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This Week



Happy Holidays

The Sandspur and the entire Student Association Office of Rollins College wishes each member of the Rollins Community a Happy Holiday Season.

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Open Season

For the young Rollins basketball team and first year coach Tom Klusman, the 1980-81 season may be a rebuilding year. For their opponents, it might mean being buried by the construction.

The Tars lost to two tough Division I teams, Tennessee and Cincinnati, but won their home opener last night against Weber. The next home game is Saturday.

Mischievous Fire Alarms on the Rise

By Phil Pyster

Several depraved members of the Rollins community have been responsible for summoning the Winter Park Fire Department to campus eighteen times within the past month. Eight of these calls are known to have been mischievous false alarms. If certain individuals are looking for cheap thrills, they are reminded by Fire Marshall Jim Humphrey that the penalty

under city ordinance for false alarms is a \$500 fine and four months in jail; by state law, it is a minimum \$1,000 fine. Also, too many alarms may make fire-fighters non-chalant and slower to respond to a real threat.

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White Wins Another National Award

Wendy White, Rollins College junior, has been recently voted the coveted Broderick Award as National Female Collegiate Athlete of the Year in Tennis.

She will be presented the Broderick Award during pre-game ceremonies prior to the Rollins vs. Bethel College basketball game on Saturday, December 6, at 7:30 p.m. in the Rollins Fieldhouse.

White, who won the 1980 AIAW National Collegiate Championship last June, was selected by a ballot vote sent to more than 700 AIAW member schools. The Broderick Award recognizes not only outstanding athletic achievements but also the ideals of team contribution, scholastic achievement, and

school and community involvement.

Awards are given in the 12 AIAW-sanctioned sports and indicate the Outstanding Woman Athlete in each sport. Wendy is now a finalist for the overall Female Athlete of the Year Award which will be announced at the January meeting in Detroit of the AIAW.

White, who turned professional after winning her national title in June, is currently ranked No. 23 in the world by the Women's Tennis Association. She plays as many pro tournaments as her studies at Rollins allow, and is one of the only pro players to achieve a high computer ranking as a full-time undergraduate student.



Rollins Professor Selected to Writing Chair

Jean West, professor of English at Rollins College, has been named to the Irving Bacheller Chair of Creative Writing.

The honor includes a fund of \$2,000 per year to be used as the honoree designates to foster creative writing within the Rollins community. Professor West will hold the chair through the 1983-84 academic year.

The appointment was made by the new Provost of Rollins

College, Dr. Robert Marcus. Dr. Marcus, in announcing the honor, said, "the Chair is named for Irving Bacheller, a friend of the College who was most responsible for bringing former Rollins President Hamilton Holt to the campus. Bacheller and Holt both stood for innovation in undergraduate education, for cultivation of the arts, for the fostering of creativity and form making Rollins more than a local institution."

The award also includes independent study, teaching or writing time for Professor West during the Rollins College winter term.

Professor West has served on the Rollins English faculty since 1972 when she completed her MFA Degree program at Cornell University.

A published poet, West is listed in the Directory of American Poets and Who's Who in the South and

Southwest. Recent works have appeared in The National Forum and Confrontation literary journals.

She is currently at work on two volumes, To Speak of One's Self, a collection of autobiographical essays and The Red Vines, a group of poems inspired by the paintings of Vincent Van Gogh.

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Letter to the Editor

Students Seek 'Grad'ual Changes

Students of Rollins College, the time has come to take an active part in your graduation ceremony. Throughout your college years you looked forward to this memorable weekend, now you can have a say in the activities and events surrounding your graduation.

Beginning with the 1981 graduation the formulation of a committee to enact changes and additions to the graduation weekend will become reality. Students will have the opportunity to express their feelings, ideas and thoughts on ways to improve this weekend. It is our hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity to make your graduation weekend

and the ceremony itself a very memorable occurrence, and an occasion that will not be soon forgotten.

Possible changes and additions include: moving the ceremony outside, a senior dance, off campus cocktail party, re-enactment of past traditions and the enactment of new ones. Any other suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

Any seniors, underclassmen, and faculty members interested in being on this committee, to work with the graduation committee contact: Craig Crimmings, Rhonda Jenks, Pam Hoffman, Chris Brown or Pam Phillips.

