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## RENAISSANCE AT ROLLINS

*With works on loan from the Vatican and the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Cornell Museum is set to exhibit the work of a little-known artist who helped create the Sistine Chapel.*



# Making dreams come true.

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Kwajalein, Marshall Islands  
South Pacific

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Jupiter, Fla.

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Dunstable, Mass.

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Boston, Mass.

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**About the cover:** "Saint Anthony Kneeling," painted by Cosimo Rosselli around 1468. Tempera and gold on wood panel. The piece is on loan from the Corsini Gallery, New York, for the Cosimo Rosselli exhibition, which will be held at the Cornell Fine Arts Museum at Rollins College from February 9 through April 22, 2001.





## PEERS AMONG PROFS

Last fall, Rollins sent two of its own to the University of Bath in England to represent the College at the ninth annual Women's History Network Conference. **Rachel Gramer '01** and **Amanda Frazier '02** presented papers on Organizing Against Pornography, an anti-pornography activist group of the 1980s, to an audience of scholars from throughout the world.

The pair, who did their research under the guidance of Leigh Ann Wheeler, former assistant professor of history at Rollins, presented their findings at the conference as part of a panel discussion on "Conflicts and Coalitions Around Sex and Identity: Twentieth Century Activism Against Sexual Images in American Media." Wheeler and Dr. Mari Trine of the University of Minnesota also served on the panel.

Frazier, an anthropology major, was thrilled to work so closely with faculty members—an opportunity she knows she wouldn't have had at many other schools. "I was exposed to the works of scholars



Rachel Gramer '01 (l) and Amanda Frazier '02

from around the world, and they treated us like peers," she said. "It feels good to have my first conference out of the way. I'll be that much more

ready for the next one when I reach graduate school."

Gramer, an English major and former editor-in-chief of the *Sandspur*, is also grateful for the experience. "I tell the freshmen I mentor, 'Anything can happen to you at Rollins—there are unlimited possibilities. Look at me: because I spent a couple of weeks writing this paper—and because of Dr. Wheeler's dedication to history and to her students—I ended up wandering the Roman baths and standing in the Tower of London, where Ann Boleyn was beheaded.'" —Nathaniel Eberle '98

## Names in print

■ Writer-in-Residence **Phil Deaver** co-edited a collection of writings and art titled *The Orlando Group and Friends*. The comprehensive anthology celebrates the work of many of Orlando's



Deaver

finest writers and artists, and establishes a fascinating record of the friendships and associations of a Southern literary community's members with other

outstanding writers across Florida and the nation. Along with a short story by Deaver, the book includes the works of English professors **Lezlie Laws Couch** and **Alan Nordstrom**, and former faculty member **Bruce Aufhammer**.

Professor of Foreign Languages **Alex Boguslawski** translated a collection of short stories by acclaimed Russian author Victor Brook, titled *Hotel "Million Monkeys" and other stories*. A resident of South Florida, Brook emigrated to the U.S. in the '70s because of constant surveillance by the KGB, arrests, and harassment that resulted from his non-conformist style of writing. He is

the author of the novel *Koza Roza* and two collections of short stories, *The Field of Lost Battles* and *The Veranda For Showers*.

Rollins Professor of English **Maurice "Sockey" O'Sullivan** and Steve



Boguslawski

Glassman, associate professor of humanities at Embry-Riddle University, co-edited an anthology of Florida mystery stories titled *Orange Pulp*, which includes the works of authors John D. MacDonald and Charles

Willeford, among others. A survey of crime fiction in Florida, *Orange Pulp* is the second collaboration of the two editors. *Crime Fiction and Film in the Sunshine State* was published in 1997 and was an Edgar Award finalist in 1998. Printed by the University Press of Florida, *Orange Pulp* is now available in bookstores.—Nathaniel Eberle '98



O'Sullivan

## HOLLYWOOD-BOUND

Following in the footsteps of Rollins' own Hollywood stars like **Buddy Ebsen '30** and **Dana Ivey '63**, **Karolyn Arnold '02** has already seen her name in lights. An English major at Rollins who plans to finish her studies next fall, Arnold starred in *Tigerland*, a film directed by Joel Schumacher of *St. Elmo's Fire*, *A Time To Kill*, and *Flatliners* fame.

A film about a platoon of men in bootcamp preparing for Vietnam, *Tigerland* offered few female roles.

Arnold landed the part of a prostitute in the film after her audition tape caught Schumacher's eye.

Filmed in various locations in Florida,

*Tigerland* gathered rave reviews at its opening at the Toronto Film Festival and received applause from American audiences for powerful performances by virtually unknown actors.



NATHANIEL EBERLE '98

Arnold, who hopes to land more parts in feature films and television while she finishes her studies at Rollins, has already secured another supporting role in the upcoming film *Ragged Point*. After college, she'll head to Los Angeles to join the ranks of actors hoping to land that big role in Hollywood. "I think I'll be ready for it when the time comes," she said. "For now, I'll worry about my homework and getting good grades." —Nathaniel Eberle '98



## ROLLINS BREVARD REACHES HALF-CENTURY MARK

This spring, Rollins Brevard will celebrate its 50th anniversary. Established in 1951 to offer courses to military personnel from Patrick Air Force Base, the Brevard program over the years has expanded to meet the needs of local residents, relocating first to its own facilities in Rockledge in the '80s, then, in the summer of 1994, to its new campus in West Melbourne.



For information on anniversary events, please see Brevard's Web page at [www.brevard.rollins.edu/pages/50\\_Anniversary.html](http://www.brevard.rollins.edu/pages/50_Anniversary.html)

## STUDENT ON A MANATEE MISSION

With an air of graceful lethargy and anti-haste, a manatee glides through one of Florida's waterways, her young close by, grazing on plants that line the river's bottom. In an instant, the peaceful scene is shattered as the propeller of a boat passing overhead tears open a wake and mangles the gentle creature, leaving her with deep, possibly fatal wounds.

Preventing this all-too-common occurrence has become the cause of **Lisa Stronski '02**. As a youngster grow-

ing up in Florida, Stronski saw manatees a few times, but heard very little about their plight. An internship at the Save The Manatee Club last summer gave her a much deeper appreciation of one of Florida's most endangered species.

opportunity to work for an organization that was doing something really good... really positive." Stronski spent the time working at various events and educating



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"I have always had a love for animals, so the internship seemed like the right thing to do," Stronski said. "It gave me the

the public about the species. "Education is the primary goal for the organization. The more people know about the animal, its habitat, and its plight, the more they will want to vote for legislation that will protect the manatee," she said.

To help educate Floridians about the animal, Stronski is taking the manatee message to people throughout Central Florida, presenting slide shows in various elementary schools and churches. "There is much legislation in the works for improved laws to protect the manatee," Stronski said. "More manatees were killed in 1999 than in any other year, and figures show that 2000 could be even worse. We really need to educate people before this wonderful treasure is gone forever."  
—Nathaniel Eberle '98

For more information on the Save The Manatee program, please call 1-800-432-JOIN or visit them on the Web at [www.savethemanatee.org](http://www.savethemanatee.org)

## LOOK WHO STOPPED BY



Karena Gore-Schiff

**Karena Gore-Schiff**, the eldest daughter of former Vice President Al Gore, visited the campus this fall to encourage students to vote. Gore-Schiff was one of a few well-known individuals—

including Miss Florida—advocating high voter turnout who visited Rollins during what became a historic presidential election year.

Also this fall, Rollins College and the Crummer Graduate School of Business welcomed recently appointed Secretary of State **Gen. Colin Powell** for a lecture on "Challenges of a Changing World." The College bestowed an honorary degree on Powell.



Gen. Powell

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## KUDOS

Professor of Music **John V. Sinclair** was named "Arts Educator of the Year" by the United Arts of Central Florida. Sinclair, music director and conductor of the Bach Festival Society of Winter Park, received the coveted award for his many contributions to Central Florida youth.

He is the founder of the Bach Festival FreshstARTS program, which performs to



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more than 30,000 school children each year, a founder of the Rollins Community School of Music, which serves 750 students (ages 2-18), and he conducts and

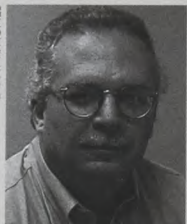
teaches some 30 workshops per year for high school students all over the country. Sinclair, a former recipient of the Hugh F. McKean Teaching Award, also conducts the Disney "Christmas Candlelight Processional," an event that involves nearly 21,000 high school students.





## RESEARCH SHOWS CRUMMER PROFESSOR A LEADER IN THE FIELD

LARRY R. HUMES



**Mark W. Johnston**, professor of marketing at the Roy E. Crummer Graduate School of Business, was recently ranked by the prestigious

*Journal of Business Research* as one of the most influential market researchers of the past 15 years.

Johnston, who has taught at Crummer since 1993, was ranked sixth in the survey, based on the number of times (16) his articles have been cited in a dozen of the nation's leading business journals. Also, one of his articles, "Performance and Job Satisfaction Effects on Salesperson Turnover: A Replication and Extension," was rated the third most influential marketing article during 1985-89.

Johnston earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in business from Western Illinois University, and his doctorate from Texas A&M University. Prior to joining the Crummer faculty, he taught marketing at Louisiana State University and Texas A&M University.

## ORGAN SURGERY

Thanks to generous contributions from Rollins alumni, the reed pipes of the Knowles Memorial Chapel organ have been shipped to Jefferson, Tenn. for restoration at Randall Dyer and Associates. The organ restoration project, spearheaded by organ enthusiast and former dean of admissions **John C. "Jack" Rich '38**, will overhaul the entire instrument, including installation of a new console. The organ will be ready for play in April 2001.



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## Building on a great architectural tradition

*New campus buildings win design awards*

■ Whether you are strolling along Holt Avenue, passing by the shores of Lake Virginia on a Scenic Boat Tour, or flying over the Rollins College campus, the striking Spanish-Mediterranean architecture is sure to catch your eye. Recent construction projects have remained true to the College's 115-year commitment to design continuity and aesthetic awareness, earning Rollins recognition for superior architectural design.

Rollins recently won the "Triple Crown" of awards at the annual banquet of the Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc. The College's SunTrust Plaza, a commercial structure located on Park Avenue, earned the ABC's "Project of the Year" award for best construction project in the Central Florida area.

The SunTrust Plaza, which opened a year ago, was constructed by Jack Jennings & Sons, Inc. The three-story building and adjoining parking garage beat out other projects, such as Universal Orlando's Portofino Bay Hotel.

Also taking honors at the "2000 Excellence in Construction Awards" banquet was the College's Charles Rice Family Bookstore & Café, which received the Eagle Award for best renovation/restoration project under \$1 million. And the new Bush Executive Center adjoining the Crummer Graduate School of Business received the association's Merit Award for the best education construction project under \$5 million.

Earlier in the year, the Cornell Campus Center received the *American School & University* magazine's Collegiate Citation, the publication's highest honor for outstanding interior design. Designed by the architectural firm Shepley Bulfinch Richardson and Abbott, the 46,000-square-foot, two-level building, dubbed the "heart of the campus," opened in February 1999. Named for alumni and benefactors **George D. Cornell '35 '85H** and the late **Harriet W. Cornell '35HAL '90H**, who provided the \$3-million lead gift for the building, the Cornell Campus Center features a variety of dining facilities, conference rooms, offices, and lounges.

"These magnificent buildings are worthy of our great architectural tradition and the legendary beauty of the campus," said Rollins president Rita Bornstein. "And they would not have been possible without the generous financial support of alumni and friends who had the vision to see the important role these facilities would have in campus life."—Nathaniel Eberle '98



Rollins' award-winning SunTrust Plaza



## A FAMILY AFFAIR

ANN MARIE VARGA '82



Leighann Kurpinski '03 enjoys juice and jazz with her family.

Nearly 300 families took part in Rollins' Family Weekend, held in November. The event, which featured picnics, classroom presentations by professors, and a jazz breakfast, is a special time for families to meet professors and get acquainted with the place students call home for most of the year.

## "Surviving" fall break on campus

■ While many students left the Rollins campus for a four-day break in October, nine students remained to take part in "Fall Break Survivor 2000." Created in the spirit of CBS's reality-based *Survivor* series, the activity pitted students against each other in various challenges, such as canoe races and pie-eating contests, reward challenges, and tribal council meetings.

"Everyone loved the idea from its conception," said All Campus Events (ACE) Vice President **Sabrina Jones '03**. "We hoped that the students would come away with a greater appreciation of what they have, and a few friends they may not have met otherwise. This turned out to be the case."

When the last of the nine torches was left burning at Harland's Haven, the gazebo alongside Lake Virginia, **Deanna Russo '02** could barely contain her enthusiasm. Her peers had chosen her as the winner of the Survivor challenge, and thanks to donations from various student groups on campus, she was \$1,000 richer.

"I was completely exhausted when it was all over," Russo said. "I couldn't even finish my breakfast that Sunday because I was so anxious to tell my family I had won...and to lay down in my bed!"

Although their diets were void of rats and beetles (which their CBS counterparts were forced to eat on the remote Pacific island), the Rollins students consumed little more than rice and water in their cramped quarters in the Cornell Campus Center. Various award challenges scattered throughout the four days



Deanna Russo '02, winner of the Survivor challenge

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allowed the winner a snack, such as bagels and pizza. "Though we didn't especially like it, we got so used to the rice that our stomachs actually had trouble with greasy pizza," Russo said.

"My fellow survivors made all of the challenges worth it," Russo said. "We all supported each other, which made it hard to play the game...to vote each other out. The event was a great way to meet people you wouldn't normally run into on campus, not to mention the many self-discoveries that were made on everyone's part."

ACE and the participants of this year's contest are already planning challenges and a new site for next year. "We all wanted to play a part in the next edition because this one meant so much to us," Russo said.

—Nathaniel Eberle '98

## RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE

The Rollins College Office of Alumni Relations recently won the 2000 Seal of Excellence from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) for its Young Alumni Program, headed by **Jennifer Hosford Johannesmeyer '91**.



Alumni Director Cynthia Wood (l) and Young Alumni Program Coordinator Jennifer Johannesmeyer '91

The program was recognized for its new and innovative approach. Judges looked first and foremost for alumni programs that can be used as models for other associations and incorporated into their framework, programs that motivate other professionals to new levels of excellence.

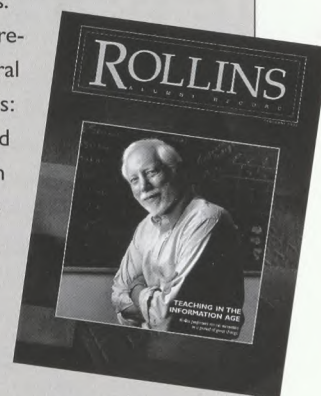
This is the second CASE award won by the Rollins Alumni Relations program. In 1997, the Association earned the Gold Medal for its Alumni Board.

The *Rollins Alumni Record* was recently honored with five awards at the Florida Magazine Association's Charlie Awards ceremony in Naples.

The magazine received three general excellence awards: a Silver Award for Best Written Magazine, a Bronze Award for Best Overall Design, and a Bronze Award for Best Use of Photo-

graphy. The *Record* also received a Silver Award for Best Cover and a Bronze Award for Best Feature Design.

Publications Director **Mary Wetzel Wismar-Davis '76 '80MBA** has served as the magazine's editor for 20 years. The publication is designed by Audrey Phillips of Design Studio Orlando.







## SPORTS

## TARS TENNIS TOPS IN TENNESSEE

Rollins tennis players claimed two of the four Division II championships at the prestigious ITA/Rolex Small College Championships in Memphis, Tenn.

Women's standout **Anzela Zaguna**



'01 won the singles championship with a 7-5, 6-4 victory over Petra Gasper of BYU-Hawaii in the finals. Gasper was the defending champion and the loss was the first of her college career.

The men's doubles team of **Matt Porter '02** and **Goran Sterijovski '04** defeated the defending tournament champions in the opening round, then went on to record a 7-6, 4-6, 6-2 victory in the finals.



## HALL OF FAMERS



Women's Basketball Coach **Glenn Wilkes, Jr.** will be inducted into the Sunshine State Conference Hall of Fame on February 24, 2001. Wilkes,

who is in his 15th season at Rollins, has led the team to 10 seasons with 20 or more victories, including a school record 28 wins in the 1999-2000 season. He has been named the Sunshine State Conference Coach of the Year six times and twice has been named the South Region's Coach of the Year. He will join his wife, and former Rollins women's basketball star **Kim Tayrien Wilkes '89** in the Hall of Fame, as well as former women's tennis standout **Stacy Moss '95** (see *Class News*, p. 35).

## Rollins students help build a better life for Ghana villagers

Protected from the blistering African sun, John Anaba-Anyagri and his family take a break from their daily chores to rest in their new home. Just a few yards away, the riverbed dries and cracks under the relentless heat of midday. For the first time, Anaba-Anyagri, his wife, and seven children have the luxury of living under the same roof. Though small and meager by many American standards, the house has greatly improved the living conditions of this family of nine.

The village of Bawku, located in Ghana just across the infrequently flowing Nakanbe River from Burkina Faso, has no electricity. In temperatures that usually rise above 100 degrees, there are no fans, much less air

conditioners. The shade of a tree or a crumbling building offers the only relief. With the heat comes thirst, but the people of Bawku are wary of their water supply, which is often teeming with bacteria.

This past summer, seven Rollins students and two professors joined forces with Habitat International volunteers to change the lives of Bawku's villagers. Led by philosophy and religion professor **Tom Cook** and **Arnold Wettstein**, professor of religion and dean emeritus of the Knowles Memorial Chapel, the students left the luxuries of home behind and traveled to Bawku on a mission: to enhance the villagers' lives by building homes and supplying a suitable drinking water system.

In addition to building a home for the Anaba-Anyagri family, the team built a residence for A.A. Yakubu, a retired

minister. Yakubu's previous home was built from mud bricks, which are unsafe and subject to deterioration when occasional torrential rains soak the arid land. The volunteers also implemented a safe and sanitary source of drinking water for the villagers using a water purification system developed by chemistry professor **Pedro Bernal**.

The blessings didn't end there for the people of Bawku. At a closing ceremony, the volunteers presented money to help

erect a community center, which will provide a pre-school and health services. The gift was received graciously, and construction of the facility began one week later.

In addition to providing a first-hand look at life in Third World



Brie '01 (third from left) and her sister Darbi help John Anaba-Anyagri (l) build his family's new home.

Africa, the experience in Bawku caused students to reflect on their relation to others. "The people of Bawku were very friendly and they made us feel welcome," **Danielle Kozciuba '01** said. "Whether we knew them or not, we all worked together to help one another. It made me wish for a greater sense of community among people."

"Students came to understand something of the depth and extent of human poverty and hunger, develop the skills of cross-cultural communication, and work on projects providing answers to complex problems," Wettstein said.

Although they won't be returning to Bawku, Rollins students and faculty will have the opportunity to return to Ghana every two years to work on future projects with Habitat International.

—Susan Frost '03HH and Nathaniel Eberle '98



The following article appeared in the October 30, 2000 edition of the *Orlando Sentinel*. It is reprinted here with permission.

## Professors sweat over exams – their own

By Scott Powers

Rollins College English Professor Maurice O'Sullivan doesn't lock students out of the class for being late any more; he empathizes with them instead.

Like many professors, O'Sullivan used to send stern messages occasionally to remind students to make getting to class on time a priority. Sometimes a tardy student would find the solid wooden door to O'Sullivan's classroom closed. The student would have to listen to the lecture in the hall and pass notes under the door to participate.

That was before O'Sullivan signed up for Rollins' "Spanish for the Professors" course this year. It was before he was tardy himself, more than a few times, and came to realize how easy it was for simple but important encounters to delay him.

O'Sullivan was reminded what it was like to be an undergraduate.

He's one of 45 Rollins professors, deans, directors, and staff members who this year are sweating through what is essentially freshman Spanish. Rollins set up the class as an experiment to immerse more faculty and staff in Spanish and Hispanic culture, to both help them be a part of Rollins' and Orlando's Hispanic community and to increase the college's prospects to work internationally.

But the class has become a phenomenon on campus. Class members rave about relearning the simple joys and frustrations of being a student again.

