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GIVE IT A TRY

It is reported that Dr. Hamilton Holt has caused a considerable ripple in the academic world by his advocacy of abolishing "the time-honored lecture and recitation methods of instruction in colleges and universities" and substitute therefor a plan of study under which student and instructor would be in constant contact during the working hours of the day. The plan was propounded by Dr. Holt in an address before a session of the alumni workers conference here the past Friday.

Reporting that he has projected the plan at Rollins College, a private institution in Florida of which he is president, the speaker declared that so far it had been a success. As set forth by Dr. Holt the plan is as follows:

"Under the plan, the student would go on classes about eight o'clock in the morning and be dismissed shortly after three in the afternoon, with an hour for lunch. The remainder of the afternoon would be devoted to athletics or some form of exercise, while the evening would be devoted in part to cultural programs of lectures and music, although attendance upon these would be optional, providing additional time for students desiring to supplement their regular classroom study. The view is emphasized, however, that the regular conference study hours between 8 and 3, when the students and instructors would be together all the time, would achieve greater results than obtained under the present system of preparation outside the classroom. There would be no lecture or recitation, but the instructor would be on hand all the time to answer questions and confer with the students. This plan means that no student can go through college without coming in constant, continuous and friendly relation with the faculty during the working hours

of the day All true education is self-education."

At once, it is to be seen, a host of questions and doubts arise in the minds of those to whom the plan is at first offered. How about optional class attendance? Would one find it better to study on class for two hours when the classroom may be on the other side of the campus from the library? Would there be examinations? Doesn't the plan savor of high school methods? Would it not be a return to the former "slavish" methods of getting an education? Brushing aside these, Dr. Holt says the plan is proving practical.

He avers that education cannot be "relayed or spoonfed" to the students by the instructor. Then taking up the recitation system, he states that it is "almost a complete reversal of what the relation of teacher and the taught should be." It is a fallacy, he declared, that students spend two hours in preparation to recite an hour. Further, the questions are asked by the instructor, who possesses the information, while the student who seeks knowledge recites the halfbaked information he has not mastered.

The plan calls for several radical changes: better and more instructors would have to be had, a limited student body would be necessary, etc. What of increasing the cost of instruction? Have we not labored long enough under the fallacy that higher education is a matter of mass production?

With a healthy sized group of seniors leaving the University within five weeks with the feeling that their time has largely been spent in vain, it is evident that there is something amiss in our present educational system. If no more objections can be raised than are given now, the Holt plan would remedy the prevailing situation to the extent that it would be practical.

GUIDANCE GROUPS TO BE ORGANIZED

Faculty members and Visitors Will Lecture to Freshmen on Different Vocations.

This morning at Chapel period discussion groups to take up problems dealing with the various professions will be formed in Gerrard Hall, according to an announcement made by Dean of Students F. F. Bradshaw yesterday. These groups will be open to all freshmen, and will meet three times during the remainder of the school year. Each meeting will take up about an hour's time.

"Many Seniors are not only uncertain but uncomfortable concerning a profession or life occupation," Dean Bradshaw declared. "A man should not have to make a decision about a profession, as in choosing a wife, it should grow on you. Nobody would want to choose a wife in a day's time. Choosing a profession should be a matter of years of consideration."

"For the past two years members of the freshman class have divided themselves in groups for the purpose of discussing professions or life occupations about this time of year. Pre-law students, pre-med students, engineering students, those who will become teachers—these are some of the groups that are formed. The meetings are so scheduled that men interested in more than one profession can meet with the different groups that he is interested in. Only those students really interested in one of these professions are encouraged to attend the meetings, since small groups are better for discussion."

Random Thrusts

By



(This column is gratefully dedicated to the Golden Fleece, which has so kindly furnished the inspiration for sundry wisecracks.)

Fleece Bleats

"Tonight Will Never Come Again" sing the candidates for Golden Fleece, as they file into Memorial Hall tonight!

