atmospheric pollution. But in this decade, due to stricter pollution laws, Mount Fuji has gradually returned to the Tokyo landscape.

Despite the International Whaling Commission ban on bowhead whale hunting, Alaskan natives say they will go hunting next spring. "The Action," said a spokesman, "has no legal force with respect to Eskimo subsistence hunting."

Financial Aid Forms Revised by HEW

Due to new regulations from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, the procedures for re-applying for student financial aid have been changed.

The Parents Confidential Statement (PCS) has been replaced by the Financial Aid Form (FAF). The government will not allow the FAF to be placed in the mail prior to January 1, 1978. As a result, the aid re-application procedures have been changed.

Students now receiving any type of aid at Rollins must follow these steps:

1. File a copy of the Application for Renewal of Aid with the Student Aid Office. These may not be available until after January 3, 1978. All students receiving any type of aid including Academic Achievement, Central Florida Scholarship, and Presidential, must file this form.

2. Students receiving need-based aid and athletic aid must also file the Financial Aid Form for 1978-79. Students applying for aid for the first time must also file the FAF.

The FAF is also used for state scholarship programs. Students from Connecticut, Rhode Island, New Jersey and Massachusetts must file a special FAF, available

only from each of the states. You should be able to obtain these when you are for Christmas, from either high school or area colleges.

Florida students must file Florida FAF and these are available in the Student Office.

Pennsylvania students must file any FAF form plus a Pennsylvania form. The latter has been ordered by the Regional Student Aid Office or may be obtained through any Pennsylvania high school or college.

All other students may file any FAF, including the FAF.

The FAF will now be processed by means of applying for Rollins the Basic Grant and state grant all in one form. The FAF should be sent to the College Scholarship Service and must be sent in for the analysis to reach Rollins by February 15. Forms mailed January 5 should be on file in the Student Aid Office by February 15 also. Late applications will be processed until after the end of school in May. Applications received by the deadline will be processed in time for students to receive tentative awards in August. Students with questions should contact the Student Aid Office.

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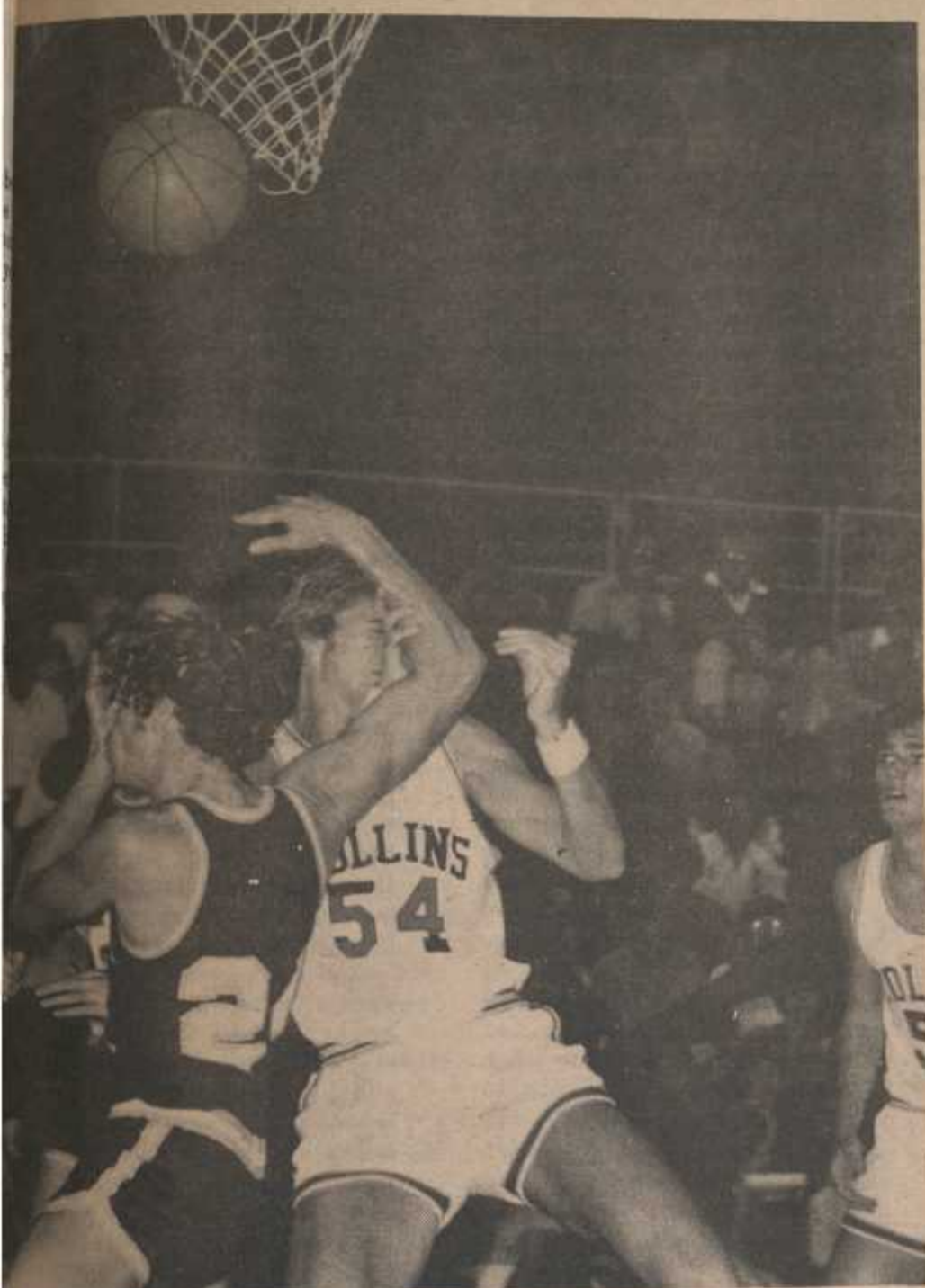
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Paul Calloway catches an elbow in Wednesday night's game against Southern Benedictine. Rollins won 65-59.