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In an effort to establish a continuing dialogue within the Rollins community, the Rollins Sandspur promotes discussion indigenous to the scholastic environment. Hence, this paper encourages students to voice their opinions or concerns on pertinent issues in the form of letters to the editor.

Letters will be printed on a space available basis. All letters must be signed and must be received on the Friday before the paper appears. All letters should be addressed: Editor, Rollins Sandspur, Box 2742, Rollins College.



Editorial

Lack of Administrative Support Provokes High Attrition Rate Among All-around Students

"In an effort to establish a continuing dialogue within the Rollins community, the Rollins Sandspur promotes discussion indigenous to the scholastic environment."
—from the Sandspur masthead

A college is a business with a problem. While requiring money like any other company, its product—education—is an intangible. The methods of production—abstraction, ideology, principle, and the like—cannot be easily commercialized.

All colleges must survive financially. This is the job of the administration; they must pay the bill by selling their college's special blend of education to the right number of parents and students. If the school's quality rises, the marketability of the product is improved at the same time. As the education potential of a college increases, a greater number of high-performance students are attracted to it. The greater enticement creates more competition which raises admission standards and allows, in turn, the raising of tuition. When the product is better, it costs more. With higher caliber graduates, the alumni endowment also becomes greater. This is the story of how a college thrives financially.

Enter Rollins. (A small, established, liberal-arts college.) It has not achieved the legendary status of schools like Harvard, Yale, Columbia, or Cornell. Those institutions attract the perfect students: the rich and intelligent. After that class of students has been absorbed, the second order of college (Rollins among them) vies for the remaining desirable applicants. These fall into two groups: the financially able and just-under-outstanding, and the outstanding all-around students with tuition problems (financial aid and scholarship recipients). Rollins, presently, is one of the "second-choice" colleges which attract mainly students who have tried and failed to enter "first-choice" schools.

According to administrative sources, Rollins is in a "state of transition". We are said to be growing but we have not yet arrived at the stage where we are able to perceive the benefits of this growth. Hypothetically, Rollins could and should be the finest small college in the Southeastern United States by 1985. Dr. Seymour, acting as the catalyst of this transformation, has taken nearly three years to recruit his administration from applicants across the country. Once this phase is completed, the focus of development must turn toward upgrading the faculty standards, taking another period of several years at best. The third part of the metamorphosis has already begun: stimulating the Admissions Department to improve the quality of students attending Rollins. This will require the passage of several generations of students. Discovering the reason for these efforts is not difficult; Rollins would like to attract the aforementioned top-flight students and gain a reputation as a "first-choice" school.

Here exists the paradox of our development and the message of this editorial.

Our administration has idealized an institution filled with unusually gifted students, while, in reality, our college is structured to provide for a second-ranked group of financially solid students. Consequently, our colleagues whose achievements raise them above this "catered group" find that Rollins has little to offer. The question emerges: How can Rollins entertain notions of tapping the national body of excellent all-around students when it does not support and thus cannot retain the individuals of that capability who already exist on campus?

Two points implicit in that question should be noted. First, this editorial is primarily concerned with those people participating in extra-curricular activities. Second, it is realized and acknowledged that, to some degree, the problem depicted may be an expected part of any large-scale transition. Nevertheless, campus-wide discussion on the subject has not taken place.

The concept of a liberal-arts education encourages diversification of student activity in the firm belief that this type of educational foundation is preferable to the specialization theory dominant in most state schools. Does our rigid adherence to this present perception of "liberal-arts" prevent Rollins from providing expert guidance in specific areas?

To answer these questions, consider the students working in the Student Association, particularly the individuals heading organizations. In addition to academic requirements, these people assume the responsibilities of school government, or publications, or Student Center activities, or civic groups, or any other of a variety of services collected under the auspices of our Student Association. These students volunteer their time in an effort to enhance the way of life at Rollins in the hope of learning from the experience.

This small nucleus of people provides the planning for the vast number of pursuits outside the classroom which compose "student life". Yet what incentives have these students received? They are paid, but the ratio of work-hours to pay scales is so poor that almost no one makes more than a dollar an hour. But salaries are not our target. The school offers no awards, trivial though awards may be, for achievement in college life activities. Though the students do receive some recognition in the form of personal moral support from fellow students and faculty, it comes only as a natural result of their efforts. No administrative support is given. Establishing academic credits for these activities would be one way of showing support. Carrying a full academic load and effectively heading up a major student organization is nearly impossible. Both suffer. Students who put in twenty, thirty, forty or more hours a week on school projects deserve credit for their time. The Political Science Department, for example, should have the authority to supervise and award credit to individuals in student government. The English Department could also do the same for publications.