"We spend enormous amounts of time as colleagues talking about the process of teaching, the nature of learning... But we do it mostly from the outside, as teachers, and from what we learn from our reading," O'Sullivan said. "It's completely different for us now when (Spanish professor) Roy (Kerr) hands out an exam for *us* to take home. People start thinking, how do I deal with this?" In this course, class distinctions mean nothing. Everybody struggles, regardless of whether they have doctorates, or where they earned them.



**HEAD OF THE CLASS.** Rollins College Professor Roy Kerr teaches the equivalent of freshman Spanish to fellow faculty and staff during their lunch hour. The idea is popular. Eighty expressed interest, and the class was capped at 45 students.

"Ignorance in this particular case is a great equalizer," said Barbara Howell, an administrative assistant. She has taken a little Spanish before, but said the distinction is lost in class.

"There can be no hierarchy here," Howell added. "Our custodian speaks Spanish; when we're going off, we try to piece together a sentence – and he corrects us."

English professor Lezlie Couch concedes she has mangled more than her share of the Spanish language in class. Such foibles, she said, help class members see past each other's positions and pretensions.

"It's so cute to see them working hard and struggling and laughing together at each other's goofs," Couch said. "There is no politics in this room."

Kerr, a professor of Spanish and Portuguese, and Alberto Prieto-Calixto, an assistant professor of Spanish, hatched the idea and teach the class. They expected only a handful of people to voluntarily give up two or three lunch hours a week for a year.

But 80 expressed interest. The class was capped at 45.

"One of the things they told us was, 'We live in a Hispanic culture. I want to be able to listen to Spanish radio, to understand what is said at the grocery store, to talk with my neighbor,'" Kerr said.

But it's clear that the students are learning more than Spanish.

"I realize that when I'm teaching accounting to my students, I may be talking in a foreign language," said Sherry Fischer, director of Rollins' arts and sciences internship program and an accounting instructor. "Alberto sometimes has to talk really slowly for us to understand. As a teacher, you have to get that."

Teacher becomes student. And student becomes teacher.

"I've been talking to some of my students in Spanish. When I walk in, they say, 'Did you do your homework?'" Fischer said.

"I said, 'OK, I'll help you in accounting if you help me in Spanish.'"



# That's "Edutainment"



PHOTO OF LES LLOYD BY JUDY WATSON/TRACY

THE STUDENTS IN LES LLOYD'S Rollins Conference course "Technology in the Year 2000" had a good reason to pay attention in class. At any moment, their parents might be watching them. This was not the average college classroom. Students sat sprawled out upon large beanbags. Video cameras and an odd-looking console were scattered about, while a computer technician sat quietly in the corner, monitoring various screens, lights, and switches. Lloyd and his 21 freshman students were taking part in the first class anywhere in the country to be broadcast live over the Internet.

Every Monday and Wednesday morning during the fall semester, Lloyd, the College's associate vice president of information technology and a professor in both the Hamilton Holt School and Arts & Sciences, led his students in dis-

cussion of technology and its role in society. During the 50-minute class, people from all over the world—including some curious parents—observed the classroom in real-time video and sound. "This was the first of its kind in the nation, so the students and I were excited to be part of the class experience," Lloyd said. "It kept me on my toes knowing that people may have been watching us at any time."

Lloyd said the concept for the class came to him last spring after watching several popular voyeur-based reality shows on television. "I wanted to play off of the success of those shows, but with a twist of academia," he said. "The course itself was something I had done before, but without the integration of cameras and the Internet presence. More and more people are using the Internet as a source for learning, so I thought, why

BY NATHANIEL EBERLE '98



not let them see what higher learning looks like on a daily basis?" In addition to looking in on the course, outside participants could register on the course homepage and place comments in real time on the bulletin board, visible to students on the large monitor looming over them.

As an additional requirement, students participated each Friday in "testimonials," where they presented in front of the camera on a topic discussed in class. The testimonials, which looked similar to a segment you'd see on CBS's *Big Brother* or MTV's decade-long show, *The Real World*, were archived on the class Web page for others to peruse. "It was a great way to improve our impromptu speaking skills because we could realistically be speaking to a much larger audience than our 20 or so classroom peers," Meg Sheleg '04 said.

Lloyd gained sponsorship from various computer companies, which donated products for weekly giveaways. The free printers, speakers, and scanners were given away to viewers with the most interesting entries to the Web-based chatrooms, pertinent to the day's discussion. The winners also chose a member of the class to receive the same prize. This encouraged friends and family members to get involved in what Lloyd calls 'edutainment.' "I think it's important to have fun while you're learning. It also lets others in on the important issues in technology being discussed here at Rollins," Lloyd said.

Lloyd's students gained a greater appreciation for the Internet and the resources it provides, while learning more about something that has become ubiquitous in their lives: technology. "The course takes education to the next level by stressing the use of the Internet, e-mail, and many other computer programs," said Shaun Rice '04, a freshman who saw Lloyd's class as a chance to learn more about the technology that surrounds him in his daily life. He, along with the other members of the Rollins Conference course, will enroll in the

Crummer Graduate School's EAMBA program upon completion of their undergraduate degree. "Knowledge of this information is essential for success in today's fast-paced world," Rice said. "Whether you like technology or not, you cannot deny its influence, so you might as well become educated about it."

Sheleg pointed out that understanding today's technology makes life more manageable. "Technology is always changing and advancing," she said. "By keeping up with the latest hardware, software, and network technologies, we actually make our lives a bit easier."

"Technology in the Year 2000" helped these students see just how far technology has come since their birth, and where it is going as we move into the 21st Century," Lloyd said. "It let them look at the history of computers, then draw their own conclusions as to what the future will hold in terms of technology and our lifestyles."

their course Web page," Sheleg said. "It gets students in a routine of going online and using the Internet for research and gathering news."

In addition to his interactive Conference course, Lloyd planned and facilitated "e-Discover Rollins," an online conference between prospective students and Rollins faculty, staff, and students. "This was a great way for those students who were unable to visit with us to get their questions answered," Lloyd said. "The technology is now available that enables us to reach out to a wider audience, to students throughout the world. We even have some prospec-



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Lloyd has worked hard to make the transition into the digital age a smooth one for the entire Rollins community. "When I arrived here at Rollins in 1996, the Internet as we know it was only a year or two old," he said. "Many people at the College weren't sure where it was going to go, if it really was the technology of the future. I think we now know that the possibilities are endless, and people are now becoming very excited about using this technology to their advantage in the academic arena."

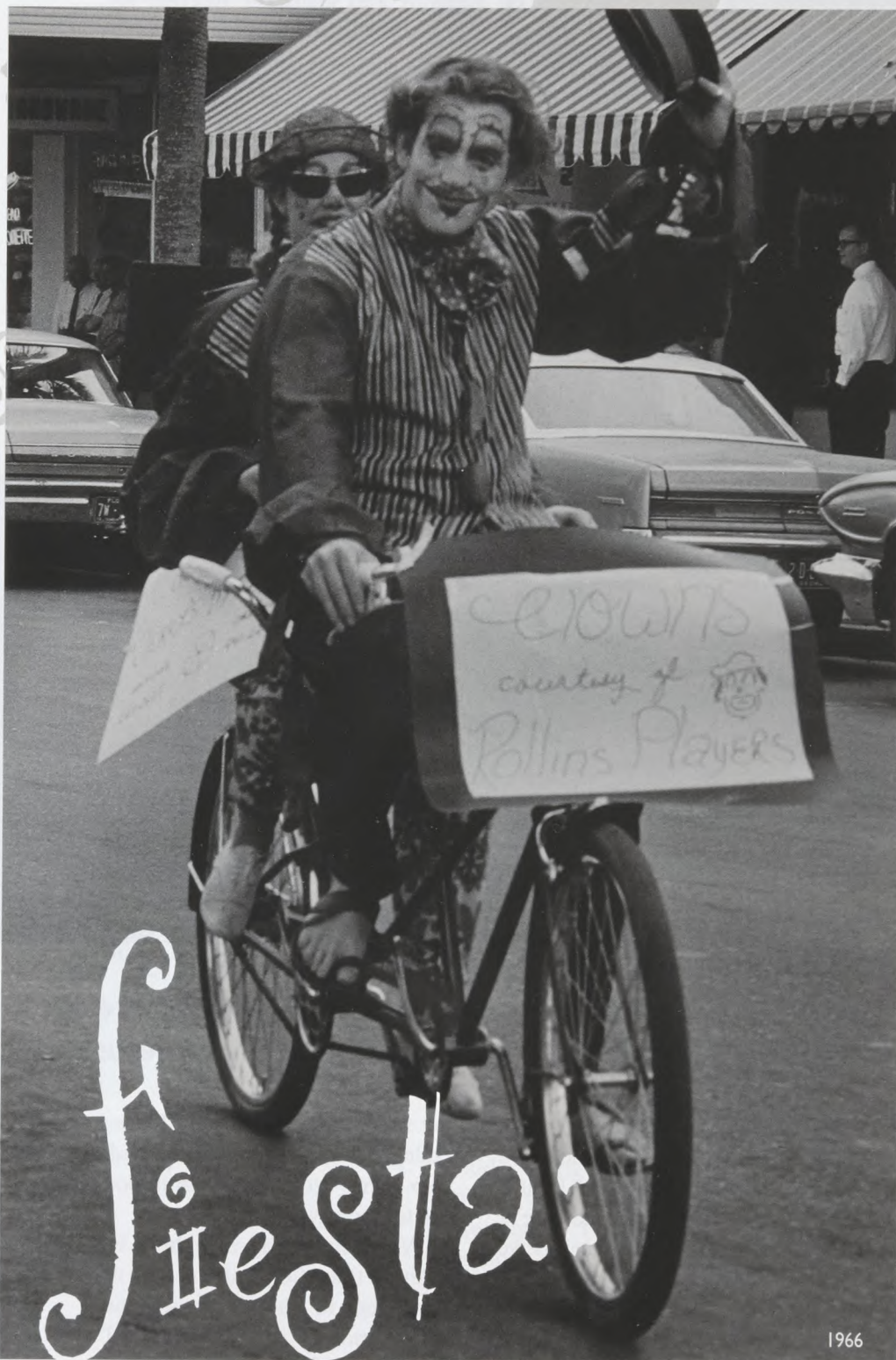
"Most of my professors assign their work over the e-mail systems or on

tive students learning about Rollins College solely from the World Wide Web. It has become such an important technology."

While they may now be a bit relieved that their parents can no longer "look in" on them, the students of "Technology in the Year 2000" were a part of history and the stars in this reality-based edutainment experience.

*If you would like to view the course's Web page, which includes archived segments of various classes, go online to [www.rollins.edu/classcam/](http://www.rollins.edu/classcam/)*





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■ Originally called "The Gypsy Fiesta," Fiesta was first celebrated at Rollins College in the spring of 1937 as a benefit for new tennis courts sponsored by The Rollins Women's Association. Held on the banks of Lake Virginia, Fiesta included fortune-telling, folk and gypsy dancing, a "Punch and Judy" show, thieves' market, pony rides, fire-diving, and a rogue's gallery called the "Walk of Infamy."

■ In 1941, a parade was incorporated into the festivities featuring floats, decorated cars, and a marching band. A midway, including pie-eating contests, roller-coasters, and various other carnival games, was established on Sandspur Field.

■ The Rollins Student Association took over sponsorship of the increasingly popular event in 1951, ushering in the tradition of the Fiesta Queen and, soon thereafter, the Fiesta King.

■ The Fiesta tradition lived on at the College for 30 years, with proceeds supporting the Rollins scholarship fund.

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# A Breeding Ground for Physicians

*Rigorous scientific education in a liberal arts context well prepares students for medical careers*

■ BY BOBBY DAVIS '82

Every year, a handful of "Bush Babies" emerge from their hermetically sealed environment. After four years of gestation and many of their cohorts failing to survive the rigors of development, perhaps eight to a dozen pre-med majors make it on to the next stage of life: medical school, or a job in a medically related field. They are often pale and bear a look of intense concentration, and their peers in the Rollins habitat often don't recognize them. Like cicadas, they seem to rise out of nowhere after several years, and then make a lot of noise in the world.

This is a stereotype, of course. Rollins students who major in the sciences are liberal arts majors like

interested in medicine and the allied health professions.

"Advising students has become more complicated because of changes in the application methods," Small said. "Everyone applies online now to medical school through the Medical College Application Service and ACOMAS, plus there are other application services for dental school, optometry, podiatry, veterinary school, etc. I attend the yearly workshops of the National Association of Advanced Health Professions (NAAHP) to keep up with all the changes, so I can help other faculty advise their students."

Senior Jill Razor '01, the All-American point guard on the Rollins women's basketball team, was accepted in October to the Medical College of Georgia. She commented,

system. I believe the professors have prepared all of us well for both the MCAT and medical school."

"Applying to medical school was a more elaborate process than I had expected," said Matt Townsley '01, a biology major and also a basketball player. "Dr. Small was very helpful in laying out the procedure. He did a mock interview with me and gave me good tips about my strengths and weaknesses. My adviser, Dr. Klemann, did a good job all the way through of helping me pick my classes and supervising my research."

Science majors explore a rigorous curriculum founded upon biology, chemistry, physics, and mathematics, partly because medical, dental, optometry, and podiatry schools specify a fairly uniform set of entrance requirements. But they are also encouraged to take English and other liberal arts courses outside the department, and Small believes that medical schools "want people who think well and can analyze a wide basis of knowledge."

"We prepare our students with both the courses they need and practical experience," Small said. "Medical schools want people to know something about the field, so we require our majors to do community service and establish relationships with health care professionals. Formal internships are hard to come by because of insurance issues, but we are working on that, and some students do perform internships as surgical assistants at hospitals or EMTs."

Students who make it through the

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everyone else, and most of them are involved in social organizations and extracurricular activities. But they do undergo a very rigorous education far more difficult than the average student faces, and many go on to face even more pitiless medical education.

For the past six years, Professor of Biology James Small has served as chief health professions adviser. With the help of the Health Professions Advisory Committee, he provides guidance to students

"When I applied Early Decision, I had an interview at the Medical College of Georgia before school started. My regular adviser, Dr. Schmalstig, and Dr. Small conducted a mock interview in the middle of the summer for me, and that helped me immensely.

"The professors want to see their students do well, and they are willing to make sacrifices," she continued. "Even the biology professors I have not had take an interest in what I am doing. There is a great support



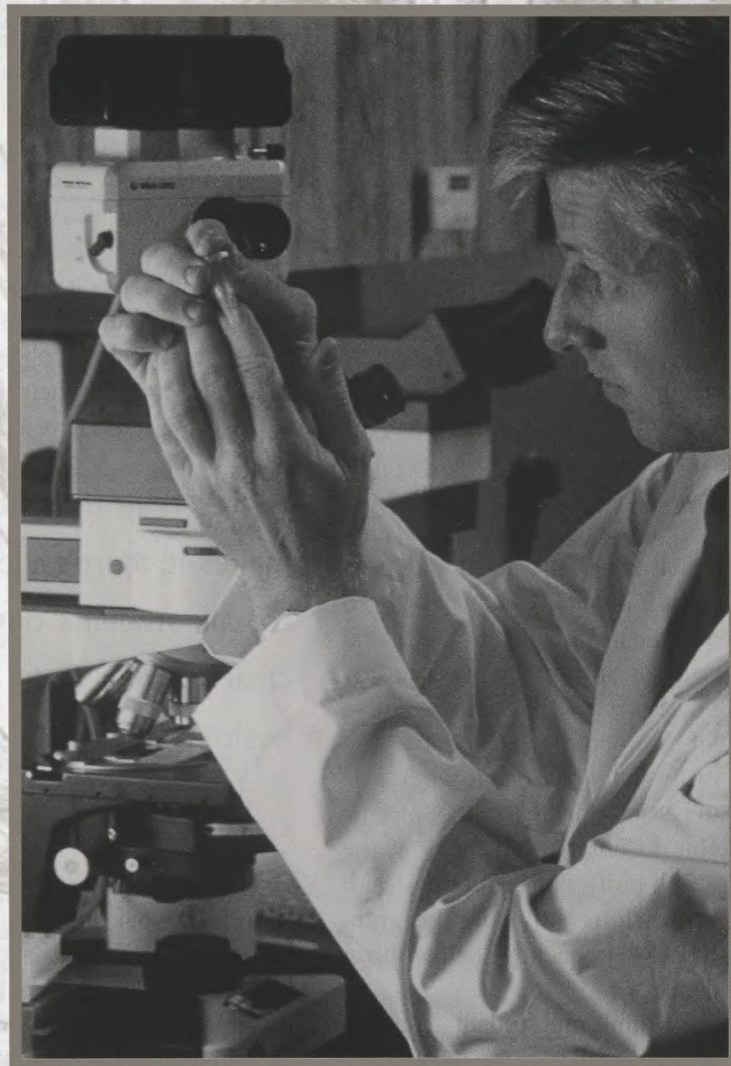
pre-medical program forge close bonds with their professors and benefit from close individual attention. "All of my science professors have been excellent. Our professors take an active interest in the lives of the students and every day they come to class ready to teach. They are always available to students for extra help," Razor said.

Townsley also talked about the close bonds forged between students through such a rigorous curriculum. "It has been a lot of work all the way through, and it's overwhelming sometimes. But it's not as hard as people think if you stay on top of things. Biology majors take the same courses, so we form a cohort and become very close. Taking classes outside the department is a nice change of pace and helps us develop other skills and receive a more well-rounded education," he said.

And yes, science students do have a social life. For Townsley, the basketball team and his fraternity (ATO) have been the source of close friendships and social activities.

Razor commented, "It has been difficult balancing academics, basketball, and a social life, but it's doable. Waking up for early morning practice after staying up late studying the night before isn't fun, but I've gotten used to it. As for my social life, I save that for the weekends. I simply don't go out on the weekdays."

Why do students come to a small liberal arts college like Rollins to study pre-med? According to Professor of Biology Steve Klemann, who headed the pre-med program from 1985 to 1993, "Students are attracted by our reputation for being strong





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academically and having small classes with personal accountability.

"While our approach is not unique for our type of school, students receive a lot of personalized attention," he continued. "And whether they like it or not, we get them to conceptualize information, not just memorize data. We do a good job of preparing students. There's a lot of collaborative work, either in laboratories or organizing brief presentations, and also in joint research with professors."

Rollins pre-med students have gone on to prestigious medical schools all over the country. The majority attend either the University of Miami or University of South Florida, but graduates have gone to Tulane, Northwestern, the University of Chicago, Johns Hopkins, the Medical College of Georgia, Emory, and many others.

Although the science department is popularly known to "weed out" the many students who attend college intending to become physicians, the department does a lot to support students. Moreover, many of those who may not be able to get into medical school may be able to enter other areas of the health professions, and the Health Professions Advising Program (HPAP) frequently helps direct them.

"I think our students come to understand that we offer a lot of services through the HPAP," Klemann said. "Jim Small has done a great job of bringing in health professionals, deans of Florida medical schools, and former Rollins students, who seem eager to talk to them about their experiences at Rollins and in medical school. They talk to our undergraduates pragmatically about which courses at Rollins really helped prepare them for medical

school, and they often say things with humor to lighten things up."

"It's true that not every freshman who comes in makes it; there's a lot of attrition along the way," Small said. "We try to talk students out of applying to medical school when they clearly won't make it, but most of them get into the health care profession in some form. When a student is thinking about applying to med school, I look at their credentials and explain their chances of getting in. It's pretty cut and dried: you have to have the MCAT scores and the GPA, and some passion and familiarity with medicine, to get into med school. And it's a minimum of \$1500 per school to apply, so I don't want them wasting their time and money if they don't have a chance.

bureaucratization of medicine, and we talk about these things during their senior interview, when they prepare their dossier," Small said. "We also talk to them about financing their education. Medical students who attend state-run medical schools can accumulate \$60,000 in debt, and those at the University of Miami or other private schools can come out \$120,000 to \$200,000 in debt. I've seen some very good students get military scholarships, which pay medical school debts in return for years of service, then turn them down after getting the award. Others have accepted the scholarships and spent their early years of practice at a good hospital."

