

## **Information Fluency Assessment Project**

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The participants met for three days from June 16 – June 18, 2003 to write an Information Fluency skills assessment test. During these three days, test questions were written, pre-tested, and re-written. Upon completion of the test questions, the test was forwarded to Linda Watson, Webmaster at Rollins College, so she could load the test into our Campus Pipeline system. At this time, Linda and other IT staff members are preparing the test in Pipeline and setting up a database for the results.

The test will be ready for use during orientation week in August 2003 at Rollins College and we plan to have all first-year students fill out the assessment. Linda Watson will compile the results for us after students have completed the test. We will then re-administer the test at the end of the 2003-2004 school year, to determine what information fluency skills students have learned during their first year at Rollins College.

Mary Fairbairn and her colleagues at Furman University have modified the test to suit their needs. The Library Director at Furman will be meeting with the Dean of Faculty to discuss the possibility of requiring all incoming first-year students to complete the test. If they receive his permission, the Dean of Students will e-mail all incoming first-year students to ask them to complete the test before they arrive at Furman in September. The librarians at Furman University have yet to decide how to administer the post-test at the end of the school year.