



SOBER MOTIVATIONS: Ed Gerety speaks to Rollins students about alcohol abuse.

Alcohol Awareness

Renowned motivational speaker, Ed Gerety, visits Rollins campus.

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While most of the Rollins community was either getting ready for their Wednesday night party sessions or working diligently on finishing that last little bit of homework or studying to partake in the night's debauchery, it was ironically the majority of the Rollins Greek community that was attending an inspirational alcohol speaker.

World-renowned motivational speaker, Ed Gerety, visited Rollins College last Wednesday evening, October 6, for an hour and a half cram session of stories, sayings, and magic. The evening's event was coordinated by the sisters of the sorority Alpha Omicron Pi as a part of a nation-wide initiative on alcohol awareness, and Gerety spoke to a crowd at the Bush Auditorium comprised mostly of sorority and fraternity members who supported the cause. Gerety, a freelance orator on the ideals of leadership and self-esteem, prides himself on being dedicated to learning and teaching and speaks by the motto, "Real Issues. Real Results. Lasting Impact."

His presentation was full of spark and pizzazz as he frequently told elaborate stories complete with character voices and actions and invited, and perhaps at times demanded, audience participation. Gerety appealed to emotions and had the crowd laughing out loud, crying quietly, and openly expressing feelings towards their loved ones. It was a night of sweet tales and cautioned tragedy, and all who attended felt just a little bit better and a little bit changed after leaving that night (regardless of whether the Wednesday night partying carried on or not).

For more information on Ed Gerety or his speeches go to www.EdGerety.com.