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"If the student's chances are slim, I see what can be done with the credentials they have to get into areas such as podiatry, optometry, and veterinary school. They may not be interested in these particular fields at first, but they usually become interested once they've taken a closer look."

In addition to providing advice about their studies and support with the application process, HPAP advises students on the economic environment surrounding medical education and employment.

"Students need to think about managed care and the growing

of students each year, Rollins graduates are well represented in the nation's medical community, and they uniformly praise the education they received at Rollins. Access to lab facilities and independent research opportunities, demanding academic work in a liberal arts context, close attention from professors and close friendships with other students all help define the Rollins pre-med program and prepare its students for survival and prosperity in the rapidly changing climate of medicine today.



## Dr. Kenneth Graff '64, Hematologist/Oncologist

Medicine is truly in the blood of Kenneth Graff, a hematologist and oncologist who treats disorders and malignancies of the blood at Melbourne Internal Medicine Associates (MIMA), a large, multi-specialty practice in Melbourne, Fla.

Graff, a native of Chesterland, Ohio, said that when he arrived at Rollins on a scholarship in 1960, he thought he "had died and gone to heaven." Despite the rigorous curriculum, he found plenty of time for social activities (he was known to attend grove parties and go with a group over to The Pelican in New Smyrna Beach). But above all, he valued his education and relationships with his science professors.

"I received an excellent education at Rollins," Graff said. "The professors were superb, and I got to know many of them very well. Dr. Vestal in biology and Herb Hellwege in chemistry really stand out. A lot of what you do as you go through school depends on the professors you have; you're drawn to the fields of those who fascinate you. The lab facilities weren't what they are now, but the personal

attention and chance to work independently were so important. We were in the old Knowles Hall then, and I admit it was sometimes hard to concentrate on lab work when I saw my friends out water-skiing on the lake! When I left and went to Ohio State for medical school, I wondered if I was as well prepared as those from bigger-name schools. But I graduated cum laude from Ohio State, and I credit a lot of that to my preparation at Rollins."

Graff developed an interest in hematology at Ohio State and went on to do specialized research in hematology at the University of

Despite the frustrations of managed care, Graff's love of medicine remains strong. "I love taking care of people, and medicine is a terrific, satisfying field," he said.

Graff returns to Rollins on occasion, usually to see the Bach Festival. His son Tim graduated from Rollins in 1996 and currently is working on his MBA at the Crummer Graduate School of Business.



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Rochester. When a friend called to see if he wanted to join him in practice in Melbourne, he flew down to check things out. The beach reminded him of how much he liked the Florida weather, and he decided to make the move. What began as a group of six physicians has now grown to 75.



## Dr. Richard Westfal '70, Internal Medicine

Richard Westfal practices internal medicine and is the associate director of emergency medicine at St. Vincent's Hospital in New York City. He came to Rollins on an athletic scholarship and played baseball and basketball under the tutelage of Boyd Coffie '59.

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Westfal attended Rollins during a time of great transition—from President McKean to President Critchfield, from the retirement of a large number of older faculty to mass hiring of new ones, from a science department in the old Knowles

Hall to the Archibald Granville Bush Science Center. Westfal remembers attending the dedication of the Bush Science Center, at which the great rocket scientist Werner von Braun was the keynote speaker.

"We had great teachers in the science department," he said. "I had five people in my class in organic chemistry with Erich Blossey, who was a great teacher. Dr. Vestal and Joe Mulson were also excellent. And the Sandstroms, a husband-and-wife team who taught biology well into their 70s, were unbelievable. We were very spoiled."

The Rollins connection helped Westfal get into medical school at Tulane, where he had been wait-listed. "My best friend, Jim Murphy, now a pathologist, and Fred Schert, now an obstetrician and gynecologist, were a year ahead of me and had gone on to medical school at Tulane. They talked to the dean of the medical school, and he agreed to accept me. It was a great place for med school."

Westfal attended his 25-year Rollins reunion last spring and plans to attend the dedication of the new Alford Sports Center in February.



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## Dr. Susan Toth '84, General and Vascular Surgeon

Susan Toth always wanted to be a surgeon, and she became one. She has spent the past ten years as a general and vascular surgeon in

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## Dr. Lee Berger '71, Orthopedic Surgeon

Lee Berger found Rollins College by chance, but he says attending the school was one of the best decisions of his life. After visiting schools such as Notre Dame, Cornell, and the University of Connecticut, he visited Rollins on a tip from a family friend and felt comfortable immediately.

"Rollins was a wonderful school for me—quaint, small, an intimate college community," he said. "Socially, it really helped me, gave me a lot of confidence and skills that helped me later in life." Berger joined Lambda Chi at Rollins and played baseball and intramural sports.

"President McKean set the tone for the entire school. I met him in England the year after I graduated and we had breakfast together. He expressed a lot of interest in me and was very supportive."

Berger also has fond memories of the Rollins faculty. "Biology professor Paul Vestal was a good influence on me," he said. "And Paul Douglas really brought me out when he asked me to be president of the Rollins Young Republicans, which I took on—an interesting situation since I was from a family of strong Democrats!"

Although he was not a pre-med major at Rollins, Berger decided to pursue a medical career after working for a year at his father's food company. He went to medical school at the University of Guadalajara in Mexico, did his internship at the University of Buffalo, and then his residency at St. Joseph's Hospital in New Jersey.

Now an orthopedic surgeon, Berger is on the staffs of several hospitals in northern New Jersey and teaches the residents at St. Joseph's. In 1990, he was the team doctor for the U.S. national

Madison, Wisc., plus a year of residency at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She practices with five other partners at the University of Wisconsin Medical Foundation, performing aortic replacements, bypass surgeries on blockages of leg veins, and surgery on "plain old aneurisms," plus other general surgical procedures.

"I love it because I get to do everything and the patients get better and go away. There's no long-term care, no pushing of drugs," she said. "I'm incredibly busy and tired a lot since I'm frequently on call, but I still have a lot of time for personal things. When one partner is not on call, the others know not to call us; personal time is sacred. They carry the ball at that time, and I do the same when one of them is off call."

soccer team that went to Italy. Berger holds medical patents on seven surgical instruments, including one for operating on carpal tunnel syndrome using balloon technology, an operating platform for hand surgery, and an instrument for intermedullary treatment of fractures. He also is an accomplished painter, and his works will be displayed at next year's annual meeting of the Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons.

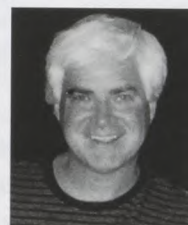
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Berger and his wife have two sons, one of whom will soon graduate from Duquesne University and the other, a high school student who is thinking seriously of attending Rollins.

Toth loved her time at Rollins and thought it prepared her superbly for a medical career. "Drs. Steve Klemann, Eileen Gregory, and Persis Coleman ran the pre-med program then, and their courses provided us with what we needed to know for medical school. They also helped us with mock interviews, recommendations, and other advisory functions. The course preparation was exactly what I needed," she said.

Toth went on to study at the University of Miami, which boasts one of the nation's busiest and best trauma centers, and that experience whetted her interest in surgery. Although medical school was very unlike Rollins in teaching style—"It was like going to kindergarten; you did what you were told and had no input into your education"—she felt it prepared her well for internship and residency.

Toth has always been an active athlete, playing in women's basketball and softball leagues until last year, when ailing knees forced her to find new hobbies—like riding a motorcycle. "I bought a Harley recently and ride all over. I like to read, go to movies, go to concerts; Madison is a great college town, so there is lots to do."





## Dr. Theodore Strickland '86, Pathologist

Ted Strickland came to Rollins knowing he wanted to enter the field of medicine, but he grew to appreciate the liberal arts approach to education. He is now chief of cytopathology at Bay Pines Medical Center in St. Petersburg, Fla., a facility whose Mediterranean architecture and tree-lined grounds remind him very much of Rollins.

Strickland was attracted to Rollins by its small size, excellent academics, and reputation for getting its students into medical school. The high school class valedictorian found himself a B student during his freshman year at Rollins, but he notes that his three favorite teachers in the Chemistry Department—Erich Blosssey, Brian Ramsey, and David Eng-Wilmot—"were pretty tough on me."

"They voted me 'Most Improved Student' in my second year," Strickland laughed. "Initially, I found it hard to balance academic and social life."

While he loved chemistry, Strickland enjoyed taking courses outside the Science Department, and he feels that helped him achieve a more balanced life in the long run. "One of the things Rollins taught me was to explore a diverse array of knowledge and have a good mix of courses and activities," he said.

Strickland was a Chi Psi who played intramural sports, and also had close ties with his cohorts in the Science Department. "All seven people in my graduating pre-med class got into medical school. We were very tight, having all made it through together."

After one year spent teaching public school in Dade County while working to get a master of public health degree, Strickland went to medical school at the University of Miami. He then spent five years on his internship, residency, and fellowship at Case Western Reserve in Cleveland, but he missed Florida's sunny climate and he came back to the state as fast as he could.

Strickland's work in the cytopathology department at Bay Pines involves performing biopsies and pap smears, consulting with physicians on the

pathology results, and providing on-call analysis during surgical procedures in which abnormal pathologies occur. Strickland also lectures regularly and teaches at nearby University of South Florida College of Medicine.



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## Lewanzer Lassiter '70, OB/GYN

Lewanzer Lassiter is an OB/GYN and the assistant director of medical education for residents at St. Joseph's Hospital in Chicago. Early in her medical training, she realized she was devoted to treating the whole person.

"OB/GYN is a prevention and wellness field," Lassiter said. "I was also initially attracted to pediatrics for the same reason. I have the ability to do counseling and to be more of a partner to patients, to empower them to be their own advocate. Pap smears, mammograms, and other preventive maintenance tests attracted me back in 1976, back when people weren't as conscious of how important they are. Yet I also love the surgical aspects of my work. And with the aging of the Baby Boomer generation, there are growing opportunities for specialists in OB/GYN."

Lassiter was a pioneer at Rollins, part of the first class of African-American students who ever attended the College, in 1966.



"William Johnson and I were both recruited from Miami," she said. She was already taking gifted courses through a spe-

cial program at Miami-Dade Community College and was very interested in science. "My mother was a teacher for Dade County schools and was one of the first African-American students to go to all-white schools. She encouraged me to look at Rollins, because she felt that my opportunities for studying pre-medicine might be better there than at a historically black college. Plus, it was fairly close to home and she could come up there to visit me and keep tabs on me!"

Lassiter was, admittedly, "an already introverted science major," so she spent an enormous amount of her time studying, but she also enjoyed the school socially. "Everyone wanted to include me, and there were many people from up North who were accustomed to socializing with blacks, so it was a very pleasant environment. The professors were excellent and took a lot of care with us. In retrospect, Rollins provided excellent preparation for medical school—small classes, lots of individual attention, opportunities for lab work and independent studies."

After graduating, she worked for the University of Miami as a research assistant in the Everglades before her best friend from high school, who was working at the University of Chicago, convinced her to apply there for medical school. She was accepted at two of six schools to which she applied, and opted for University of Chicago-Loyola "because it was a lot like Rollins—a smaller school with a good faculty-student ratio." Lassiter did her residency in obstetrics and gynecology at St. Joseph's Hospital, where she now helps oversee the residents' cases and research.

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# ABOVE AND BEYOND



ROLLINS' ALGERNON  
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SCHOLARS REWARDED FOR  
THE "LITTLE THINGS"

For college students, success is often measured in a grade point average, scholarships, or winning a seat in student government. But for the handful of Rollins students selected each year as Algernon Sydney Sullivan Scholars, doing "little things" earns them the College's highest honor.

Each year since 1926, the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award has been bestowed on 20 or so students who in their daily lives go out of their way to lend a hand, cast an encouraging smile, or do a good deed. "The Sullivan Scholars bring a level of caring and generosity to our community that is so beneficial and essential to the overall health and well-being of the College," said Dean of the Chapel Patrick Powers, the overseer of the Sullivan program at Rollins. These students touch the lives of others on a daily basis, exhibiting the character of the man for whom the award is named.

BY NATHANIEL EBERLE '98



ALGERNON SYDNEY SULLIVAN lived a life of the noblest design. A lawyer and public administrator who devoted his time to helping those less empowered, Sullivan was a gentleman, a friend to many, and one of the most respected citizens of New York City during the latter half of the 19th century. Though he battled ailing health throughout his life, he often took on cases *pro bono* if he felt the client was free of guilt. Most people who encountered Sullivan were affected by his sense of grace under pressure and eloquent, soothing words. One young woman said of Sullivan; "I saw him but once, and he spoke two words to me; but such was the influence of his approving and encouraging smile that ever since, in seasons of despondency, his face has come back to me and he has been my inspiration towards self-improvement."

In 1925, The New York Southern Society, of which Algernon Sydney Sullivan is registered as the founder, established the award in their friend's honor at the George Peabody College for Teachers in Nashville, Tenn. One year later, eleven other southern colleges, including Mercer University, The University of Virginia, Washington and Lee University, and Rollins College, joined the list of institutions of higher education that would each year recognize outstanding students of the highest moral standards.

Rollins' 8th president, Hamilton Holt, welcomed the award to the campus with great enthusiasm and it soon became the highest recognition of student achievement. The College's first recipients were Martha Young Mathis and

Leonard Dudley Seaver, both in the Class of 1928.

In addition to naming Sullivan Scholars, Rollins awards the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Medallion each year at Commencement to one or two Sullivan Scholars who represent the pinnacle of high ideals. A medallion is also bestowed on a friend of the College who exemplifies the spirit of Algernon Sydney Sullivan in his or her daily life.

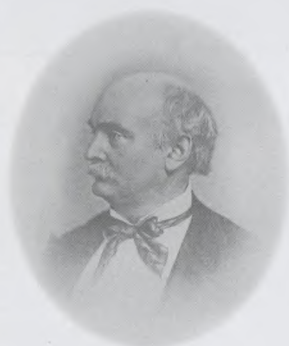
What was once simply a Commencement recognition has grown to become a shared experience that bonds Sullivan Scholars together. Scholars now learn about the history of the man for which the award is named, and in turn present essays, poems, compositions, or photos that relate their own life to Mr. Sullivan.

Margaret Carmichael Paull '60 was awarded the Sullivan Medallion at her Commencement more than 40 years ago. "I was stunned and overwhelmed, particularly as I looked out at the audience in the Knowles Chapel at Commencement and saw the tears streaming down my father's face when my name was called," she said. "The event gave me a defined path that I must follow to be worthy of such recognition." The medallion now rests upon her desk as a daily reminder.

Lucia Turnbull King '70, another Sullivan Medallion recipient, nearly missed her graduation because she fell sick at the end of her senior year.

"Life got very real for me at

that point, and in some ways I think I was too young to grasp the issue of mortality," King said. She recovered well enough to walk with her friends at Commencement and was presented the Medallion on that day. King continues to live by Sullivan's philosophy. "Living is not about what I



***"It is by the enlightened and disinterested service to his fellow beings that man most surely strengthens and idealizes his own nature."***

**—Algernon Sydney Sullivan**



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—Maruxa Faustmann '02





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—Lucia Turnbull King '70

will do or be tomorrow, not about the recognition I think I want, or the goods I think I need, or even what I think I should be contributing," she said. "Valuing, loving my work and life in this moment, fully engaging in it and sharing what I am doing with my husband, my friends, with those I meet, is living."

Sullivan's values also remain strong in the daily life of Shawn Pistor '95. Late one night this past year, on a dark stretch of I-75, Pistor noticed a car with its hazard lights on and a gentleman walking along the road, far from the next exit, so he offered him a ride. "It was Thanksgiving Eve and cold, and I thought, if I were that man and my car had broken down, how nice it would be to get a ride," he said.

Like Pistor, Sullivan Scholars are amazed that the little things they do in their daily lives don't always go unnoticed. The award itself often serves as both an affirmation of their beliefs and a charge to continue a life of good deeds and kindness to others.

Sometimes, Sullivan Scholars are drawn to one another by their common values and beliefs. Such is the case with Karl Lewis '98 and Tynisha Wynder '99, a couple who were named Sullivan Scholars in the spring of 1997, and subsequently were awarded the Medallion at their respective Commencement ceremonies. They serve as constant reminders for each other of the Sullivan spirit.

"We inspire each other in the ways we give to ourselves, our schools, family, each other, and even strangers," Wynder said. "We encourage each other to do what's right because it's right, and not because of what we get out of it."



Karl Lewis '98 and Tynisha Wynder '99

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Looking back on his experience at Rollins, Lewis believes that he is forever changed by his Sullivan experience in that it drew him closer not just to Tynisha, but to the entire family of Sullivan Scholars. "It is an astounding group of people with immeasurable moral and ethical commitments to service and community," he said. "We are an extended family that continues to change, transform, and lead the masses in our

respective generations, unconsciously and unconditionally."

Sullivan Award recipients tend to exemplify the characteristics of Sullivan in both their work and service to the community. Frank Willis '59 devoted his life to public service, having spent his 35-year career as a teacher and principal in public schools,

while Shelley Wilson '73 keeps the spirit of Algernon Sydney Sullivan alive through volunteering in various community organizations.

Maruxa Faustmann '02 still has a year or so to think about her career, but already is realizing the importance of continuing the Sullivan tradition in her daily life. "The award has made me realize how important it is to give to others in need, to be an encouragement to those who are hurting, and to love others all the time," she said. "It teaches us that the little things really do matter."

#### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

This year's Reunion will feature the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Scholars. Come back to campus to share memories with a special group at Rollins who "make our common life so good."



# Renaissance at Rollins

Cornell Museum's Rosselli exhibition will be one of biggest ever in Florida



THE FAX FROM THE ROLLINS COLLEGE Cornell Fine Arts Museum arrived at the Vatican sometime before midnight. Due to the time difference, faxing is the only way to submit requests to the Vatican. The fact that a request was being sent there was amazing enough, but the response that Cornell Fine Arts Museum Director Arthur Blumenthal received stopped him dead in his tracks.

"They said 'We've heard about your show,'" Blumenthal said. "And all I could think was, 'the Vatican knows who we are?'"

Anyone who knows Arthur Blumenthal really shouldn't be surprised. In just 12 years as Director of the Cornell Museum, Blumenthal has more than doubled the number of annual visitors to the Museum. Each year, some 25,000 people visit the Cornell, which today is considered to be one of the finest university museums in the Southeast. More people visit the Cornell annually than all other



campus cultural or athletic events combined. And Blumenthal has dramatically increased attendance by students, who, in years past, walked by the Museum doors almost daily during their four years at Rollins without ever stepping inside. Now he is the driving force behind an exhibition that he considers the highlight of his career and that other museum directors consider the most important show ever held in Florida.

"This show will give the public a great taste of Renaissance splendor," said Dr. Joaneath Spicer, the James A. Murnaghan Curator of Renaissance and Baroque Art at the Walters Art Gallery in Baltimore. "Especially in Florida, there are few opportunities for the public to have such an experience, and few institutions with a sufficient appreciation of the opportunities for public education that this exhibition will provide."



## The Exhibition

Six museum curators and art historians from around the world have written essays for the fully illustrated exhibition catalogue, which will become a treasured art document after the show closes. Renaissance panel paintings from 22 museums all over the world, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York and the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, will be included in this spectacular show. So, who's the artist? His name is Cosimo Rosselli. Don't feel bad if you've never

heard of him though. Most people haven't—until now.

"People usually don't realize that 30 years before Michelangelo painted the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel, Cosimo Rosselli painted some of the most beautiful frescoes on the Chapel walls," Blumenthal said.

Florence between 1470 and 1500 was a city of great artistic opportunity, and Cosimo Rosselli was a highly successful artist. Raised in a family of masons, Rosselli worked prolifi-

cally throughout the 1470s. In 1480, he was called to Rome with Botticelli, Ghirlandaio, Perugino, and Signorelli to decorate the walls of the Sistine Chapel (1481-82). These wall frescoes were cleaned in 1999 and unveiled last year as part of the millennial celebrations at the Vatican. The Vatican has loaned Rollins enlarged, life-size images of Rosselli's newly cleaned frescoes, which will be on view in the Cornell exhibition. *Cosimo Rosselli: Painter of the Sistine Chapel* will run from February 9 through April 22, 2001.