Tar Basketballers Open Season

At 8:00, Saturday, November 26th, Rollins Basketball entered a new Era. The Freidinger era. Mark Freidinger entered his first year as head coach of the Rollins College basketball team, succeeding Coach Ed Jucker. Coach Freidinger served as Jucker's assistant for five years and gained some invaluable knowledge necessary to pilot Rollins to many a successful season. At 28, the youngest Rollins basketball coach ever, Coach Freidinger has brought a new enthusiasm to this year's team.

The team will be captained by the four seniors on the team, Jay Colling, Bob Morris, Bob Klusman and Dirk Twine are all seasoned veterans. Their leadership will lend some consistency to an otherwise young Rollins squad.

The starting line up for the first six games has been: Bobby Klusman returning to the starting line up at the Guard position. Bob quarterbacks the team and is also the defensive specialist on the squad at the other defensive specialist on the squad.

At the other guard is Tom Mahoney. The 6'2" sophomore is a key to the Rollins fast break as well as the team leader foul shooter.

The center position is handled this year by 6'6" sophomore Bob Zyburt. Bob's strongest point is his aggressive rebounding.

Playing at one forward position

will be Kyle Rich. Kyle, a 6'6" sophomore played in the center position last year, but is more at home in the forward position. He will be looked upon as the scoring leader this year. His 23 points against Davidson and Southern Benedictine show that he is living up to expectations.

At the other forward slot will be 6'4" senior Bob Morris. Bob, the leading returning scorer, is also a fine defensive player.

Alternating with Morris at forward is Dirk Twine. Twine, a 6'3" senior, is a spectacular leaper capable of "Gym Shattering" slam dunks.

One of the strong points about this year's team is the bench. Freidinger has the luxury of three quality players in every position. The very talented reserves are Jay Colling, Brian Campbell, Tom Durkee, Steve Campbell, Mike Ambrose, Paul Calloway, Larry Crouch, Jim Massa, and Hayward Bryant.

After six games this season, the Rollins record stands at 3-3-0. The losses were all at the hands of Division I schools.

Rollins was on the losing end of the score in games against the University of North Carolina at Charlotte (93-67), Florida State University (83-59), and Davidson (83-77). The Rollins victories were at the expense of Flagler College (88-68), Muskingum College (51-49), and Southern Benedictine (65-59).

Consistency, Patience Key to Jai-Alai

By Smith Benners

Jai-Alai is a nerve-wracking sport for most gamblers. Points are long, entire games can depend on one lucky bounce, and thus the bettor feels he's relying mainly on good fortune. In a dog race you can win or lose your money in thirty seconds without giving your heart a chance to palpitate, fibrillate, or otherwise irregularly beat.

How do most people react to losing three game points in a row? Or having two out of three

teams in a playoff and losing? Or seeing a player blow an easy put-away? Some tear up their losing tickets and rain confetti on the spectators below. Others hurl their program or beat their neighbor with it. Almost everyone shouts obscenities at his once favorite player who has now lost all his respect. I prefer suicide. After failing 522 times, I find myself irresistibly returning to the fronton, hoping to lose once again so I can try out another mode of self-destruction.

If you let yourself get too

wrapped up in gambling, the resulting addiction can be as devastating as alcohol or drug dependency. There are several simple ways to avoid this potential problem. If you intend to gamble, my suggestion is to become as masterful of the subject as possible. A compulsive winner is infinitely more healthy than a compulsive loser.

The simplest method of avoidance is, of course, not to attend. Obviously, if you don't go, you can't bet, you can't lose, and you can't go crazy. But that's not very exciting, either.