If the old adage of "first come, first served" could be changed tonight to "first come, first tapped" we suppose there would be a frantic rush for all the front row seats.

W. D. C.

Even those who have no idea of being tapped will probably reach Memorial Hall tonight early enough to secure an aisle seat—it's so much easier for the tappers to find them there, you know!

W. D. C.

Shear Nonsense

Oh, listen, my children, and ye shall hear
Of the famous shearing every year.
Oh! Lord, will this comedy never cease?
We wonder who is getting done—
The newly tapped sheep or that famous one,
The all mighty Golden Fleece?
Truly it is a matter most deep—
Does the wool cover wolves—or only sheep?

P. F. D.

In Memoriam

In Memory of the Dead Hopes
Of Those
Who Aspired to Golden Fleece
But
Were Not Tapped

However, there always remains the consolation of Gilded Fuzz—for those who like consolation prizes.

One of our aspiring poets submitted the following, which he entitled "Owed To Horace Williams":

24 crops of wool
Mostly fleeced
From sweat shirts

A La Mother Goose

Now Horace had a little club,
He called it Golden Fleece;
It started out so long ago,
And still it lives in peace.
Just last fall it was attacked—
By the famous Sigma Up;
But Fleecemen Glenn and Warren
Came rallying with a whoop.
And since that noble fight,
The Fleece has done quite well—
Unless indeed tonight
The tappers do play hell!

N. L. B.

Ask Me Another

1. What organization "is supposed" by "some" to be the highest honor a Carolina man may win?
2. What campus organization was loyally defended by Editor R. L. Dula?
3. Because of what organization was J. Frazier Glenn featured in TAR HEEL headlines?
4. What is Dave Carroll's favorite organization—for attack?
5. With what organization is it rumored that the Athletic Association and Sigma Up are planning to combine?
6. The honor of what organization did K. O. Warren so nobly and manfully defend last fall?
(A prize of membership in the Gilded Fuzz is offered to the freshman who submits the best answers to the above questions.)

Build Your Own Poem

Have You A Little Poet In Your Home? Then finish this poem.

A Historical Romance
A column was writ by a guy named Dave,

..... rave;
..... Fleece
..... geese!

"Fleeced Again!" the audience moans, as it leaves Memorial Hall tonight.

Mrs. Stacy will entertain at a reception in her home next Saturday afternoon from four to six o'clock in honor of the women students of the University.

Fresh Nine on Three Day Trip

Late Sunday afternoon Coach LeGrande accompanied by Manager Berwanger and thirteen members of the freshman baseball team left for a three day trip in Virginia. Woodberry

Forest will provide the first opposition Monday afternoon, the Virginia yearlings Tuesday and the Washington and Lee first year men on Wednesday. The Tar Babies will return in time to meet the Duke Blue Imps here Thursday afternoon.

Those making the trip were: pitchers—Edwards, Stewart and Borst; catchers—Maus and Ingle; Wall, first base; Jackson (captain), second base; Kerr, short stop, Bunch, third base; McManaway, Sinclair, and Collins, fielders; Farrel, utility man.

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Glorifying the Nation's Press

UNDER the careful scrutiny of the Fine Arts Commission, the Board of Engineers, the Building Inspector, various civic organizations, the District Commissioners and Congress itself—the National Press Building is now being built in Washington, D. C., as a monument to the Press, and to serve as headquarters for the National Press and as an office building.

Congress set aside the height limitation of zoning laws by special act, so that the building could be of maximum usefulness and still conform with the symmetry of the adjacent sky line. The financing of this undertaking has been very impressive—\$6,000,000 worth of bonds were oversubscribed 300% by a mighty response from every section of the country.

The elevator installation consists of seven (7) Otis Gearless Traction Elevators with Unit Multi-Voltage Control and Car Switch operation at 450 feet per minute, six (6) of these elevators being used exclusively for passenger service and one (1) as a service elevator. There is also a small dressing room elevator and a sidewalk elevator



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