Rosselli held a very important place in the Florentine art world. It's worth noting that, in 1504, he and a committee of artists that included DaVinci and Botticelli decided where David, Michelangelo's masterpiece, should be placed. (They decided it should be in front of the town hall.) And Rosselli's influence on other artists was significant. Some of his students went on to become the great artists of the High Renaissance—artists such as Piero di Cosimo, Fra Bartolommeo, and Mariotto Albertinelli, all of whose paintings also will be on view in the Rosselli exhibition. In addition, works by Rosselli's teacher Neri di Bicci, his cousin Bernardo di Stefano Rosselli, and his brother Francesco Rosselli will be included.

DAVID WOODS



Museum Director Arthur Blumenthal







**TITLE PAGE ART, P. 21:** Detail from "Christ's Sermon on the Mount," one of the newly cleaned Sistine Chapel frescoes painted by Cosimo Rosselli in 1482. One of the onlookers (top row, 2nd from left, looking directly at viewer) is thought to be a self-portrait of the artist.

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**LEFT:** Detail from "Worship of the Golden Calf with Man and Woman Dancing," one of the Sistine Chapel wall frescoes by Rosselli, painted in 1482. Enlarged, life-size images of this and other frescoes will be on view in the Cornell exhibition.

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**ABOVE:** "Madonna Adoring the Child," by Rosselli. Tempera on wood panel. Painted around 1500. On loan from the Philbrook Museum of Art, Tulsa, Okla.

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## The Research

After a typical exhibition, Blumenthal usually finds himself with files of documentation and background materials about two inches thick. Over the course of almost two years, he has accumulated more than 85 files on the Cosimo Rosselli exhibition that stack more than three feet deep.

"First of all, most of the information on Rosselli was written in Italian," said Blumenthal. "In addition to that, putting together this show has required an enormous amount of detective work."

One of Rosselli's most stunning works—a large altarpiece depicting a breathtaking scene of *The Virgin Mary and Christ Child in Glory Surrounded by Saints*—was chopped into eight pieces sometime between 1790 and 1800. (The central portion is today in the Huntington Library in San Marino, Calif., where Gainsborough's *Blue Boy* is also housed.) More than likely, a dealer thought that selling the smaller parts would be more lucrative than selling the large panel in its entirety. Through exhaustive research, Blumenthal has been able to locate many of those pieces and they will appear together in the Cosimo Rosselli exhibition for the first time in hundreds of years. Missing portions will be sketched in to give viewers a sense of what the complete altarpiece originally looked like.

The glimmer in Blumenthal's eye and the exuberance in his voice when he talks about the show make it clear that this project was truly a labor of love. "My mission is to share my love of art with others," he said.

When the beauty and splendor of Cosimo Rosselli's paintings adorn the walls of the Cornell Fine Arts Museum, visitor are sure to agree that his mission was accomplished.





"Adoration of the Christ Child with John the Baptist," tondo painted by Rosselli in 1495. Tempera on wood panel, on loan from the Seattle Art Museum.

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"Madonna & Child in Glory with Saints" by Rosselli. This stunning altarpiece was chopped into eight pieces sometime between 1790 and 1800. Portions are on loan from museums around the world. Missing portions will be sketched in to give viewers a sense of what the complete altarpiece originally looked like.

(Photographic reconstruction by Frank Dabell)



# COSIMO ROSSELLI

Painter of the Sistine Chapel

CORNELL FINE ARTS MUSEUM AT ROLLINS COLLEGE ■ FEBRUARY 9 THROUGH APRIL 22, 2001

This major exhibition is the first ever on Cosimo Rosselli and will feature close to 40 works from more than 20 museums and private collections in the U.S. and Europe, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York.

The exhibition will include Rosselli's *Madonna and Child Enthroned*, c.1470, which was donated to the Cornell Fine Arts Museum in 1937 by the Samuel K. Kress Foundation and is a highlight in the Museum's permanent collection. Dime-store magnate Samuel H. Kress distributed his huge collection of Italian Renaissance paintings to the National Gallery of Art and a number of smaller museums. The Foundation recently awarded the Cornell Museum a \$100,000 grant to assist in mounting the Rosselli show, and grants from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (a Federal agency), the Florida Art Council, and the National Endowment for the Arts are helping to make *Cosimo Rosselli: Painter of the Sistine Chapel* a reality. A bequest from Harriett Wilkes Cornell '35HAL '90H is also being used to partially underwrite the show, which is dedicated to her memory. The generosity of local art lovers—the Darden Restaurants Foundation, the Beck Family Foundation, Dr. Thomas Trevisani, and Fred W. Hicks III Trust—also helped make this show possible.

Original panel paintings (dating from c.1469 to c.1505) by Rosselli and life-size reproductions of his Sistine Chapel wall frescoes of 1482 will be on display. Also on display will be panel paintings by Piero di Cosimo, Fra Bartolommeo, and Mariotto Alberinelli,

who worked in Rosselli's workshop; panel paintings by Rosselli's teacher Neri di Bicci and his cousin Bernardo di Stefano Rosselli; and engravings by his brother Francesco Rosselli, one of Italy's first print-makers.

"Since 1978, the Cornell Fine Arts Museum has set very high standards with its exhibitions," said Cornell Museum Director Arthur Blumenthal. "*Cosimo Rosselli: Painter of the Sistine Chapel* will continue that tradition. It will be an exciting art experience for our community and for our many national and international visitors, as well as a major contribution to the history of Renaissance art."

The Ambassador of Italy to the U.S., His Excellency Ferdinando Salleo, is honorary high patron of the show and will attend the opening festivities. The exhibition will feature public gallery talks and films on the Renaissance. Lectures on Rosselli will be given by Dr. Laurence Kanter on Sunday, February 11, 2001, and Mr. Everett Fahy on March 7, 2001. Kanter is the curator of the Robert Lehman Collection at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, and Fahy is the John Pope-Hennessy Chairman of the Department of European Paintings at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Both guest lecturers will be coming to Rollins College as Thomas P. Johnson Distinguished Visiting Scholars. A Symposium on Cosimo Rosselli will be held on February 24 and 25, with five participating scholars from the U.S. and abroad. For additional information on the exhibition, visit the Cornell Fine Arts Museum's Rosselli Web site at: [www.rollins.edu/cfam](http://www.rollins.edu/cfam).







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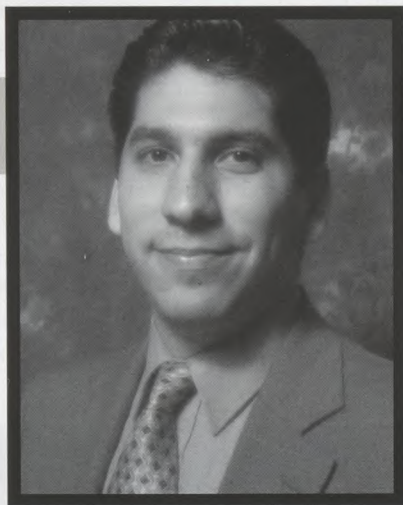




## ALUMNI OF NOTE

By Bobby Davis '82

Rollins College is proud of its alumni, who are actively contributing to the health, wealth, productivity, harmony, spiritual guidance, and hope of citizens throughout the world. To help spread the good news, each issue of the *Rollins Alumni Record* features "Alumni of Note." If you know of any alumni who should be spotlighted, please contact the Alumni Relations office at 1-800-799-ALUM, or e-mail us at [alumni@rollins.edu](mailto:alumni@rollins.edu).



### *Jose Fernandez '90*

As director of the Hispanic Business Initiative Fund in Orlando, Jose Fernandez has found an excellent outlet for both his altruism and busi-

ness acumen. He manages an in-house staff of four, plus professional consultants (attorneys, accountants, financial analysts), and some 60 volunteers in the task of helping Hispanic businesses in Orlando expand and capitalize on market opportunities.

Fernandez and his family left Nicaragua in the early 1970s, escaping the growing violence as the Somoza government fought its losing effort against Sandinista rebels. His parents and three siblings, then aged 6 months to 11 years, came to Orlando with \$800 after leaving behind all their possessions. Fernandez was an excellent student at Colonial High School in Orlando and sought to attend Rollins because of its academic reputation.

"Rollins was a completely different world, unlike anything I had experienced before. For my admissions interview, I borrowed a tie and drove up in a car that sounded like a helicopter. But the place felt right, and the staff and professors I met were very enjoyable even before I got here," he said.

Fernandez studied Latin American and Caribbean Affairs at Rollins, and found professors Luis Valdez and Pedro Pequeño to be mentors and friends. He was active in campus activities, helping to reform the TKE fraternity and playing intramural sports.

After graduating, Fernandez worked at St. Leo College for its international recruitment programs, designing marketing strategies to attract students from all over the world. "We took different approaches to each region of the world and I learned how to tailor the message to different people," he said. "Plus, I traveled extensively and learned a lot about education in other countries."

Fernandez then returned to Orlando to earn a master's degree in public administration with an emphasis in economic development at the University of Central Florida. He worked with Mayor Glenda Hood and the Orlando Chamber of Commerce to develop strategies that would increase and develop small businesses in the area. From that initiative, he became the director of the HBIF. The nonprofit organization provides marketing and feasibility studies for products, seeks new business opportunities, and advises business owners in several areas of expertise.

In 1998, Fernandez went to the Kennedy School at Harvard for State and Local Government with 75 other public and nonprofit executives to receive training and generate strategies for improving communities. He has committed himself to making his adopted Orlando a better community.



## Betty Rowland Probasco '51

Betty Rowland Probasco is one of golf's great early female players. As an amateur, the Kentucky native won four Kentucky state titles and seven more in Tennessee. She was inducted into the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame in 1983.

Probasco took up golf as a young girl, encouraged by her father, who loved the game. She went for a year to the University of Kentucky, but had seen newsreel reports in movie theaters about Rollins sports and wanted to go to a place where she could play golf year-round, so she transferred for her sophomore year.

"I loved the school and its beautiful campus, and I was surprised to learn how demanding it was academically. People told me I was going to a country club. I loved Dr. McKean, whom I'd had for an art course."

At Rollins, Probasco played the "grapefruit circuit" of women's golf with schools all over Florida. The Tars had a good coach, Tom Kearney, but the women had to schedule their own matches. A picture of the Rollins foursome in Miami taken by an Associated Press photographer was published all over the world. Probasco also had the opportunity to meet some of golf's greats, such as the young Arnold Palmer, Jimmy Demaret, Sam Snead, and others who

used to play regularly at the Dubsdred Country Club in Orlando. "Arnold was my age at Wake Forest, and he was a wonderful man. We've been friends for many years."

Probasco won the National Collegiate Golf Championship in 1950, and her golf career was off and running. She placed third in the Amateur U.S. Open in 1964, was elected to the Curtis Cup team in 1955, and captained the team in 1982.

She also contributed to her sport by founding the Tennessee Junior Golf Association, serving on the Women's Committee of the USGA, and as president of the Women's Southern Golf Association.

Probasco married another avid golfer, Scott L. Probasco, Jr. They have four children and she dotes on her four grandchildren.

"I still golf. I still play okay," said Probasco, who plans to attend her first Rollins Reunion next year. "I can't wait. My friend Lucy Bright Thatcher '51 will be there also."



## Jeanne Thaggard Bochette '51

A native of Ft. Myers, Fla. who as a girl once danced at a party for Mrs. Thomas Edison, Jeanne Thaggard Bochette attended Rollins via a kind of arranged marriage: "My father selected the College out of a casual friendship with President Hamilton Holt,"

she said. But she ended up fitting right in.

As an English major, Bochette loved her professors, especially Dr. Charles Mendal, who was "friendly, structured, would meet with you in the Student Center and slip in things you should be reading about Milton." She wrote for the College's literary magazine, *The Flamingo*, and studied piano. She also choreographed and performed in independent musicals in the Annie Russell Theatre. But the class that most influenced her future was an off-campus dance class she took her senior year with Edith Royal, founder of the Southern Ballet Theatre.

"Dance is another way to learn about yourself," said Bochette, who went on to a full and rewarding career as a dance instructor. "You make a lot of decisions, and it's like

being inside a frame—arranging the choice of movement, lighting, costuming."

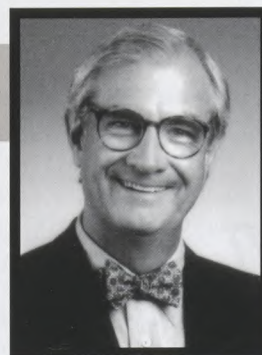
Bochette met her husband, L.D. '51, at Rollins. When he was drafted into the Air Force, she went to New York to dance professionally. She had already worked as a dancer for the defunct Roxy Theater, the predecessor to Radio City Music Hall, and was offered a job as a dancer with the Rockettes, but Bochette chose marriage instead. While L.D. was in the service, she conducted dance classes at bases throughout Florida and Georgia.

For 50 years, Bochette has owned and operated Bochette Dance in Ft. Myers, and she has "watched the city grow up around me." She teaches dance, still performs with her students, and can "still get into my teenage clothes!"

Her work on behalf of her art extends to community service. A longtime member and officer of the Florida Dance Association (FDA), she has worked with teachers in the Ft. Myers area in annual workshops and productions under the auspices of her nonprofit organization, Gulfcoast Dance, Inc. For her lifetime contributions, the FDA gave her the prestigious Nancy Smith Award in 1999.



## James Carney '65



A lifelong educator who treasures his Rollins education, James Carney comes from a family that has lived in Boston for generations. He owns Carney, Sandoe & Associates in Boston, an educational consulting firm that primarily helps independent schools find leaders and develop governance and educational strategy.

Carney originally planned to join the U.S Foreign Service, and came to Rollins intending to enroll in the 3-2 program for international studies the College then operated in conjunction with Georgetown University.

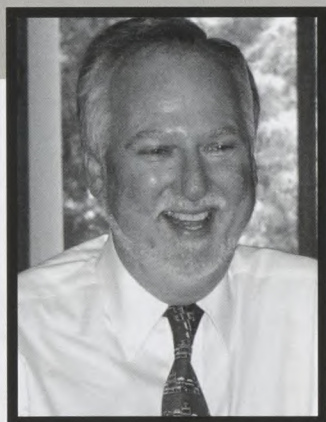
"With fear and trepidation, I went in to talk about the program with the dean of the faculty and talked my little heart out about my career goals. But, after being so fearful of this man, I looked up and he was sound asleep. I let myself out and that was the end of my career in the Foreign Service!"

Thanks to people like English professor Edwin Granberry and President Hugh McKean '30, however, Carney came to see Rollins as a place "where people cared and the individual had the sense—at a time of life when it mattered—that you were important," he said. "The genius of Rollins is that it has nurtured people who were late bloomers, and they have gone on to become important citizens and contributors to the world."

Carney went on to become president of his freshman class and president of his fraternity, the Kappa Alpha Order. He also met and married his wife of 33 years, Laurie Gordon Carney '66. (One of their two children, daughter Winston, graduated from Rollins in 1992.)

After graduating, Carney earned an MA in liberal arts from Wesleyan University in Connecticut, then joined the founding faculty of St. Edwards School in Vero Beach (led for many years by headmaster Peter Benedict '66). He then moved back and forth between St. Edwards and Purnell School in New Jersey, finally becoming the youngest headmaster in the country at Purnell.

At age 42, Carney decided "what I wanted to do when I grow up," bought a small placement agency in Boston, and formed Carney, Sandoe & Associates. The company conducts executive searches for independent secondary schools looking for administrators and teachers, and provides a wide variety of educational consulting services. Carney, Sandoe now has offices in Los Angeles, Washington DC, and Santa Fe in addition to Boston.



## Randy Lyon '71

Several people deserve the title "Mr. Rollins," but Randy Lyon has as good a claim as any. After graduating Rollins with a degree in mathematics, he earned an MBA from Crummer in 1972. His wife, Andrea Boissy Lyon '73, was a Chi Omega at

Rollins and they were married in the Knowles Chapel in 1972. Since then, Lyon has served as an Alumni Trustee (1985-90) and on the Crummer Alumni Board (1995-97), and his company, Lake Nona Property Holdings, has a foundation with a particular interest in minority scholarships.

Lyon went on to cut his teeth in the real estate field in Australia, Hawaii, and Sarasota, Fla. before moving to Orlando in 1992. He currently works as the COO of Lake Nona Property Holdings, one of the leading land development companies in Central Florida. It owns and develops thousands of

acres of prime real estate in the area, primarily the Lake Nona Golf & Country Club in south Orlando. Lyon estimates that "by 2020, Lake Nona will be home to more than 20,000 people." He envisions that this mixed-use, master-planned project will eventually "include up to 9000 homes, 5.5 million sq. ft. of office and business park space, 4 million sq. ft. of light industrial space, 1 million sq. ft. of mixed-use commercial space, and 2250 hotel/motel and resort villa rooms." Lyon oversees the property and its development, and works with city and county officials to ensure that the community meets the needs of the larger society.

His company has pioneered the "Southeast Plan," which develops neighborhoods anchored by schools and that have in close proximity commercial centers and employers that can support residential growth. The first initiative inspired by this plan is the Community School at Lake Nona, an innovative public-private partnership that may be the first of its kind in the nation. The Community School is a complex containing a public elementary school, a city park, and a family wellness and recreational facility.





## CLASS NEWS

Class News Editor: Robin Cusimano

**'37 Dorothy Manwaring Huber** is a volunteer for the Jupiter Island Library and runs a small business, "Huber House." She also plays nine holes of golf four to five times a week and "lots" of bridge.

**'45 Dorothy "Dodo" Bundy Cheney** and her daughter Christie won the Mother-Daughter Super Senior Tournament, a kickoff to the inaugural National Senior Women's Tennis Association Invitational in Williamsburg, according to *The Virginia-Pilot*. In addition to playing tennis, the 1938 Australian Open champion enjoys gardening and playing bridge.

**'46 Ruth Smith Yadley**, her husband, Jean, and **Jackie Preis '52** spent two wonderful weeks in Europe, visiting Berlin, Dresden, Prague, and Nuremberg. In Nuremberg, they boarded the riverboat *Viking Danube* for a weeklong cruise on the Danube, traveling to Regensburg, Passau, Vienna, and Budapest. In September, the Yadleys were invited guests at Dartmouth College, where their son, Greg, was honored as "Alumnus of the Year."

**'47 Patricia McGehee Bush** writes, "Since my husband and I had many friends at Rollins before and after our marriage in 1947, it is with much sadness that I write to tell you that he, William 'Bill' R. Bush, died on May 25, 2000 at our winter home in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. We have two daughters, Dorothea Frye and Danielle Ayre, who live in nearby Potomac and Bethesda, MD with their husbands and two children each."

**'49 Dr. Gordon Marks** attended the opening ceremonies and dedication of the D-day Museum in New Orleans, representing the 22nd Regent of the 4th Division of the Normandy Invasion. Gordon earned the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart with an Oak Leaf Cluster while serving there. **Shirley Fry Irvin** was profiled in *The Orlando Sentinel* as "perhaps the most anonymous athletic legend in Orlando history." The 1956 Wimbledon singles champion and winner of 16 other Grand Slam titles moved to Orlando three years ago after 35 years in Connecticut. *The St. Petersburg Times* profiled **David "Hap" Clark** as a candidate for the office of Pasco County tax collector. Hap has been a county

commissioner since 1992 and worked as a teacher, coach, assistant principal, and principal in several Pasco schools before retiring in 1979. **Robert E. Ragsdale** is active in the Unitarian Church in Boone, NC, the Unitarian-Universalist Church in Deland, FL, and with Habitat for Humanity in both Florida and North Carolina. A bout with lymphocytic leukemia has slowed him down this past year. His wife, Margaret "Meg" Clarke Ragsdale, died July 26, 1999.