You can always pay the admis-

sion price without wagering. How do you avoid the temptation once you're inside? Well, dummy, leave your wallet in the car. Instead, buy a program and follow the games point by point. Mark down playoffs, payoffs, and check off those players who seem to really be trying hard, even though they may lose because of a bad bounce or a poorly playing partner. Before each game, pick three or four teams you think will be in the quinela. After the night is over, tally up how much you would have won or lost had you actually been betting. Follow this

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Humor

"Mental Awareness" to be Avoided

By Scott Campbell

All Rollins students should be warned to be wary of a course offered for spring quarter 1978 entitled "Explorations In Mental Awareness." Presided over by Dr. Aslo Camelgarn, the course officially falls into the Philosophy Department, but I think it should more truthfully be classed as suicide.

Having always looked upon myself as something of a liberal, constantly open to new ideas and points of view, I decided I'd look into what appears to be the coming new fad of mental liberation. Perhaps the course would be a cause I could champion during

the latter half of the scholastic year, striving to call to it the attention and recognition it deserved. So I got in touch with Dr. Camelgarn and, after discussing my ideas with him, he agreed to give me a condensed sampling of the contents of his course. For two weeks in the middle of November, I met with him each afternoon and he put me through the paces he has planned for his students, designed through sociological and psychological stimulation to bring their minds to greater awareness and a reassessment of their rightful place in society.

It may on the surface sound

like praise rather than criticism, but I can only say that Dr. Camelgarn's intentions succeeded too well. My mind is aware of itself now, all right — and it's also aware that for twenty years it has been shut up inside my skull like a second-class citizen, serving no function but to make life easier for me. Suddenly my brain has decided that it will put up with this sort of treatment no longer and is demanding that it be released from my head and permitted to start leading a life of its own.

No amount of protest on my part as to the idiocy and impracticality of this notion is capable of changing my brain's mind in the slightest. It keeps bumping around inside my head, trying to find a way out, and has taken up militant measures to achieve its goal. Picketing has become quite frequent, and when it starts hitting the inside of my head with its protest signs it really hurts. Worse yet, my mind has taken to boycotting and refusing to function for me when I need it. When called upon to speak in my classes, I will suddenly go blank, or start reciting filthy limericks. This situation becomes particularly distressing with the approach of the quarter's final exams. And I've been warned that the next step is terrorism, with my brain

dropping depth bombs down my spinal cord.

"What do you expect to get out of it?" I argue. "There are no facilities in our society for solitary brains. You couldn't get a job, you wouldn't be allowed to vote or own property. Why haven't even got any legs to just lay there on the ground until someone steps on you. You have to work together if you want to get anywhere — we need a partnership!"

"Partnership — ha!" my mind screams back. "It's slavery, and simple! Sure there's no room for us brains in society yet — that's just my point. It's discrimination! And we're going to change that. We're going to protest and struggle until we make all the other brains realize how they're being degraded. Then we'll fight our way up until we stand totally equal with the human chauvinist pigs!"

And so it goes — so it's been ever since my "awakening" by Dr. Camelgarn's course. Where it will eventually end I've no idea; I'm seriously beginning to consider the possibility of a lobotomy. So be warned: if you are totally confident your brain is completely in control and content with the life leading now, avoid "Explorations In Mental Awareness" at all costs. It's a pain in the neck.

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pattern for several days, and if you're averaging a break even or winning percentage, then take some money and put it on the line.

Remember: be **Consistent**. Make your picks in the same manner as when you were just pretending to bet. Don't all of a sudden go for wild number combinations or high odds. Keep your cool if you lose the first couple of games. Going for a longshot in desperation will not pay off in the long run.

Another critical factor is to maintain a good attitude towards both winning and losing. The best way to maintain your composure is to remain calm after a loser or winner. Excesses of emotion lead one to lose his consistency. Treat each game as separate from the rest. Just because you lost the last one doesn't mean you have to win the next one. By the same token, just because you won the last one doesn't mean you have money to blow.

Treat gambling as an investment. You wouldn't go to Wall Street and buy stock in a company that had a cute name or a brightly colored annual report. You would analyze them and compare them to similar companies, followed by a conservative investment. Apply the same principles to gambling and you'll have greater success.

Studying Jai-Alai is an excellent way to prepare for the dog track season. Devoting an hour a day to Jai-Alai may mean staying even, while the same hour spent studying a dog chart may mean a winning night. Dogs are simply

more consistent as a group, and thus I find them easier to pick. Though the payoffs are much lower, your winning percentage should more than compensate for this.

The dogs start running in Orlando Dec. 26th, and sometime after that I'll discuss the specifics of that sport. Meanwhile, practice up on Jai-Alai and try the 1-2-3-8 box.

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