Apparently, from an administrative standpoint, all the Student Association effectively does is relieve the burden of student activities from the shoulders of the administrators. The only involvement required from them has been the allotment of money. No other technical support or guidance is given with the exception of some personal guidance through Student Affairs. No major Student Association groups have advisors, consultants, or anyone acting in a similar capacity. Historically, because of this lack of attention and guidance, the student governmental bodies have been grossly inefficient. Publications have remained on an equally low par. When some students dedicate themselves to the attainment of high quality and regard their college careers in a professional manner, frustration inevitably results as the realization dawns that the school has no intention of providing for the further education of its student leaders. The attrition rate among students is exceedingly high. This year alone, the Vice-President of the Student Association nea-

Transition Ignores Education of Present Student Leaders

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resigned and will be leaving at the end of the year; the Editor of the Sandspur will be resigning effective January 1, 1981; and the Editor of the Tomokan is leaving Rollins after this year. Seriousness met by condescension destroys motivation.

To further twist the screw, when student leaders resign, other capable students do not seek to fill the open positions. The result, generally, is that a number of important posts are filled by persons unable to handle the jobs.

Again, how can Rollins expect to attract new outstanding students when it cannot keep its present achievers? Is the liberal arts philosophy so inflexible that no single group or organization is allowed to rise above the others? Why is no guidance provided? Are we, as a college, involved with the maintenance of mediocrity or, instead, with the improvement of the whole school through the upgrading of its separate parts?

When will the administration bring substance to its public claims of improving the quality of the diversified educational package? Making a school look good on paper is significantly easier than truly affecting that intangible product, education. Is the administration only changing names and positions or is it dealing with the fundamentals of our problems? Because of the need felt to write this editorial, we conclude that attempts made so far to deal with these conditions have been inadequate. What, then, can be done to alleviate this conflict-causing, stifling situation?

Several possible innovations which have not been tried are:

A. Faculty committees could be organized from among the various departments of the college. By utilizing existing talent to provide guidance or student activities which depend on governmental procedure and philosophy, writing skills, economics, administrative skills, etc., we can begin to attack the problem at a basic level.

B. Strictly for student publishing, the Publications Union must be given new potency, perhaps by adding more faculty and administrators. Give this Board the power to institute accredited internship programs, to tap the skills of on-campus personnel, and in general, the power to provide worthwhile guidance.

C. Enlist the help of professionals in the Orlando area. They could give advice and instruction, on a part-time basis, to the various student organizations. For example, a local expert on parliamentary procedure, such as a retired judge or politician, could make student government more efficient; a Sentinel Star editor could advise the Sandspur staff on needed improvements; a local entertainment promoter could advise planners of Student Center activities. These all might be done by contacting Rollins alumni in the area who hold the required positions.

These suggestions are not meant to be accepted as definitive solutions. They are, however, definitely preferred alternatives to the current situation.

Admittedly, due to the relatively small number of student leadership positions, only a few individuals have been able to have the experiences that led to the formulation of the opinions outlined here. This editorial therefore represents the perception of a minority of students and faculty. Perhaps it is the articulation of the silent opinion of the larger number of people who are dissatisfied with the quality of student services.

Our design and purpose in beginning this discussion is to foster the potential of an educational outlet for those students interested in all facets of extra-curricular student activity; to extend the learning process beyond the classroom; and to call for the rewarding of students with a well-deserved sense of accomplishment and achievement for their part in the improvement of student life at Rollins College.

J.B. Wood, Editor

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What's Happening?

WPRK to Broadcast New 'Fox Report'

Effective December 1, WPRK-FM (91.5 on the dial) will be broadcasting a daily news report on campus events and activities. The daily program will be broadcast at 8:50 a.m. and 6:50 p.m. over WPRK. It will be called "The Fox Report" and will be produced by the Rollins College Public Affairs Office with the assistance of WPRK Radio staff. Students interested in up-to-date information on special events and activities as well as notices from faculty and administrators may now gather this information regularly through "The Fox Report." Information for consideration on the broadcast should be directed to the Office of Public Affairs, Box 2729, Rollins College.