**'50 Harry Hancock**, former fast-pitch catcher for the 10-time national softball champion Clearwater Bombers, was featured in *The Tampa Tribune* as the Bombers prepared for a 60th class reunion. Among his list of accomplishments, Harry caught a 21-inning winning game against Phillips 66 of Oklahoma City in the 1962 world tournament. He later turned to construction, then masonry, raised four children, and then settled on a piece of property that divides Largo and Clearwater, FL. Golf architect **Pete Dye**, renowned for his challenging and innovative courses, was featured in the May 9, 2000 issue of *Investor's Business Daily*. **George**

**Pauline Betz Addie '43**, the 1946 Wimbledon Champion, was profiled in the June 24, 2000 edition of *The Washington Post*. Pauline and other Wimbledon winners were recognized at the All England Club's Centre Court during the Champions Parade this summer. Described as the "queen of tennis players during the World War II era," Pauline won the women's singles title without losing a set in 1946 and by 1949 was ranked No. 1 in the world. Although her professional career ended when her family began, Pauline continues to teach privately and competes in local tournaments.

**Spencer** has been granted emeritus faculty status at Warren Wilson College following his second retirement. George first came to the college through the IBM Faculty Loan Program in 1984-85. Throughout the years, he helped to equip and update the school's computer laboratory, taught business and academic computing to undergraduates, voluntarily offered non-credit summer computer courses to faculty and staff, served as personal computer applications consultant, and upon his retirement from IBM, joined the Warren Wilson faculty full time, teaching courses in organizational behavior, management, supervision, business policy, and computers in business. Recognized by Warren Wilson's president for his many contributions to the college, George will continue as an adjunct instructor at the college. George and his wife, Zenia, hosted a Western North Carolina Rollins alumni reunion in their home in September. Those



attending the reunion were **Martha Barksdale Wright** and her husband, **Cullen**, **Maggie Bell Zurbrick** and her husband, **David**, **Jim '66** and **Diane Brown Halloran '66**, **Gene Simmons**, **William** and **Jackie Biggerstaff Smythe '51**, and **Bill** and **Agnes Hendrix Williams '49** (above). *The St. Petersburg Times* reported that three-term incumbent **Glenn Barrington** would again pursue the District 1 School Board seat in Hillsborough County, a position he has held since 1988. Glenn was a high school teacher, dean, and assistant principal before retiring in 1982.

**'52 Roslyn "Cookie" Swift Berger** has been inducted into the Western New York Professional Golfers Association Hall of Fame. Described by the *Buffalo News* as "one of the best women's amateurs ever to live in Western

years as a prosecutor and received an appointment in 1987 from then-Gov. Bob Martinez to the circuit bench. Since then, he has presided over hundreds of cases and oversees cases in the family-law division. *The Sentinel* wrote, "He has earned solid marks among his peers for knowledge of the law, fairness in his courtroom, and a cordial demeanor."

**'60 Fred Wolking** has been chosen as a member of the State Color Guard for the Department of Virginia, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and can be seen in local parades in Virginia.

**'64 Al '65 and Nancy Mulkey Arbury** write, "We're headed to Denver for the birth of grandchild No. 5, maybe a future Rollins student! Son, David, who sings with the National Cathedral Choir of Men and Boys in Washington, DC, sang with them at the Rollins Chapel during Reunion 2000. He will attend Arizona State University on a research fellowship while working on obtaining his master's degree in music. We enjoy our retired life in Central Florida and supporting Rollins Crew and The Rollins Fund, too!"

**'65** Old theater friends **Cary Fuller**, **AnneLynn Kettles Kahn '62**, **Ed Maxcy '66**, **Lucie Palmer Garnett '63**, **Fred Chappell**



**'64**, and **Dr. S. Joe Nassif (I)** got together this summer in Connecticut, where Fred and Joe were directing theater productions.

New York," Cookie made the quarterfinals of the U.S. Women's Amateur in both 1953 and 1954. She won the state amateur title in 1953, the Women's Buffalo District title in 1956, and the Westwood Club title from 1959 through 1967. A member of the executive board of the USGA from 1960 to 1962, she now lives in Hollywood, FL, where she remains a scratch player.

**'56 Joan Mack** writes, "I finally purchased my first home and moved in on October 12 after apartment living all these past years. It's a large ranch-style home with two acres of land. Needless to say, it's keeping me quite busy!"

**'59** *The Orlando Sentinel* endorsed **Jeff Miller** for re-election to the office of judge of the Ninth Judicial Circuit. Jeff has worked for 18



The girls of Gamma Phi Beta returned to Rollins last summer to relive their days in Strong Hall.



## THOMAS LAWTON, JR. '34     Repository of a bygone era

■ Thomas Lawton, Jr. is a living repository of a bygone era, for both Rollins College and his native town of Oviedo, Fla. Lawton knew Rollins President Hamilton Holt personally and went to class in wood buildings. His father, **Thomas Lawton, Sr.**, who became superintendent of schools in Seminole County, Fla. for many years, graduated from Rollins in 1903 as a class of one, then went on to Andover Theological School in Massachusetts.

"Dad was the catcher on Rollins' baseball team," Lawton said. "He has great stories about their rivalry with Stetson, including a time when Rollins got a pitcher and catcher from the Philadelphia Athletics to play for them for a few weeks in the winter season"—apparently a common practice at the time. "When Stetson came down to play the ball game and saw who our pitcher and catcher were, they turned around and went back, and that was the end of that!"

Even though Lawton was the son of one of Oviedo's most prominent families, the Great Depression robbed his family of most of their wealth just as he was ready to go to college. They didn't have any money to send me to college. But Dad knew a trustee at Rollins College and he got a scholarship for me. I did play baseball there, as well as some intramural basketball."

Many students at Rollins work to support themselves, but it is safe to say that few did what Lawton did to support his academic efforts.

"My aunt gave me a heifer calf, which I raised," he said. "When the time came, I took the calf to the bull, and pretty soon we had another one and the heifer started milking. So I'd get up early in the morning, and I'd go down and milk the cow, bring the milk back to the house, and in the meantime my mother cooked my breakfast. While I ate, Mother strained the milk and bottled it, and made my lunch. Then I delivered the milk to my customers, and was at Rollins by eight. It was my milk business and I made a little money at it.

"I did that my first two years in college. At the end of that time, I decided I didn't want to fool with that old cow anymore. There was a dairy in Oviedo that couldn't afford to buy her, so they 'drank up' the cow by buying her milk until they reached what they thought the cow was worth. There was a great deal of barter going on then.

"When I started at Rollins, they started building the Chapel and the Annie Russell Theatre. The Chapel came first. I saw 'em digging the dirt for the basement for the Chapel, so I not only saw it from the beginning, but that's where I got my diploma, and that's where I married my wife. And from our home, when I was younger, I could look across the lake and just see the top of that cupola.

"I loved the old frame building Knowles Hall [demolished in 1983 to make way for the Olin Library]. In the wintertime, if you went there on a cold morning, at around 9:30 or 10:00 the sun would hit it just right, make it nice and comfortable and cozy. I'd get a chair on the back row, and I could lean back there and go to sleep. That was my favorite classroom.

"They had a big rumpus at Rollins when President Holt left in 1949. They brought in this fella from Chicago [Paul Wagner], who was the top

man with Bell Howell & Co. He tried to change the Rollins system from the Conference Plan. He wanted big classes trained with this audio stuff, and that caused a lot of trouble. They had an awful fight, and the alumni got involved. A lot of them went to Tallahassee to pass legislation that would prevent Wagner from taking over. Because of all this, the Alumni decided to incorporate and I was their vice president for a while.

"Then Rollins had to look for a president. **Hugh McKean** ['30] was a nice fella, and he was married to the heir to the Morse fortune, Jeannette Morse Genius McKean. So he dug in and she helped him. He surprised everybody, he really did. He did a remarkable job. He kept that school together, and, with his wife's money helping out, he kept it going.

"People have asked me if it was hard on me being at a school where everyone else had a lot of money and I had none, but it wasn't. Most of the students were very nice to me, including **Tom Johnson** ['34], who had one of those big, long Packard automobiles. He couldn't drive it, though; he would drive all over the curb!

"One of my best friends was **Maury Dreicer** ['34], who was related to the wealthy Dreicers in New York and a nephew of the writer Theodore Dreicer. His parents made Strock coats, which were the thing to wear for women at the time. Maury was a great speaker, and he would go around to high schools and give Caesar's burial address from Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar*. He and Johnson were on a debating team. They beat teams from Harvard, Yale, and other Ivy League schools. Johnson put up the money for them to go to England to debate Oxford University."

Lawton and his cronies loved the beach and went over there whenever possible.

"We'd leave school and go to Daytona Beach to watch the auto speed trials. They'd use castor oil in those cars and when it was hot, you could smell it. I guess we were crazy, but we had a day away from school and we enjoyed it."

A favorite hangout for Rollins students in the 1930s and '40s was The Pelican, a large, two-story frame building in New Smyrna Beach that was donated by an alumnus from Brooksville, Fla. Long gone, its former location is now the site of a modern new condo of the same name. Lawton and his wife, Anna Belle, would also take the children there for many years afterward for family vacations. "It certainly was a big help to us when the boys were growing up. Sometimes we'd go twice in the summer for a vacation, and we could go for a weekend any time," he said.

Lawton remains interested in the affairs of the College and he and his wife donate to the College via an investment trust. They live in The Mayflower in Winter Park and frequently entertain their children and grandchildren. Lawton also follows the doings of his relatives and friends and their progeny in Oviedo, a little rural town that has grown into a modern suburb. As much as the area has changed, Tom Lawton can still look at some modern building and tell you what used to be there or what happened there 50 years ago.—*Bobby Davis* '82



NATHANIEL EBERLE '98



**'66** Robert Carter Austin is conductor of the New Symphony of Arlington as well as the orchestra in Garland, TX. He was profiled in *The Fort Worth Star-Telegram* in September as the New Symphony prepared to open its first season.

**'67** William Caler, Jr., a certified public accountant, is a partner with the firm Caler, Donten, Levine, Druker, Porter & Veil and has served as a board member for the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Boys and Girls Club of Palm Beach County, Norton Museum of Art, and St. Mary's Medical Center, according to *The Palm Beach Post*.

**'69** During a recent trip out West, Jim Griffith and his wife, Marcia, visited Chick Hawley '72CR and his wife, Martha, who live in the Carmel, CA area. Chick and Jim were



teammates on Norm Copeland's tennis team for four years. During their visit, Chick again defeated Jim in

singles for probably the 40th straight time. A magic moment occurred two days later when Jim and his strong partner defeated Chick and a not-so-strong partner in doubles. Jim's final words to Chick when they said their good-byes were: "Nobody beats Jim Griffith 41 times in a row!" Jim and Marcia live in Atlanta.

**'70** William Applebee has been named vice president of mergers and acquisitions at Travelers Group of Coral Gables, where he will lead the company's acquisition efforts in North Florida and the Panhandle. He previously was a co-owner of Bon Voyage International Travel Inc. in Winter Park. Bill Bieberbach '71MBA, Bill McMunn '69



'71MBA, and Wilson Flohr '69 '71MBA recently spent a day on the links at Royal Port Rush Golf Club in Londonderry, Ireland (l).

**'72** Carolina Garcia-Aguilera was profiled in *The Orlando Sentinel* in conjunction with the release of her book *Havana Heat*, the fifth in her popular series starring private investigator Lupe Solano. The fictional heroine of Carolina's books bears a striking resemblance to her creator who became a private detective in 1986 to prepare her for writing her novels. The other books in the series include *Bloody Waters*, *Bloody Shame*, *Bloody Secrets*, and *A*

*Miracle in Paradise*, which was the co-winner of the Flamingo Award given by the Florida chapter of the Mystery Writers of America to the best Florida mystery novel of 1999.

**'73** Scott and Susan Meade Sindelar live in Phoenix, AZ. Scott invites alumni to visit the following website to learn more about his newest book, *FEAR FREE SELLING, How to Become Absolutely Fearless Selling Anything: Products, Services, Even Yourself*: <http://www.booklocker.com/bookpages/scottisndelar01.html>. A business psychologist, executive coach, writer, and consultant, Scott has been featured as a keynote speaker from Arizona to Asia. He ran his first marathon at the age of 30, became a highly rated hang glider pilot, a mountain rescue team climber, and found the time to scale the highest point in the Western Hemisphere, Cerro Aconcagua in Argentina. "Not your average 'shrink,'" he writes. He is well known in the legal arena for his evaluation, forensic, and legal work. Alumni can visit his website at

**W. Henry Alderfer '68** is country director for Project Concern International in New Delhi, India. The program includes assisting people who have HIV/AIDS, leprosy eradication, installation of water and sanitation systems, and integrated community development and health initiatives. From 1993 to 1997, he worked in El Salvador as coordinator of the National Reconstruction Program of USAID and the Government of El Salvador, helping with infrastructure, land distribution, rural health and education, and services for ex-combatants of the 12-year civil war. He writes, "We would like to host alumni in our home in New Delhi. Bring your tennis rackets and hiking boots. Also, would like to share more about Project Concern International with anyone who is interested. Contact me at [proconin@nda.vsnl.net.in](mailto:proconin@nda.vsnl.net.in)."

[www.WorkingResults.com](http://www.WorkingResults.com). Susan is marketing director for the Institute for Advanced Business Psychology: Working Results for Executive Coaching and Management Seminars.

**'75** Beth Lincks, under the pen name Arlene Hutton, had a successful and highly acclaimed presentation of her romantic play *Last Train to Nibroc* during Charleston, SC's recent Piccolo Spoleto Festival. Sally Albrecht '76 and her husband, composer/arranger Jay Althouse, hosted the opening night party at their "pied-à-terre" in Charleston.



Beth and her literary-agent husband, Don Maass, also joined them for a quick lunch at their home on Hilton Head (above). Suzanne Caruso Crawford has been named CFO at PowerTV, a leading developer of systems software solutions, applications, and services for digital interactive cable television. Susan brings more than 20 years of operational leadership to the company, most recently serving as vice president of finance and CFO of Superior

Telecommunications, Inc. Previously, she was director of finance at Scientific-Atlanta, Inc. She has an M.B.A. from the University of Central Florida.

**'76** Richard Spencer, president of Dallas-based Crossroads Investment Advisers, L.P., has been appointed to the board of directors of Punch Networks Corp., a software development and services company. Before joining Crossroads, Richard was a senior vice president with the Private Funds Group of Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette, where he was responsible for managing the relationships of both limited and general partners in the private equity community. Melissa Morris Mishoe writes, "My son Scott attends Valencia Community College. My daughter Elizabeth graduated from Winter Park High School in 2000 and entered the University of Florida this fall." Our apology for incorrectly identifying Bill Wegner as Richard Spencer in a Reunion photo appearing on p. 29 of the Sept. 2000 Alumni Record.

who is a junior in high school. Two years to go, then we travel." Among the ranks of Rollins alumni working in major league baseball, John Brickley has been a scouting supervisor for the Cincinnati Reds in the Northeastern United States and Eastern Canada for the past three years. John lives in Melrose, MA.

**'80** Arthur Jack Hammond, Jr. is vice president of The Bank of New York. He and his wife, Sarah Jane, live in Lincroft, NJ.

**'81** Cheryl Finnegan '87CR passed the Certified Financial Planning exam in March 2000. The two-day exam, which covers topics such as investment, retirement, tax, and estate planning, qualifies Cheryl to prepare financial plans for clients. Currently Cheryl is the first vice president and trust development officer for SunTrust Bank in Orlando. Peggy Green has been named president of the League of Women Voters of Seminole County, FL and was profiled by *The Orlando Sentinel* about her goals for the organization.



Asunta D'Urso Fleming (l) can be heard singing in the critically acclaimed Showtime movie *Possessed*, which stars Timothy Dalton, Christopher Plummer,

and Piper Laurie and has a European feature release. Asunta has been made an honorary member of the board of Friends of the Joffrey Ballet and a lifetime honorary member of the Los Angeles County Museum of Art Decorative Arts Council. She and her husband, James, celebrated the birth of their first child (see *Births*) on their sixth wedding anniversary. New daughter, Olivia, is appearing in two national commercials, and Asunta and her family will be spending part of the year at their Central Florida vacation home. Asunta stays in touch with Louis and Nikki Hiers Seybold '86, and J.B.'86 and Carrinne Meyn Barker '84, John Kavanaugh '83, Chris Gasti '83, Andrew Moss '82, Kim Nordstrom '82, Mary Ramsay McInnis '80, and Jenny Cosby Anderson '80, and tries to support a Los Angeles alumni chapter.

**'82** William Leavengood writes, "I now have two daughters, Alice, 4, and Charlotte, 1. *Webb's City: the Musical*, which I wrote and directed, premiered at Ruth Eckerd Hall and the Mahaffey Theatre and played to nearly sold-out houses in the 2000 seat venues. My wife, Diana, was production manager on *Webb's City*, which was the most successful theater production to come to the Mahaffey in a decade, and Angela Bond Oettrich '81 was one of the stars of the show. My play, *The Head*, will be produced off-Broadway in October." Wendy White Prausa was profiled in *The Atlanta Journal and Constitution* as one of the most accomplished professional tennis players in Georgia history. Wendy won the college national singles title for Rollins in 1980 and



## MILTON STANSON '49 Man of a thousand interests

■ Some people do too many things to possibly fit in one lifetime. At 77, Milton Stanson has his hand in so many activities it would put younger folks to shame, and he has no intention of retiring. "I will never retire! What for?" he exclaimed. "Business and people are my art form, and I could never give that up."

With his interests in business, the arts, and science and technology, Stanson exemplifies the liberal arts ideal.

During his long career, he has served as vice president of his New York-based investment company; invested in a theater company and served as president of an opera company; invented and patented the resealable jar (eliminating the need for preservatives in many foods); founded SAGE, a senior care organization in New York City; volunteered for conservation organizations; hosted his own television show; and much more. He directed commercials with Grace Kelly, and won multiple awards for television promotions.

Right now his company is developing mineral rights in Alaska for metals that can be used in fuel-cell batteries, which will power automobiles in the future. He's rubbed elbows with Queen Noor, physicist Edward Teller, Lorna Luft, and the Dalai Lama, and is dating a baroness. He also worked with the FBI to confound some Russian spies.

"Russian agents approached me in 1981 and offered to put \$1 million in a stock brokerage account if I would provide them with information on the Stealth Bomber and Star Wars programs," Stanson said. "I agreed, then called the FBI immediately, but their initial reaction was, 'Stop bothering us or we'll arrest you!' I called several times without getting anywhere. I finally talked to a retired FBI agent named Jack Walsh, who said 'Just mention my name.' Within the hour I had FBI agents in my apartment to talk to me. Over eight years, many KGB agents were caught on tape in my apartment accepting secret papers.

They almost found me out at one point. I never accepted any money from the FBI, because as my Moldavian mother once said to me, 'We owe so much to this country, we'll never be able to repay it.' I finally had to stop when I had open-heart surgery, so they arrested the agents and deported them.

"The finest compliment I got was after my surgery, the surgeon came up to me and asked, 'Who the hell are you? There are eight FBI agents out here.'"

At Rollins, Stanson started as a chemical engineering student, but finished as an accounting major with enough credits in English to qualify as a major. "The Dean said to me, 'You're getting A's in everything except chemistry, where you're getting a C, and they don't like you there,'" he laughed. "I told my faculty adviser that I liked to sing, and he said 'Good, we need a lead tenor in the church. So with

my Hebraic dirge, I sang baccarals in the Congregational Church, and once served as best man at a Mormon wedding. I had never even been in a church before!"

He also formed a fraternity for those who "needed a good place to stay. We couldn't get into dormitories, so we made it up on the spot." Fred Rogers '51 and the late John Reardon '52 were members and fast friends. They found out later, however, that the name they chose belonged to a national African-American fraternity, so they changed it to Alpha Phi Lambda.

"I was a very excitable person, always carrying on, protesting everything. A Chinese student I became friends with, Johnson Tai, would always say to me, 'Milton, never mind, never mind' whenever I would get hysterical. He'd calm me down. When he saw me smoking, he'd yell at me, 'Poison! Poison!' and I stopped. But it was a wonderful awakening to the freedom of Rollins, and I was so enthusiastic about everything."

—Bobby Davis '82



(l-r) Stanson with entertainer Gloria Gaynor, Baronesse Sherry von Korber, and Princess Yasmin Aga Kahn

was ranked No. 26 in the world in 1981. A member of the WTA Tour from 1980 to 1992, she finished in the top 40 seven times during the 1980s. The mother of four gave up the tour to devote more time to her family and limits her tennis to the six ALTA teams she coaches, a few private lessons, and an occasional game with friends.

'83 Dave Zarou '86, Heather Lacey Payne '88, Bill '82 and Jackie Branson Young, Todd Payne, Saverio Flemma '86, Suzanne



Green, Geoffrey Paul, and Raymond Green '81HH celebrated

Geoffrey and Bill's 40th birthdays at the Griswold Inn in Essex, CT in August. Peter Carleton '84 also attended. Michael F. Hill (HH) has been appointed director of program management at Group Technologies Corporation (GroupTech), a subsidiary of Sypris Solutions, Inc. He joins GroupTech from Hitachi Semiconductor, where he served as vice president of operations. With more than 30 years in the high-tech electronics industry, Michael has held senior-level management positions at such companies as Lockheed Martin, Brunswick, Martin Marietta, and Raytheon Semiconductor.

'84 Tom Hagood, Jr. is assistant vice president of technology and auxiliary services at Valencia Community College in Orlando

and has been a member of the Oviedo City Council since 1992. Catherine Rogers and Dottore Massimo Giussani were recently married (see *Weddings*) and are living in Rome, Italy. Terry Hummel '92MA reports that Paul Oreck '83 was recently married and is living in Scranton, PA, where he works for the governor and was the Republican delegate from Lacawanna County at the Republican National Convention. Anthony De Chellis recently relocated to London, England, where he has a new job as managing director of Merrill Lynch Private Banking Continental Europe.

'85 Polly Dorough-Flores together with her brother Howie Dorough and David Johnson wrote the theme song for the sitcom pilot *Love Thy Neighbor*.

'86 Sara Taylor '91CR and John "Tony" Rich '91 were recently married (see *Weddings*). Sara is manager of management accounting at BellSouth Telecommunications, and Tony is vice president of Search Financial, Inc. They reside in Atlanta, GA.



## HARRY LOWMAN '82 Capitalizing on a bright idea

Most of us are struck at odd moments by great ideas. Few of us do anything about it.

Inspiration struck Harry Lowman '82 while he was driving on Florida's Interstate-4 about a year ago. He acted on it, and in so doing may have changed his life, and that of thousands of policemen and other workers throughout the United States.

"I witnessed what we have all seen: a law enforcement officer walking up to a car that had just been pulled over," Lowman said. "It was pitch black, and the only lighting available to the officer was his headlights, a fixed, low-angled spot, and his flashlight. I was both amazed at the bravery of the officer and mortified at the thought that he was having to work every night without adequate lighting. The next day, while passing another officer on the road, I envisioned a light that would elevate above the roof of the vehicle and provide superior lighting conditions. I was so taken by the idea, I decided to take action."

With the help of a partner, Lowman started his own company, Illum-A-Nation. He had drawings made, discussed the concept with several law enforcement officers, and decided that "this was a product whose time had come." He then filed a patent and met with a manufacturer. The end result is an all-weather stainless steel and marine plastic elevating dual spot/flood light. Mounted on top of a truck or car, it elevates about



20 feet above the ground and emits a beam that has a million candlepower and a range of 150 feet. A joystick controls up and down tilt, along with a 350-degree swing. The apparatus also has an optional remote control, allowing police officers to manipulate it at a distance from the car.

Lowman has led a varied professional life since graduating Rollins with a BA in political science in 1982. He worked for several years in the office equipment industry before moving into the field of scaffolding and high-reach equipment. For the next four years, he handled the Walt Disney World and Universal Studios accounts and provided advice and equipment for both the MGM and Universal Studios grand openings. For the last seven years, he has been managing a company that sells banking products, soft-

ware, and warehousing and distribution services to community banks in Florida and Georgia.

"Even though the law enforcement industry has been our initial target, we have already begun to cross-sell," said Lowman of his new invention. Walt Disney World and several other private companies have expressed an interest in using Illum-A-Nation's product. "You would be amazed at how many people work at night under inadequate lighting conditions. Hopefully, our light will provide a safer work environment for people in a wide range of industries."

—Bobby Davis '82

**'87** Melissa Miracle-Macogni and her husband, Ron, live in Chicago, where Ron recently started a home automation business. Melissa is a piano instructor at The Music Art School.

Cynthia Lindbloom Carrino is an attorney with Vezina Lawrence & Piscitelli, P.A. and was recently married (see *Weddings*).

**'88** Terry Coen Sisaleumsak and her husband, Sa, were featured artists in an exhibition sponsored by the Lake County Cultural Affairs Council in Tavares, FL, according to *The Orlando Sentinel*. Terry paints with acrylics using the techniques of watercolor and frequently wins top honors in shows around the state. Christina Russell McDonald is director of the Writing Program at James Madison University. She

joined the English faculty at JMU in 1994 as the department's first specialist in rhetoric and composition and directed the Freshman Composition Program. The Writing Program is now in its third year. Ajit Korgaokar is state director of coaching for the Tennessee State Soccer Association, where he oversees coaching school licenses and the boys' and girls' Olympic Development Program. He recently returned from Scotland, where he earned his UEFA "A" coaching license. He and his wife, Heidi Simmons, live in Nashville and plan to start a family this year. As a former Rollins soccer player, he is looking forward to the next soccer reunion. Suzanne DeMoss Busto is taking time off from pharmaceutical sales to enjoy more time with her young son, Thomas. Suzanne keeps in close touch with Nancy Timmins Conley and Carolyn Naleway Kamperman. She attended her

10-year Rollins reunion and had lots of fun catching up with old friends. Curtis and Dana Gebhart Fiser recently relocated to Australia. Dana writes, "After 10 years with Jenny Craig, I was offered the opportunity to head up Australian/New Zealand operations. So Curt and I, always up for a new adventure, decided to take our children 'down under.' We are acclimating to this wonderful culture nicely. A big 'hello' to all my fellow Phi Zetas!!"

**'89** Samia "Sammie" Mirza Krepp is married and living in Chicago. She is working in media sales for the NFL, MLB, NBA, and NCAA and has two children. R. Mason Goss is the director of admission and financial aid, the varsity boys' soccer coach, and chairman of the social studies department at Canterbury School in Ft. Myers. He also is very involved in

coaching competitive soccer teams and was named "Coach of the Year" in 1995, 1997, 1998, and 1999 by the Florida Athletic Coaches Association. Since graduating from the University of South Florida College of Medicine, Kirk Conrad has spent the last five years at the University of Chicago, training in radiology. In July 2001, he will be attending Harvard's Massachusetts General Hospital for an endovascular neurosurgery fellowship.

Mark '90 and Krissy Kendrick Dobies welcomed their second child in August (see *Births*) and report that all is well and twice as much fun! Brahm Piterski recently donated a copy of his new children's book, *Like a Fish on a Bike*, to the Olin Library at Rollins. Distributed by Ingram Books and Baker and Taylor, the book is available at Border's Books, Barnes & Noble, Cherry Valley Books, and Books-A-Million.

**'90** Clay Bellinger was profiled in *The Times Union* of Albany, NY as "a living example of determination paying off." The utility infielder broke into baseball's major leagues last season when the New York Yankees promoted him from their Triple-A affiliate in Columbus. His 45 big-league at-bats and solid play in the field earned him a spot on the 25-man roster of the 1999 World Series champions, making him the sixth-oldest rookie in baseball history to make his debut with a World Series champion. Elizabeth Reid recently spent the weekend with Stephanie Folks Zimand and Ann Kerwick Casey, who are godmothers to Elizabeth's daughter and were attending her christening. Stephanie lives in San Francisco, and Ann lives in Denver. For news of Mark Dobies, please see '89 class news.

**'91** Scott Smith, chief operating officer and president of Sonic Automotive Inc., was profiled in *The Business Journal of Charlotte*, SC. The Charlotte-based national empire of car dealerships more than doubled its sales in 1999, had a 258 percent stock gain in 1998, and is the nation's second-largest car retailer. While the article credits Scott's father, Bruton Smith, with building the powerful company, it states that Scott's "vision and unusual maturity are essential to Sonic's seamless and explosive growth since going public in Nov. 1997." Dave and Jill Mills Ciambella recently introduced their new son, Nathan John, to



Steve and Erin Higgins O'Donnell's new daughter, Shannon Rose (above).

Laura Jackson Warren was recently married (see *Weddings*). She and her husband, Greg, live in Monroe, NC and work in Charlotte. Laura is a psychiatric nurse with the Access Project, where she works with the mentally ill homeless in downtown Charlotte. She says that it is a very interesting and rewarding job.



'92 **Jasmin Rios Lawson** has been "having a great time" living in Southern California since graduation. She received her master's degree in information science in 1998, got married in 1999, bought a house with her husband, David, and is working as head librarian at Southern California International College in Brea, CA. She would love to hear from classmates, who can contact her at [r\\_jasmin@hotmail.com](mailto:r_jasmin@hotmail.com). **Kathy Warner** has been named head coach of the Oglethorpe University Lady Petrels basketball program. Kathy was previously first assistant basketball coach at Wright State University in Dayton, OH. She joined Wright State in 1994 as assistant women's coach and then was a teacher and head coach at Shannon Forest Christian School in Greenville, SC, before returning to Wright in 1998. **James "Jay" Bell '91** and **Judit Mueller '92** were recently married (see *Weddings*) and enjoyed a honeymoon in the Greek Islands. Jay still works for KPMG, and Judit has had her own printing and graphic design business for over two years and is actively involved in the Atlanta Chi-Omega Alumni Association. **Dr. Jessica Dixon Heinke** graduated from optometry school in May 2000 and moved to South Carolina in July. She has been practicing since August in Greer and Simpsonville, SC. **Sally Stevens Powell** lives in Houston, TX and was recently married (see *Weddings*).

'93 **Mitchell Stringer** writes, "I have relocated to Maryland and founded an employee benefits communications firm, Select Benefits Communications Group. On April 13, my wife, Heidi, and I celebrated the first birthday of our first child, Evan Tyler Stringer." After graduating from Rollins, **John Mongioli** earned a master's degree in music theory from the University of South Florida in Tampa. He lives in Evansville, IN, where he is director of education and community programs for the Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra. He was recently elected to a second three-year term on the National Executive Committee of Phi Mu Alpha, Sinfonia, the nation's oldest and largest fraternity for men in music, founded in 1898. He also serves as Sinfonia's national historian. **David '91** and **Katherine Corrao Nicholson** have a one-year-old son, Charlie, (see *Births*) and are living in Los Angeles. Katherine writes, "There is a great group of Rollins friends here. Charlie is able to grow up with many Rollins kids: Jack, son of **Bobby '90** and **Laila Carroll Bowden '90**; Max, son of **Dara Schapiro Schnee '93**; Charlie, son of **Hillary Matthews Thomas '92**; and Lily, daughter of **Caroline Fentress O'Donnell '95**. **Lee Manwaring Lowry** has taken a short break from her career to take care of her new daughter (see *Births*), but will soon return to her job as managing director of American Stage Theatre in Tampa, FL. **Jeremy Fernandes** and the company he founded, Voyagers-The Travel Store, were the topic of a feature article in *The Dallas Morning News*. What began as a class project at Rollins has grown into a multi-million-dollar travel lifestyle business. A unique blend of travel agency, bookstore, luggage shop, and travel

gadget store, Voyagers books flights and cruises, carries four lines of luggage and accessories, devotes the back wall of its stores to travel books, and stocks smaller items such as adapters for European and Asian electrical and telephone outlets, children's travel games, and travel-size toiletries. **Kelly Kaulfuss** and **Rodd Melzer '95** were recently married (see *Weddings*) and honeymooned at St. Martin, West Indies. They live in Harrisburg, PA, where Rodd is a financial consultant for Salomon Smith Barney.

'94 **Richard "Nick" Dunn** is a producer for the CNBC program "Squawk Box" and was recently married (see *Weddings*). **Peter Crocker** has earned a master of business administration degree from the College of William and Mary Graduate School of Business. The school's M.B.A. program has been internationally ranked among the top M.B.A. programs by *Business Week*, *The Financial Times*, and *The Princeton Review*, especially in the areas of developing students with strong marketing and operations skills. Since earning a master's degree in fine art from Old Dominion University in Norfolk, VA, **Tamara Rejimal** has been developing a series of figure drawings she calls "Chesapeake Bay Watch." The first exhibition of these drawings was held in June at the Art Works Gallery in Mount Dora, FL. Tamara, who was profiled by *The Orlando Sentinel*, is acting director of the Mount Dora Center for the Arts and an adjunct professor at Lake-Sumter Community College. **Nitta Omensetter** is the unbeaten, first-year volleyball coach at Tampa Bay Tech. In a feature article in *The St. Petersburg Times*, Nitta is credited with turning around the team, which had never before had a winning season and was competing for a district title. **Matthew Scales** is assistant vice president at Putnam Investments and is completing an M.B.A. at Boston University. **David Both** recently married his high school sweetheart, Catherine, (see *Weddings*) and lives in Richmond, VA. **Brian Hill** has left his job as senior marketing manager for the Swissair Group in Boston to pursue an M.B.A. at the Rotterdam School of Management, a top-five European business school. He is studying international business and IT strategy. Out of 150 students in his class, 56 countries are represented, and there are only 12 Americans. He writes, "It was really at Rollins where this all began. I met a German student, **Bolko von der Schulenburg '96**, during my last semester and decided I wanted to learn German, which I did. Even after graduation, Dr. Nancy Decker encouraged my budding interest in language and Europe, so I would certainly say that the Rollins years really did impact my life."

'95 Former tennis standout **Stacy Moss '95** will be inducted into the Sunshine State Conference Hall of Fame in February 2001. After transferring to Rollins in 1993, Moss posted an overall record of 66-9 in her two seasons as the number one player for the Tars. She was

## ANN MARIE PORTOGHESE VARGA '82

### Spreading good news about Rollins

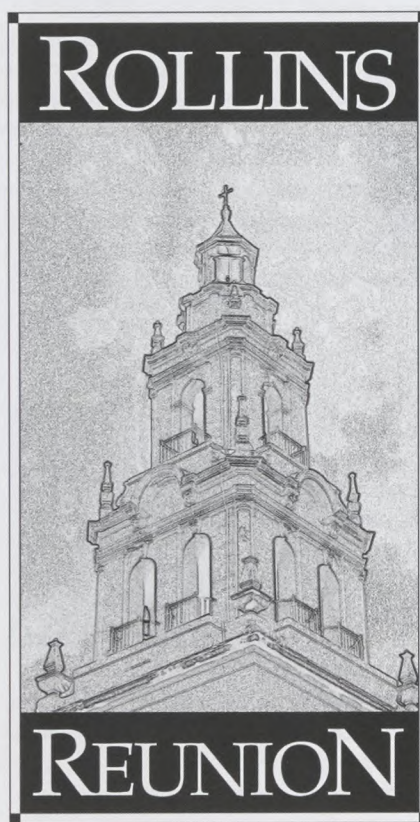
■ Ann Marie Varga came back to her alma mater in June as director of public relations after an extremely diverse career in the PR field. After graduating, she joined the circus...well, the old Circus World in southwest Orlando. "I didn't even know what PR was," she said. She learned the ropes of her new profession as director of the \$20-million company's press and public relations efforts.

When Circus World closed, Varga went to Martin Marietta briefly. She then started her own public relations agency, landing such jobs as publicist for the television series *Superboy*, filmed in Orlando. She had several large clients, including SunTrust, which offered her a job she accepted. Then it was on to Florida Power Corp., where she took on one of the area's most visible and demanding communication jobs as the company's regional communications director.

However, she ultimately found the job "too intrusive on my personal life, especially having young children. I was always on call, and my life was dictated by the weather. Plus we were always the bad guy in the public mind. I wanted a more enjoyable environment, and I've found it at Rollins. It's great to come home to this beautiful campus, where there are a lot of great things to talk about."—*Bobby Davis '82*



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## AMANDA BUTTINGER '98

Amanda Buttinger's neighbors know when she's homesick. Every so often they hear her belt the "Star-Spangled Banner" out at the top of her lungs to the wailing guitar of Jimi Hendrix.

But for the most part, Buttinger is having the time of her life in Madrid, Spain. Her job as a writer for various travel guides, including Frommer's

Hanging Out In Europe series, sends her throughout France, Spain, and Portugal looking for the coolest night spots, the best sights, and the prices of everything in between.

"Living in another culture makes you see your own culture more clearly," Buttinger said. "Sometimes I feel embarrassed, sometimes proud, sometimes offended, but you have to share with people that your country is more than the movies and the news. Above all, you have to realize you are a representative of the country you come from."

After graduating from Rollins in 1998, Buttinger began a master's program in Spanish at Middlebury College in Vermont, then finished her studies in Madrid. "I got the 'abroad bug' at Rollins," she said. "International Programs sparked my passion for traveling and brought me to Madrid for the first time. The great experience has called me back again and again to a place I may never have seen without the opportunity Rollins provided me."

She now spends as much time as possible discovering the ins and outs of Spain's capital, exploring its culture and meeting its people. "I've really become a woman here," she said. "I suppose it has to do with finding apartments, buying milk that comes in boxes on the shelf, making sure the produce man doesn't sell you bruised nectarines, and arguing with taxi drivers about the route, all in another language." Buttinger also learns a lot about Spanish culture from her students: the travel writer manages to stay put long enough to teach English part-time.

"My character development has taken on a whole new dimension while abroad," Buttinger said. "I try to absorb everything. I learn something new every day: a word, a refrain, how to cook a dish, the taste of a cheese, notes of music. It's important to observe and respect."

## REBECCA DIXON '98

Rebecca Dixon is so busy that she has trouble catching her breath. Sure, her work as a teacher and greenhouse keeper and the one-hour bike ride over bumpy dirt roads every day would make anyone tired, but Dixon does all this 13,000-feet high in the Andes Mountains.

Upon graduating from Rollins in 1998, Dixon was selected to participate in a Peace Corps program in Bolivia. She trained for five months in the Andes region called the "Antiplano," then headed home for a brief hiatus before returning to the South American country to teach cooking and gardening skills to Bolivians.

"Living in another culture is a great experience, and living in a



Third-World nation, even more so," Dixon said. "You really grow to appreciate what you have, living in a country of have-nots."

In an area of the country that is arid and has little vegetation, Dixon plays an important role in teaching Bolivians how to grow vegetables in the greenhouses that scatter the landscape. Years ago, the Holland Embassy in Bolivia built the structures throughout the country, but left the people to tend to them with little knowledge of maintenance and farming. Thanks to the work of the Peace Corps and Dixon, many Bolivians now are receiving more nutrients and vitamins in their daily meals.

"The experience has been great so far," Dixon said. "I've met so many amazing people—those who have nothing but will still offer you everything. Any materialistic values I had before are slowly disappearing; I'm becoming more aware of the simpler things in life." After her stay in Bolivia, Dixon plans to return to the States to study environmental policy or town planning.

## SAMANTHA WELCH '98

As an analyst on Wall Street for Morgan Stanley Dean Witter, Samantha Welch is comfortable with her 40-plus-hour workweek. It's a steady routine that she never found during her two-year stint as a Peace Corps volunteer in the Romanian city of Alba Iulia. But Welch says she wouldn't trade that experience for the world.



Welch spent her time in Alba Iulia teaching English and working with orphaned newborns and handicapped children at the Leaganul, the city's orphanage. During her "off time," she sat on the executive board for the Women in Development Committee, built Habitat For Humanity houses, cleaned up her town with a local environmental group, and held training sessions for new Peace Corps volunteers. There was much to do, she says, in a country that still struggles to build itself up from the fall of Communism.

"Romania is a country rich in history," Welch said. "Alba Iulia is a walled city that was Austrian, Hungarian, and Romanian at different points in time." Unfortunately, much of the rigid, restrictive feeling still remains. "It was really difficult to get used to the lack of freedom I had as an American woman. I didn't enjoy having to ask one of the male volunteers to walk me home each night, or avoiding night trains."

Even with all of her spare activities, Welch found time to spend with good friends, both volunteers and Romanians. "I was able to take an aerobics class, which I paid for with the second most common form of currency: bottles of Coca Cola." She also managed to fit in some travel. A highlight: "Spending my 24th birthday in Istanbul, Turkey."