Alliance Annual Xmas Party Sunday

The Alliance Francaise of Rollins College will hold its annual Christmas Party, Sunday afternoon, December 7, from 4 to 6 P.M., at the residence of Captain and Mrs. Paul F. Beall, 136 Spring Valley Loop, Altamonte Springs.

Refreshments will be served. Hostess Mrs. Therese Hart.

WP Library Plans Weekend Activities

In honor of its 95th birthday, the Winter Park Public Library has planned many community events. A float will be decorated for the December 8th Christmas parade, then

school children are invited at 2 o'clock for an official cake and trimmings party at the library. On Sunday, December 7th at 3 o'clock in the library, Sloan Wilson and Drs. Seymour and Colbourn will participate in a Symposium reflecting on literature's last 95 years. As the library adds Sunday hours (1 to 5) to its list of services, it encourages the community to financially support its efforts by sending birthday contributions for its continued growth.

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Since this is a new program, we would like to make the Rollins College Community aware of Upward Bound and the direction Rollins' Upward Bound Program will take.

For your information, a brochure is available which will provide for you a general description of Upward Bound. Since a brochure cannot be all encompassing, please

feel free to call or visit the Upward Bound Office (Room 9, Park Avenue Building) for any additional information you may need or just for a friendly informal visit.

Holiday Services in Knowles Sunday

An Advent communion Service will be held in the Chapel Sunday at 11 a.m. to anticipate the coming of Christmas and its meaning. The service will be by Dean Wettstein and John Langfitt.

The traditional Candelight Service of Lessons and Carols for students, faculty and staff with their families, will begin Sunday evening at 8:30 p.m. in the Chapel. A service for trustees, alumni and patrons will precede it at 6:15. Cards of admission are necessary; they may be picked up at the Chapel Office or through the R.A.'s

BSU Thanks All for Participation in 'Kings' Display

On Tuesday, November 24, six chapters of history were on display in the Student union. The Black Student Union in conjunction with beer wholesaler Wayne Densch, Anheuser Busch and Minority Affairs presented "The Great Kings of Africa". A series of 12 paintings by noted black artists for Budweiser. Six were on display at Rollins and the other six were on tour on the west coast. These paintings were obtained to share with the larger Rollins community, a part of a rich heritage. Gerald Ladner, President of the Black Student Union wishes to thank the campus for the excellent participation and acknowledgement of the sociological and educational benefits derived from such an event.

Letter to the Editor

Long Term Goal Needs Immediate Attention

Dear Editor:

President Seymour has set a goal for Rollins College to be the best small liberal arts college in the southeast by 1985. However, for this goal to be met, one fundamental problem must be attacked and positive action taken if we, as a body, are to meet that goal and that is the rate of transfer, or the attrition rate. As a small group researching attrition at Rollins, we discovered that only fifty percent of entering freshmen remain to graduate. This needs to be improved.

The two main reasons students give for leaving Rollins are an insufficient number of courses and an inadequate social atmosphere. There are two groups that can work to alleviate these problems: Admissions and the College Life Committee.

It became apparent through our poll of freshmen that their main criticism is that there are an insufficient number of

courses to choose from in their major. This complaint would not be registered if the students were adequately informed of the purposes and workings of a liberal arts education. It is imperative that potential students be made aware of exactly what is and is not available at a liberal arts school. A liberal arts education is one that introduces students to the many faceted inquiries of life. Consequently, Rollins' curriculum is structured in that direction, with an outstanding faculty to back it up. Students who do not understand this process tend to become discouraged and subsequently transfer out. Therefore, it is important that admissions clearly represents what the college has to offer. Our new Admissions Director, Julie Ingrahams, having been with Rollins only two months, recognizes this problem and has iterated some excellent ideas for positive action. However, the problem will continue to exist until some

definite policy is established and understood by all admissions counselors.

The social dimension of attrition is not an easy one to deal with; personal preferences are diverse. Ways to date, type of campus activities, extent of student involvement and common social interactions are all part of the wide range of preferences. All the students cannot be pleased all the time. Although the problem is complex, certain steps can and must be taken to help correct the situation.