Now that she's back in the United States, Welch can look back on her time in Eastern Europe and see that the effort of one person can go a long way, but her biggest lesson was learning how to let go of things. "Not every situation should be fixed or needs to be explained," she said. "Sometimes it just is."



## CAREER CHANGE TO TEACHING IS REWARDING

Recent graduates of the Hamilton Holt School find teaching in area elementary schools to be everything they had hoped—and more.

**Niema Edoo '99**, a first-grade teacher at Hillcrest Elementary, finds her new career "immensely satisfying. I look forward to each new day with my students. I feel that what I do is making a difference in the world. Making a career switch and enrolling in a graduate education program at Rollins has been one of the best decisions of my life."

Edoo was involved in a successful career in retail management and on the way up the corporate ladder when she made a dramatic personal discovery.

"I realized that I could not justifiably say that there was any true meaning in what I did. Overall, I did not feel that I was making the world a better place, or making any meaningful changes in people's lives."

Since she enjoyed team training in retail management, she believed that she might find a teaching career more rewarding. Her Rollins education—a master of arts degree in teaching; elementary education—has been "invaluable" in preparing her for her new career.

"The small classes, coupled with the opportunity to interact with professors as an individual, gave me the opportunity to exchange meaningful dialogue with both my teachers and my classmates."

"The MAT curriculum has translated very well into the reality of what I do on a daily basis. I find myself drawing from my Rollins experience very often."

Faculty support was "unparalleled," she added. "I felt that my professors really had my best interests at heart. I am very proud to be a Rollins graduate. I have ownership of a quality education that will stay with me for life."

Edoo is thrilled with the rewards of her new career. "I am constantly involved in productive learning, as I must involve myself in research and critical thinking in order to teach effectively. The

greatest rewards lie in witnessing the moments of cognizance—when a child crosses over into that moment when she or he understands something that was previously incomprehensible. I have the privilege of that experience each day. It is an honor to be in a position where I can guide and motivate

students to be quality global citizens."

Another 1999 graduate, **Keith Miller**, made a dramatic career change from managerial accounting to elementary education. "I didn't care for accounting, but I love teaching," says Miller, who is now a fifth-grade teacher at Oak Hill Elementary in west Orlando. He was recently selected by his peers as a nominee for Teacher of the Year.

Devoted to his new career, his school principal, and his "kids," Miller is extremely conscientious, spending hours preparing

lesson plans and subject matter for his curious, energetic fifth-graders. "I have to make sure that what I tell them is correct."

He admits that teaching is not easy, nor is it for everyone. "My first year was really hard. There are a lot of things you have to learn on your own if you really care about what you do. Although I spend way too much time on the job, I know it's the best thing I've ever done."

Miller gravitated to teaching after taking a course in the elementary education field at Rollins. "I realized that I really liked learning about different things, so I thought elementary education would be a good experience. After the second week in class, I loved it. It's something I've found very fulfilling in my life. The business world is okay, but working in education is so much more rewarding. It's so rewarding to see the kids learning."

Making a dramatic career change was not easy, Miller says, but "it was worth it. Rollins gave me a good base and a personalized education—something a large university couldn't. The professors really worked with me, and I got to know everybody. The faculty were there from the beginning to the end." —Linda Carpenter



Niema Edoo '99

RANDY SMITH

honored as the conference female "Athlete of the Year" for both her junior and senior years, and was the Division II national champion her senior year. Moss also won the Gladys Heldman Award, which is given to the top scholar-athlete in women's tennis for all divisions of the NCAA. She is currently in her second year of law school at the University of Miami. **Charles Gallagher III** received the Calvin A. Kuenzel Award at the Barristers Ball. The Kuenzel Award goes to a student who demonstrates commitment to the College of Law and is selected by a vote of the student body. Charles is set to graduate from the Stetson University College of Law in December 2000. **Derek Boorn** has relocated to the Manhattan area after making his mark as an artist in the Atlanta area. **Heather Kaye** and **Ross Nussbaum** were recently married (see *Weddings*) and spent their honeymoon in Italy, Greece, and Turkey. Heather is an advertising copywriter at Bloomingdale's in Manhattan.

'96

**Scotty Campbell** was interviewed by *The Orlando Sentinel* about the impact the Orlando International Fringe

Festival, a 10-day festival of the performing arts, has had on the theater scene in Orlando. A part of the local theater scene for more than a decade, Scotty has learned to wear the hats of writer and producer in addition to those of actor and director as a result of his participation in the festival. **Christian Foster** graduated in the top 10 percent at the University of Maine School of Law in May. He writes, "Fellow Sig Ep pledge brother Reid Potter and I are taking a long sailing trip to



Nova Scotia to look for uncharted surf spots and mermaids before retiring to the courtroom for the long Northern New England winter."

**Tara Demetriades** (left) has joined the business litigation

section of the Kansas City-based law firm of Shook, Hardy & Bacon L.L.P. Previously, Tara was an associate at Rumberger, Kirk & Caldwell in Orlando. She received her J.D. from Brooklyn Law School in 1999, where she was awarded the Richardson Fellowship, Walters Family Memorial Scholarship, best brief award in the Albert R. Migel Tax Competition, and was a member of the Moot Court Honor Society. The band that **Jordan Pouzzner** and **Gar Willard** started while students at Rollins has evolved into a rock group that has a record deal with Breaking/Atlantic Records. Profiled this summer in *The Orlando Sentinel*, the band is named virginwool and has been playing venues in downtown Orlando for several years. virginwool recorded its debut album, *Open Heart Surgery*, this summer.



**'97** Craig Matheson was interviewed by *The Toronto Sun* as one of the top players in the Greater Toronto Golf Association Championship. **Alexis Mead** is in her last year of law school at Florida State University and is interning at the Florida House of Representatives. She writes, "This fall I had a mini-reunion with **Chris Boudreau '98**, who is applying to vet school at Auburn University; **Laura Greeneisen '98**, who works for the Federal House of



Representatives in DC; and **Lauren Strapp '98**, who works for Deutsch Bank in New York. We all got together for FSU's Homecoming (above)."

**'98** Sabrina Anico has been promoted to marketing manager for the Jackie Gleason Theater of the Performing Arts. After graduation, Sabrina joined the marketing team at the Coconut Grove Playhouse, where she managed press contacts and promotional events. She was hired by SMG, the management company for the Miami Beach Convention Center and the Gleason Theater in January. **Jennifer Gaines** recently moved to Charlottesville, VA, where she is pursuing a master's degree in urban and environmental planning at the University of Virginia. She is looking for other alumni in the area and can be reached at [jengaines@juno.com](mailto:jengaines@juno.com). **Matt Certo's** Websolvers, Inc. was awarded the prestigious Top 25 Regional Business Award by the Orlando Small Business Chamber of Commerce. **Sarah Sutton Watkins** was married in September 1999 and recently started a new job in the pharmaceuticals industry. Sarah and **Samantha Welch**, who recently returned from a two-year service for the Peace Corps in Romania, got together in New York City this summer for their first reunion since their Rollins graduation. **Brenda Barron** recently moved to Virginia Beach to create a Trace Evidence Section within the eastern lab of the Virginia Division of Forensic Science. **Christina Leh** is still in the Orlando area, working for Lockheed Martin Missiles & Fire Control in the procurement department. She also is working toward an M.B.A. in international business at Rollins' Crummer Graduate School of Business. Her newest hobby is acting, and she has been taking classes with her good friend **Gabi Light '99**. Christina writes, "Maybe we'll make it big one day."

**'99** Liza Carelli-Sennett is working for the Children's Home Society as an in-home counselor for high-risk families. She lives in Orlando with alumni roommates **Vanessa Garay '97** and **Christy Raettig '00**. Liza reports that

**Patrick McTigue '00** was recently named Employee of the Month at NationsRent, a large construction equipment rental company and will become a manager in January 2001 of a NationsRent store that is merging with Lowe's. Patrick lives in Ft. Lauderdale. **Elizabeth Ashwell** has changed jobs and careers and is now coordinating events for the Washington Speakers Bureau located in Alexandria, VA. She can be reached at [ElizabethA@WashingtonSpeakers.com](mailto:ElizabethA@WashingtonSpeakers.com). **Amy Jo Will** lives in Chicago, where she works for Deloitte & Touche. She maintains her Rollins connection with three close alumni friends in Chicago: **De Anne Wingate '96**, **Sarah McGann '96**, and **Vail Duggan '96**.

**'00** Chuck Cantanese and Matt Fierce '97 (below) bought toys and donated money for children in a small village in Guatemala. Gabriella, who is a housekeeper for Matt's father, left America and returned to her native country in August, delivering the toys and money to the children. Chuck and Matt enjoyed taking on this project so much that they hope other young alumni will be interested in taking on similar efforts.



## Births

**'81 Linden Gould** and his wife, Kathy, son Zachary Ashton, 3/24/00; **Asunta D'Urso Fleming** and husband, James, Olivia Marie Pierce, 1/30/99.

**Sean Cw Johnson '99** was profiled in *The Sarasota Herald-Tribune* after being cast as the new Red Ranger for the children's television show, *Power Rangers Lightspeed Rescue*. Sean has appeared in commercials and on *Dawson's Creek*, and had a recurring role on *Safe Harbor*. According to the article, Sean is enjoying the series, pretending he's in third grade again, and saving the day like a superhero. "It's make-believe," he says, "but that's the core of acting."

**'84 Chuck Fredrick** and wife, Laura, son Charles Joseph "C.J.", 7/10/99, who joins sister Julia, 5; **Dean Kilbourne** and wife, Linda, daughter Victoria Rose, 6/5/00, Victoria joins sister Olivia, 2. **'86 Mimi Hartzoll Wrede** and husband, Steven, daughter Melissa Kathryn, 7/15/00, who joins brothers Sander and Will. **'90 Mark and Krissy Kendrick Dobies '89**, daughter Anna Grace, 8/23/00, who joins brother Jack, 2. **'91 David and Katherine Corrao Nicholson '93**, son Charles Henry "Charlie," (above) 10/25/99. **'92 Cecilia Green Browne** and husband, William, son William Hamilton, 5/5/00.



**Carmine and Shannon Schmidt Cappuccio '95**, son "C.J.," 4/17/00, who joins sister Tia, 3; **Nicole Byrd Henderson** and husband, Dale, daughter Lillian Michel "Lilly," 9/4/00. **'93 Lee Manwaring Lowry** and husband, Lionel, daughter Lillian Grace.



**'96 Amy Sabatino Hollin** and husband, Jake, daughter Grace Marisa,

8/15/00 (above).

**'98 James and Nichole Adams Jackson '99**, son James Adam, 7/7/00.

## Weddings

**'83 Paul Oreck** to Teresa Ann Prisco, 10/14/00; groomsmen: **Harry Lowman '82** and **Terry Hummel '84 '92MA**. **'84 Katherine Surpluss** to George Douaire, 12/18/99.

**Catherine Rogers** to Dottore Massimo Giussani, 8/5/00 at the French Huguenot Church in Charleston, SC; attendee: **Susan Strickroot Adams '83**; while on their honeymoon, the couple visited Zachary Dunbar in London.

**'87 Cynthia Ann Lindbloom** to John Carrino, 4/29/00 at the Ritz Carlton in Naples, FL; attendee: **Kimberly Aylward**.

**'88 Carolyn Kellogg** to John Darby, 5/13/00. **'90 Lauren Hays** to Shawn Jennings, 7/14/00 in Castle Hill, MA.

**'91 John "Tony" Rich** to Sara Taylor **'86'91CR**, 5/22/99 in Charleston, SC; attendees: Bridesmaid **Rose-Marie van der Lee Stercay '91CR** and **Beth Rabinowitz Eddy '85**.

**James "Jay" Bell** to **Judit Mueller '92**, 9/9/00 in Atlanta. **Bradford Emmet** to Kimberly Izzo, 9/23/00 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on the Green in Norwalk, CT.

**Laura Jackson** to Greg Warren, 9/10/00 in Camden, MN; maid of honor: **Heidi Pomeroy Werwaiss**; attendee: **Ben Smith '92**. **'92 Sally Stevens** to Sean Powell, 6/3/00. **'93 Kelly Cristin Kaulfuss** to **Rodd Jackson Melzer '95**, 4/29/00 on the beach at Coco Point, Barbuda, West Indies; bridesmaids: **Jennifer Kintner '92**, **Claudia Garcia Ortega**, and **Melissa Brown Burr '94**; groomsmen: **Pieter Bockweg '98** and **Sebastian Bockweg '96**; attendees: **Reid Boren '94**, father of the groom **Richard Melzer '65**, uncle of the groom **Daniel Jackson '62**, and aunt of the groom **Barbie Dixon Jackson '64**.

**'94 Richard "Nick" Dunn** to Darby Mullany, 5/6/00 in Manhattan.

**Greg Binney** to Gretchen Binney, 9/3/00 in Albany, OR; attendees: **Derek '93** and **Meghan Jordan Van Vliet**, **Marc Klein**, **Grayson Wetherill Wilds**, **Mike Gregory '92**, and **Kathy Kraebel '91**.

**David Both** to Catherine Arrington, 9/16/00. **'95 Heather Kaye** to Ross Nussbaum, 7/29/00 in New York City; attendees: **Cindy Karlovec** and **Kaytie Wilson '94**.

**Alyson Vallante** to Michael Consiglio, 8/19/00 at St. Ann's Church in Providence.

**'96 Melanie Chiles** to Robert Wilson on Seagull Beach in Yarmouth, MA; attendees: **Jennifer Candee '95** and **Shannon Shea**. **'97 Scott Witherow** to Amy Robinson, 12/18/99 at Knowles Memorial Chapel.

## In Memory

**'30 Dorothy Derby Carr** died May 3, 2000. No other information was received.

**'32 Lottie Turner Cook** died July 10, 2000. News of her death was reported by her niece, Marie Perkins Lloyd '54.

**'33 Dorothy Peeples** died October 1, 2000. Every summer for the past 12 years, she flew to the Little River Valley of western North Carolina to work as a camp counselor for the Eagle's Nest. She picked up her love for adventure, for animals, and how to teach campers to identify poisonous snakes from her late husband, Fleetwood Peeples, whom she met when he was her swimming teacher at Rollins. She also worked as a Cub Scout helper in Winter Park with her son. She is survived by her daughter, Adella Squires, her son, Fleetwood D. Peeples Jr., a sister, and four grandchildren.

**'34 Paul L. Worley** died February 18, 2000. News of his death was reported by his wife.

**'37 Miriam Gaertner** died February 28, 2000. No other information was received.

**'39 Arlene Brennan Gildersleeve** died September 1999. She met her husband **Elmer Gildersleeve '32** on a cruise ship called the M.S. Kungsholm in July 1940. Elmer said, "At an alumni gathering in New York City in the fall of 1940, I was standing next to Hamilton Holt, when the group sang a Rollins song. I sang *Far Above Cayuga's Waters*, and Arlene threatened to break off the engagement!" After they were married, the couple settled in Connecticut.





Elmer worked as a salesman for the Diamond Crystal Salt Company, and Arlene stayed home with the couple's son, Richard. Fifteen years ago they moved to Delray Beach, where Arlene nurtured her passion for swimming, a holdover from her days on the varsity swim team at Rollins. "She could swim a mile like it was nothing," said Elmer.

'42 Irene "Deede" Hoenig Windust died December 15, 1999. News of her death was reported by her daughter.

'43 Elizabeth Knight Bixby died May 13, 1999. No other information was received.

'46 Gordon H. Felton, who retired in 1991 as director of publications for the National Education Association, died of lung cancer June 24, 2000 at Casey House Hospice in Rockville, MD. A resident of Chevy Chase, he received a master's degree in English literature at the University of Denver and served in the Army during the Korean War. Before moving to Chevy Chase, Gordon lived in New York, where he was a subscription executive at Look magazine, business manager of Cowles Communications Books, and vice president of Cambridge Book Co. Earlier, he taught English at Fairleigh Dickinson College in New Jersey, the University of Illinois, and Juniata College in Pennsylvania. In the 1950s, he owned and operated antiques stores in Colorado and Florida and shoe stores in Estes Park, CO, Laguna Beach, CA, and Sun Valley, ID. He is survived by a sister.

'48 Sylvia Hayn Day died September 16, 2000 in Palm Beach County, FL. She remained a talented student of art throughout her life. She and her late husband, Glenn, were pioneers of Prosperity Farms Road in the early 1950s. She is survived by her four children and their families.

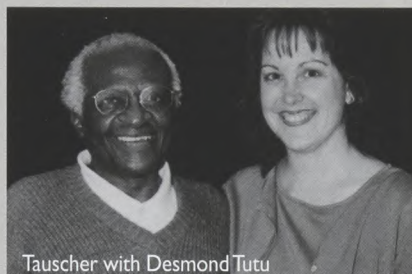
'49 Robert Allen died of lung cancer August 5, 2000 in Pembroke, MA.

'49 Michael Malis died September 9, 2000 in LaGrange, GA. His son Alan said, "He and the entire family have always fondly remembered Rollins College. My mother, Barbara Herring Malis '48, who passed away in 1994, also graduated from Rollins. In fact, they were married there! My older brother, Robert Michael Malis '72, is also an alumnus."

'49 Jan Chambers Chmar died September 5, 2000 in Highlands, NC. Jan first came to Highlands in 1937, when her parents built a home on Buck Creek Road and became summer residents. When her husband Col. Paul Chmar retired from the Army in 1973, they moved permanently to the Buck Creek Road home. Jan loved the beauty, culture and history of the Highlands and was very active in civic affairs, serving on the board of the Hudson Library, the

## HEIDI TAUSCHER '82 Learning to turn justice into public policy

■ A lawyer devoted to the study of ethics? Perish the thought! Yet highly experienced real estate lawyer Heidi Tauscher has taken a break from the law to study at Emory University Divinity School's Ethics Center. There she is engaged in an extremely diverse educational experience that emphasizes the role of religious leaders and lay people in helping people to work for social justice and resolve conflicts, particularly racial and ethnic conflicts. Thanks to a letter on her behalf from Professor Thaddeus Seymour, her work at the Ethics Center is supported by a Woodruff Fellowship.



Tauscher with Desmond Tutu

Partly, Tauscher was pushed there, by a court case over an adoption that lasted more than four years and convinced her to get more involved in public policy concerning children's issues. Partly, she was pulled there by the irresistible opportunity to study with South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu, a major leader in the struggle to destroy apartheid.

"It's cheesy but true: he is a living saint," Tauscher said. "He just makes you want to be close to him. He is so kind and humble; he spent a lot of time with the school's maintenance workers and served tea to his wife and secretarial staff, and his biggest concern with the students was that we knew he was no different than us.

"What will always stick with me was when he talked about his actions before the first big protests against apartheid. Government troops were burning out the houses in Soweto, and people came to him asking what they should do. He said, 'I told them, I don't know; let me pray on it. I prayed on it, and what came to me was that we had to do something.' So he said to us, giggling, 'I told everyone that God told me to protest. I don't know if God actually spoke to me, but it seemed that he did, and sometimes people need that reassurance. And we protested successfully, so maybe he was speaking to me.'"

Tauscher, who has been studying the theology of Martin Luther King, has met King's sister and a woman who went to school with Dr. King's children, and she spoke at length with historian Taylor Branch, King's foremost biographer. She has also been active in the local community, working at a women's prison and with the Episcopal Church.

"I needed further education, and I considered counseling, psychology, and theology, and I kept coming back to the fact that theology emphasizes hope for real change. I'm interested in how we form laws that people of all religious denominations and ethnic groups can accept as right and good."—Bobby Davis '82

Highlands Land Trust, and the Highlands Historical Society. She also worked to establish both the Town of Highlands Scholarship Endowment Fund and the Chamber Music Festival. She is survived by her husband; three sons, Mark, W. Tod, and Andrew; five grandchildren; and a brother.

'49 Margaret "Meg" Clarke Ragsdale died July 26, 1999. News of her death was reported by her husband, Robert E. Ragsdale '49.