Direction of student activities is a full time occupation and should be treated as such. Allison Zent, who has been elected to this position, has done an outstanding job, but because she is a student, must divide her time between her responsibilities as Vice-President of the Student Association and her academic studies. A salaried, full-time

director of student activities would be able to devote much more time and effort to the job and would not be subject to the limitations of an elected student. Other schools employ this idea and have an elected student board to work in conjunction with the director.

The Student Association is not the only student organization on campus that can help. The clubs at Rollins, in cooperation with the College Life Committee, have the potential of playing a much larger role than they do now. Instead of the club expecting the students to come to them, the clubs should seek out the students on an individual basis. Individual interests could be obtained through a survey that would be included with the application to the college. This would make information directly available to club presidents. If the clubs would take advantage of this opportunity and do indeed contact the students, those students would feel that they

are a vital part of community. The Committee could be a dynamo in the administration of this program by the information survey, distributed information, and feedback by checking the results.

The problem is not the solutions cannot be found in a matter of time. However, the situation requires immediate attention. Recommendations of the admissions policy, director of student interest survey, cooperative work clubs and the College Life Committee are not answers. A conscientious administration will us toward the realization of the goal President Seymour set for all of us to strive for.

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Rollins 'Novices' Place Second in Fall Finale

By Melanie Tammen

The new crewbies on the Rollins Crew Team culminated their fall racing on Sunday, November 28, with a Novice Regatta in Tampa. Races were held on the Tampa Bay Canal and other competing schools from Florida Institute of Technology, Jacksonville University, the University of Central Florida, and the University of South Florida. It was the first time in several years that a Rollins team had entered the race.

It was a productive day for the team. One of the twelve Rollins rowers competed in two races. The novice team came in second place, only to FIT. The "novice" event was open to students of any class standing, requiring only that they be competing for the first time. The placing team was comprised of four freshmen and four upperclassmen.

In the "freshman" race, which required competing men to have prior experience but required them to be students of freshman status, the Rollins team placed fifth. In the four-man race Rollins entered two boats, and despite a strong showing placed sixth.

Rollins' coxswain for the 1800 meter races was Bobbie Wimsatt. The novice team that took a second place was made up of stroke man Peter Ozkaptan, no. 7 man Mitch Ulery, No. 6 man Brett Guy, no. 5 man John Wright, no. 4 man Shawn Wassmuth, no. 3 man Joe Shorin, no. 2 man John Courtney, and bow man Ray Fannon. Other competing Rollins rowers were Richard Barker, Ben Ross,

Scott Roth, and Bob Sommers.

The new Men's Crew coach is John Ingram, a former UCF crew member and competitor in several state and national races. He graduated from UCF in 1976 with a BS degree in Computer Science and has been working in the Computer Center on campus for the past two years. He started training the

freshmen/novices in the third week of the fall and is very happy with their performances in Tampa. He remarks, however, that he will welcome any one that would still like to come out in the Spring.

The team will resume practice around the third week of Winter Term. The spring season will open with the President's Cup in Tampa on March 14.

Rollins Champs after GIT Defeat

By Tracy Strickland

The Rollins Women's Volleyball season drew to a close on November 22, as the Lady Tars won the Division III Regional Championship, defeating Georgia Institute of Technology, 15-2, 15-8.

The regional tournament, held at the University of Central Florida, was comprised of teams from Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Florida. The Florida teams emerged as the strongest in the region, sweeping all three divisions. The University of Miami, Florida International University, and Rollins College won

Divisions I, II, and III, respectively.

Regarding Rollins' success, Head Coach Peg Jarnigan is "elated" that the Lady Tars' hard work paid off. She felt the Tars "peaked at the right time," she said. "I am very pleased for the girls. We achieved our goals." She was particularly pleased that the Tars victory brought recognition to the school, as well as the team. Rollins' final record was 18 wins and 14 losses.

Coach Jarnigan recognized the efforts of her seniors, Kelly McLeod, a strong defensive player, Tracy Strickland, a powerful server and offensive player, Laurie Conant, a strong spiker, and Peggy Green, a good

leader and defensive player. Coach Jarnigan said the team will deeply miss them as individuals, as well as for their athletic talents.

Next year, Coach Jarnigan is looking for a strong year. Rollins will be moving into Division II, which is comprised of a larger number of schools, so "our work will be cut out for us," she said. Within a couple of years, Jarnigan expects to be at the top of that division.

Coach Jarnigan added that the continued support of Rollins faculty and students throughout the year has been much appreciated.

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