'49 Marilyn "Mikki" Dean Swacker died September 19, 2000. A native of Highland Park, IL, Mikki had a bachelor's degree in education and a master's degree from McNeese State University. She was a member of the Les Dames Acadienne, Retired Teachers Association, Kappa Alpha Theta, Acadiana Chapter of AARP, American Association of University Women, and American Legion Auxiliary. She taught school at North and South Crowley Elementary Schools, and the Alternative School. Survivors include a daughter, Karla Swacker, two sons David and Thomas, two grandsons, three step granddaughters, three great-grandchildren, three step great grandsons, and two nephews.

'51 Virginia "Ginny" Anne Harr, a native of Philadelphia and resident of Mobile, AL since 1972, died October 24, 2000. Ginny was a retired former employee of the University of South Alabama College of Medicine, where she worked for 27 years. News of her death was reported by Marjory Colt Kirk '51, who was Ginny's roommate at Cloverleaf during their freshman year.

'52 Frances Peterson Anderson Clarke died January 10, 2000. Her husband, William, described her as "a wonderful wife and mother."

'54 Katherine Siegler Rice died August 24, 1998. News of her death was reported by her husband Howard H. Rice of Haddonfield, NJ.

'57 D.J. "Jack" Powell Jr., a certified public accountant and local managing partner for BDO Seidman LLP, died July 12, 2000 of injuries sustained in an automobile accident near Kansas City, MO. Jack and his wife, Carolyn, had left Lake Lure, NC, where they had resided since 1990, a few days earlier for a vacation across the United States. A scholastic and baseball scholarship recipient at Rollins, Jack later served in the Army. In 1959, he became a

certified public accountant and through the 1960s he was a partner with Powell Barker CPA, which later merged with Seidman & Seidman. In 1974, he served on Vice President Gerald Ford's advance team, traveling around the country to prepare for the vice president's visits. During the 1980s, he was a local managing partner for the international firm BDO Seidman LLP. He was on the board of directors for the Orlando Chamber of Commerce and was a member of the University Club and The Country Club of Orlando. In 1990, he retired and moved to Lake Lure, where just seven years later he served as mayor. Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Linda Lee Mitchell; a sister, Margaret Foss; brothers, James and George; and one grandson.

'61 Nancy Hill McCague died February 3, 1995. News of her death was reported by Margaret Carmichael Paull '60.

'62 Lynda Bridgers Robinson died August 26, 2000 of lung cancer.

'65 Andrew McCuskey died March 22, 2000 of cancer. A 1990 graduate of Nova University of Law Center, he was an attorney for Legal Aid Service of Broward



County from 1993-1999, having previously practiced as an assistant state attorney in Brevard County. He is survived by his mother, Janet; brothers, James and William; nieces; and nephews.

'71 Karin Ross Pietrucci died in September 1997. She had been happily married to Frank Pietrucci for 15 years. News of her death was reported by her brother James Ross '70.

'76 Diane Hall Juan died March 12, 2000 of an acute pulmonary embolism at her Greenwich, CN home. Diane began her career in retail sales at La Boutica in Greenwich and went on to become head buyer of designer sportswear and swimwear at Bergdorf Goodman. Toward the end of her career, she was head buyer of women's dresses and sportswear for both Boltons and Don Levys Backyard, a chain of 45 stores. After her marriage in 1988, she attended New York School of Interior Design. Most recently, she was a member of the Prudential Connecticut Realty Firm in Greenwich. She was an active volunteer in the alumnae association of Convent of the Sacred Heart, the American Red Cross, and Parkway School and was an active member of Greenwich Country Club and a parishioner of St. Michael Church. She is survived by her father, Gordon Bennett Hall Jr.; her husband, Henry W. Juan III; a son, Henry; a daughter, Elizabeth; a sister, Meridith Hall '90; two brothers, Gordon Bennett Hall '81 and Dixon Hall; and sister-in-law Laura Weyher Hall '82.

'77 McKelvy Costin, athletic director of the Wakefield School in The Plains, VA, died August 25, 2000 after a heart attack. He was stricken while running with Wakefield's cross-country team. McKelvy joined Wakefield, which teaches students from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade, in 1994 as athletic director and business manager, but he also had coached cross-country and basketball. McKelvy earned a master's degree in business administration from Shenandoah University and then moved to Middleburg, VA. Before joining Wakefield, he had worked in the family business, the Fun Shop, a Middleburg gift and clothing store. Over the years, he had served as president of the Middleburg Business Association and had served on the boards of the Fauquier Loudoun Child Care Center, Notre Dame Academy, and the Emmanuel Cemetery Association. He also had been a volunteer at the Hill School in Middleburg, where he had served as a coach and ski club director, and at the Middleburg's Notre Dame Academy, where he had coached girls' field hockey. Survivors include his wife, Sandra; two daughters from his first marriage, Brooke and Liza; two stepdaughters, Jennifer and Stephanie

## JULIE CUMMINGS Following her passion to end poverty

Julie Fisher Cummings was reading her hometown daily newspaper, the *Detroit Free Press*, one day in 1992 and it completely changed her life. One story stated that nearly half of the children in Detroit lived at the poverty level, which at the time was the highest rate in an urban area in the entire nation. In an unrelated story in the same edition of the paper, she

read that a whopping \$1.3 million in available federal funds (formerly known as WIC Funds) had been returned to the government by the city because the Detroit area didn't administer them.

Cummings got angry...and then she got busy. She and two partners started a small, non-profit organization called Lovelight Foundation, and the rest, as they say, is history.

A native of Detroit, Cummings graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor's degree in business administration from Palm Beach Atlantic College in 1987, then returned to her hometown in 1989 after nearly 14 years in South Florida. She worked briefly in her family's business, but didn't enjoy what she calls "the financial end."

"I decided to follow my passion," said Cummings, who had served on the Board of United Way of Martin County during her years in Florida and made a big difference in the lives of many. Thankfully for children and families all over the Detroit area, the "financial end" is actually Cummings' forté. She and her partners at Lovelight have created a model for innovative events and grant making. "This is how we're going to change the world," Cummings said. "But there's a big difference between charity and philanthropy."

Lovelight has moved away from "doing" parties

and more toward adopting shelters. This, according to Cummings, enables them to educate contributors and change what she calls "the skewed notions of shelters," and also helps empower people to change their lives. Projects have included the construction of playgrounds, the creation of libraries, and the establishment of mobile dental clinics.

Cummings discovered Rollins College when one of her three children, son Tony, chose to attend the school. "The most wonderful thing about Rollins is that students develop relationships with faculty and become a part of a community," she said. "It's almost as though there's a porous boundary between faculty and students. Students are well cared for and yet, at the same time, they're being challenged." Tony will graduate in the spring of 2002.

Cummings' community involvement is endless. Since returning

to Michigan, she was appointed to the state commission on volunteerism (Michigan has the only statewide coordinated program in the country), co-founded "21st Century Club" to raise funds to help alleviate domestic violence, and currently is working closely with the Council of Michigan Foundation.

She brings that wealth of experience and deep sense of community commitment to her new role as a Rollins trustee. "I'm really looking forward to serving on the advisory board for the College's Philanthropy & Non-Profit Leadership Center. It's wonderful that Rollins is at the center of trying to organize philanthropy in the state of Florida."

Judging from what Cummings has achieved in Michigan, Florida has a lot to look forward to.

—Ann Marie Varga '82

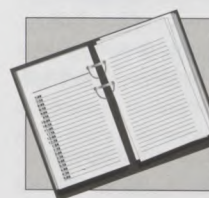
### TRUSTEE PROFILE



Perkins; his stepmother, Jan Gold; three brothers; three stepbrothers; and a stepsister.

'78 Timothy Adlfinger died July 9, 2000 in Carlinville, IL. A regional sales manager for the Sweetheart Corp., Tim was an avid golfer and two-time club champion at White Eagle Golf Course in Naperville. He had won many regional golf tournaments in the Chicago Area and was recently appointed associate director of the Chicago District Golf Association.

'97 Joanna Elysabette Finnegan was killed in a car accident November 9, 2000 in Concord, NC. She had been living in the Charlotte area for 14 months, where she was a chemical analyst for Harmony Labs. A native of Brevard County, FL, Joanna spent a summer abroad in Costa Rica and later taught natural science to children in Tybee Island, GA. She is survived by her mother, Christianne Finnegan, brother, Kerry Finnegan, maternal grandmother, Elizabeth Watkins, father, Gerald Finnegan, step-mother, Janet, paternal grandmothers, Alice and Ruth, an aunt, an uncle, two cousins, and a niece.



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## REGIONAL EVENTS

Atlanta ■ December 5, 2000

### Holiday Cheer

Rollins new dean of the faculty, **Dr. Roger Casey**, was the featured guest at a Holiday Party at the Cherokee Town Club, attended by more than 80 alumni. **Atlanta Steering Committee:** **Lynn Horner Baker '68**, **Jane Carrison Bockel '69**, **Peter S. Bok '92**, **Julia G. Burgess '88 MBA**, **Edward F. Danowitz '75**, **Raymond M. Fannon '82**, **Cara Ginsberg '00**, **Diane Brown Halloran '66**, **James W. Halloran '66 '67 MBA**, **Thomas A. Jones '77 MBA**, **Chester A. King '97 MBA**, **Richard V. Spencer '76**, **David B. Stromquist '80**, **Jennifer Wade '95**.



Jane Carrison Bockel '69, Girtha "Gigi" Morgan '79, Sandra Poole '76, Lynn Horner Baker '68



Cara Ginsberg '00, Jessica Wollaston '99, Kellie Gardner '94



Joseph Haraka '59, Barbara Bower Byerly '52 and their spouses



Kellie Gardner '95, Mark Rowe '95, Myra & David Stromquist '80



Pete Bok '92, Suzanne Coelingh '95, Derek Boorn '95

Los Angeles ■ September 24, 2000

### LA Splash

The glamour and glitz of LA hasn't stolen the hearts of these alumni away from Rollins. The group gathered for BBQ and some poolside fun 'n sun at the home of **Colby '93 & Pam Orthwein Jensen '92**.



Pam Orthwein Jensen '92 with son Nicolas Jensen



West Coast Rollins alumni



Pam Orthwein Jensen '92 (with son Nicolas), Colby Jensen '93, John Glenn Harding '87



## REGIONAL EVENTS

**New York** ■ November 14, 2000

### NY Club Scene

New York alumni mingled at a reception in the library of The Yale Club, where they welcomed **Dr. Craig McAllaster**, new dean of the Crummer Graduate School of Business. *New York Steering Committee:* **Marc B. Bertholet '79**, **Agnes E. Birnbaum '74**, **Brendan J. Contant '89**, **Robin Metzger Cramer '54**, **Kelly A. Fitzgerald '90MBA**, **Steven B. Grune '87MBA**, **Mazin S. Jadallah '97MBA**, **Andrew R. Judelson '89**, **Charles Edward "Ted" Lawson '66**, **J. Jay Mautner '61**, **Kimberly Stowers '98**, **Henricus C. van der Lee '84**, **Pamela Weiss van der Lee '85**.



Don Roberts '69, John Metzger '98MBA, Craig McAllaster



John Boxer '96, Kimberly Stowers '98



Mary Dineen '87, Pam Weiss van der Lee '85, Mazin Jadallah '97MBA, Ricus van der Lee '84, Alicia Leatherbury '83



Charles "Ted" Lawson '66, J. Jay Mautner '61



Franklin Underwood '57, Dale Montgomery '60



Tony Levecchio '68 '69MBA, Rajesh Khosla '93MBA

**Dallas** ■ November 2, 2000

### Slick Shindig

Rollins alumni in the Dallas area gathered at the Petroleum Club, where they gave a warm Texas welcome to Crummer School dean **Dr. Craig McAllaster**. *Dallas Steering Committee:* **Anne Crichton Crews '75**, **Gerald Ladner '81**, **Ron Brooks '93 MBA**, **Anthony Levecchio '68 '69MBA**, **Daniel Garrison '88 '91MBA**, **Susan Sanford Garrison '91**, **Kathleen McDonnell Griffith '53**, **Rajesh Khosla '93MBA**, **Teri Skinner Robinson '86MBA**, **Karen Rutledge '89**.



Leilani Lisondra '00MBA & guest, Teri Skinner Robinson '86MBA



Bob Reich '77, Anne Crichton Crews '75, Dr. Craig McAllaster



Gerald Ladner '81, Dick Griffith, Kay McDonnell Griffith '53, Bob Reich '77



Winter Park ■ November 29, 2000

## Happy Birthday, Rollins!

President Rita Bornstein and Dr. Harland Bloland graciously welcomed more than 80 Winter Park alumni into their home to celebrate Rollins College's 115 years in Winter Park. *Central Florida Steering Committee:* Wendy Weller Ahl '92 '94 MBA, Kristen Nowell Alday '85, Thomas G. Alday III '83, Adam Chilvers '97, Jonathan D. Darrah '64, Jason E. Gall '96, Lucy Cook Gordon '72, Charles E. "Chuck" Gordon '68, Susan Camp Kresge '64, H. Cary Kresge, Jr. '66 '67 MBA, Thomas C. Nelson '53.



Tom Alday '83, Tom O'Loughlin '99 '01 MBA, Christopher "Kit" Gray '99 '01 MBA, Allan Keen '70



Jason Gall '96, President Bornstein, Melissa Chilvers



Robin & Christian Swann '88, Barbara & Tom Nelson '53, President Bornstein, Sandra Hester '59, Bob Pittman



Richard Sewell '44, Claire Simpson, Flora Harris Twachtman '43, Carolyn Kent Grist '45



Gwen Morris '75, Krisita Jackson Williams '73

Winter Park ■ November 2000

## Party Animals

Michael '65 & Yvonne Marlowe hosted a potluck dinner at their Winter Park home for a group of '60s-era alumni.



(l-r) Rocky Sullivan Thomas '64 & husband Dr. Haven Sweet, Morna Ruud Robbins '67 '69 MAT & Charles Robbins '69 MBA, Janice Farnsworth '65, Tom Donnelly '63, Kathy Acker, Sally Zarnowicz '66, Ron Acker '64, Yvonne & Michael Marlowe '65. Not pictured: Tom '67 & Barbara Sacha



Lucy Cook Gordon '72, Jan Carter Clanton '69, Chris Clanton '68 '69 MBA, Chuck Gordon '68

Winter Park ■ December 6, 2000

## Tip-off

Central Florida alumni flocked to campus to celebrate the first basketball game in the new Harold & Ted Alfond Sports Center, which ended in an exciting 79-62 Tars victory.



President Rita Bornstein & Dr. Harland Bloland (center) join alumni, faculty, staff, and students in cheering on the Tars.



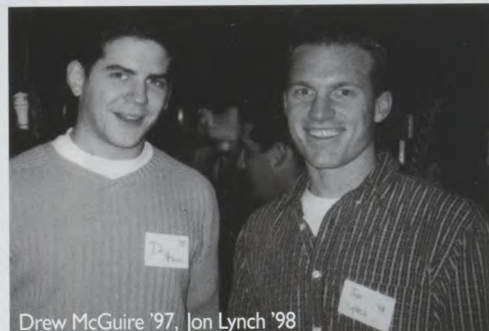
## YOUNG ALUMNI EVENTS

**Boston** ■ *October 17, 2000*

### Beantown Bash

More than 50 young alumni gathered at The Bell in Hand Tavern for a young alumni reception hosted by **Bert Saville '99, Erik Metzdorf '94, Derek '93 & Meghan Jordan van Vliet '94, and Dan Nadeau '93.**

Mike Drepanos '00, Jon Lynch '98, Andrew "Chad" Stone '98, Kenneth "Cato" Anderson '98, Jonathan Weitz '98



Drew McGuire '97, Jon Lynch '98

Brian Kilpatrick '00, Allie Scott '97, Bert Saville '98



Michael Dewar '98, Ashley Bastholm '97, Kristin Lettiere '97, Margaret Redman '97

Melissa Roder '93, Abby Drosdzal Crocker '94



**Winter Park** ■ *November 8, 2000*

### Country Living

A wine and cheese party at Wine Country, owned by **Adam Chilvers '97** and **Jason Gall '96**, was a big hit, with more than 50 young alumni in attendance. The event was hosted by **Doug '94 & Carrie Pomeroy Thompson '90, Charles '96 & Pam Pushkin Freeman '96, and John '91 & Jill Slavens Wacker '91.**



Shannon Zwick '96, Amy Percy '96, Pam Pushkin Freeman '96



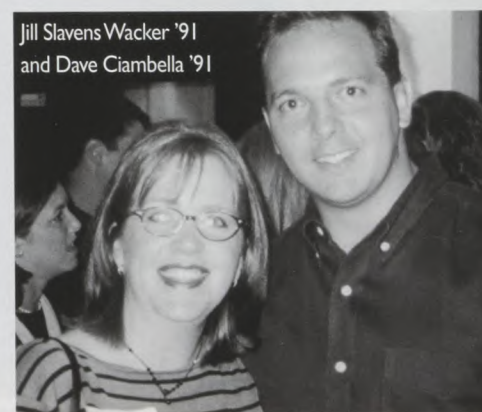
Alumni wine enthusiasts



Doug '94 and Carrie Pomeroy Thompson '90



Lee Reese '00, Krista Eason '98



Jill Slavens Wacker '91 and Dave Ciambella '91



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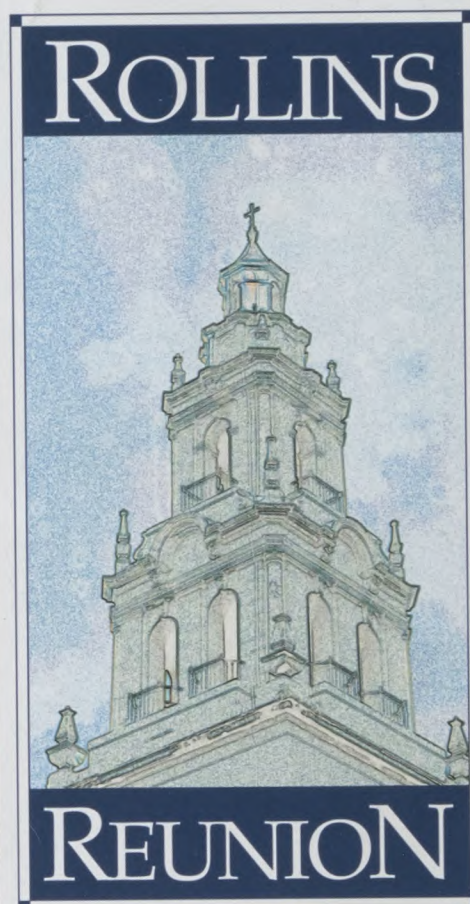
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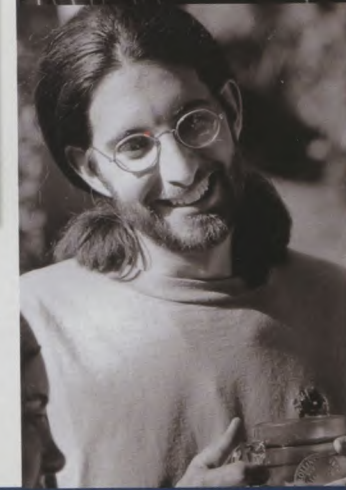
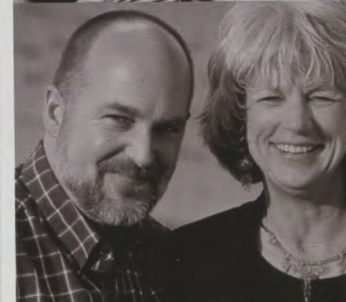
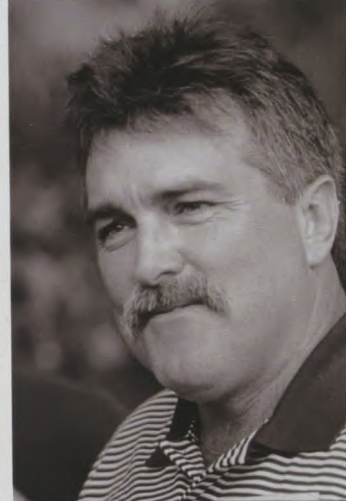
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