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The Cooperative Approach To Education

A fresh approach to revitalizing beleaguered liberal arts education is presented in an illuminating new study: Education for the Self-Built Self, An Exploratory Investigation of Liberal Arts Cooperative Education Programs in Higher Education.

Authors of this first national study of liberal arts cooperative education are: Joyce F. Kinnison, former teacher of Latin and English, and presently counselor and director of Cooperative Education at Montreat - Anderson College, a two-year liberal arts institution, a member of the editorial board of the Journal of Cooperative Education. George E. Probst, director of the University of Chicago Round Table for ten years, and writer and professor of American history at the University of Chicago and New York University, established and directed the National Commission for Cooperative Education.

Cooperative education, which combines periods of classroom study and work experience, has long been considered appropriate primarily for students of engineering and business administration. More recently, however, interest has been growing in the possibilities offered by practical work experience for liberal arts students to broaden their experience with the "real world" and to give added meaning to their academic studies.

In 1975 the prestigious Assembly on University Goals and Governance recommended that: "Faculties ought to devise new options to achieve a liberal education; they need to infuse work and apprenticeship experiences with intellectual content. Students ought to be permitted to intermingle study and work in ways that are not now common."

A half century ago Alfred North Whitehead offered a similar prescription for liberal education in the Aims of Education. "First-hand knowledge," he wrote, "is the ultimate basis of intellectual life. To a large extent book-learning conveys second hand information, and as such can never rise to the importance of immediate practice."

The new study points out that cooperative education is a social invention to make education relevant to the needs of students in an age of



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WNC Home Builders Assoc. Honor Roy Taylor

industrialization and urbanization. "A hundred years ago," it says, "when America was a rural society, the mixture of work and study on a farm was the lot of most young people. However, we now live in a society which has increasingly cut youth off from the adult world of work."

Findings of the study document for the first time the fact that the traditional engineering school model of cooperative education does not work effectively for liberal arts students. The study reveals that a successful program in a liberal arts setting must be adapted to the specific needs of students pursuing liberal studies.

To identify approaches to this process of adaptation, the authors surveyed more than 450 liberal arts cooperative education programs and analyzed in depth a number of the more successful ones. Profiles of eight institutions, including Antioch, the pioneer in liberal arts cooperative education, offer an inside view of the factors that make for success, as well as the pitfalls that can lead to failure. Thus, the study provides specific guidelines for either four-year or two-year liberal arts colleges desiring to initiate new programs or improve ones that are not working effectively.

Title VIII of the Higher Education Amendments of 1976 newly authorizes the U.S. Office of Education to make grants for five years to institutions seeking to incorporate work experience into liberal arts curricula. Title VIII also authorizes a major increase in funding for the next six years. The guidelines provided by this study offer for the first time significant help to liberal arts educators.

The Home Builders Association of Western North Carolina recently honored former Congressman, Roy Taylor with a Distinguished Service Award at the S & W Cafeteria. Some eighty members and guests were on hand to see North Carolina Home Builders' Executive Vice President, Nick Demal Present the award. Mr. Taylor thanked the Association for award and stated it had been a pleasure to work for favorable legislation for the home building industry because it was something he truly believed in.

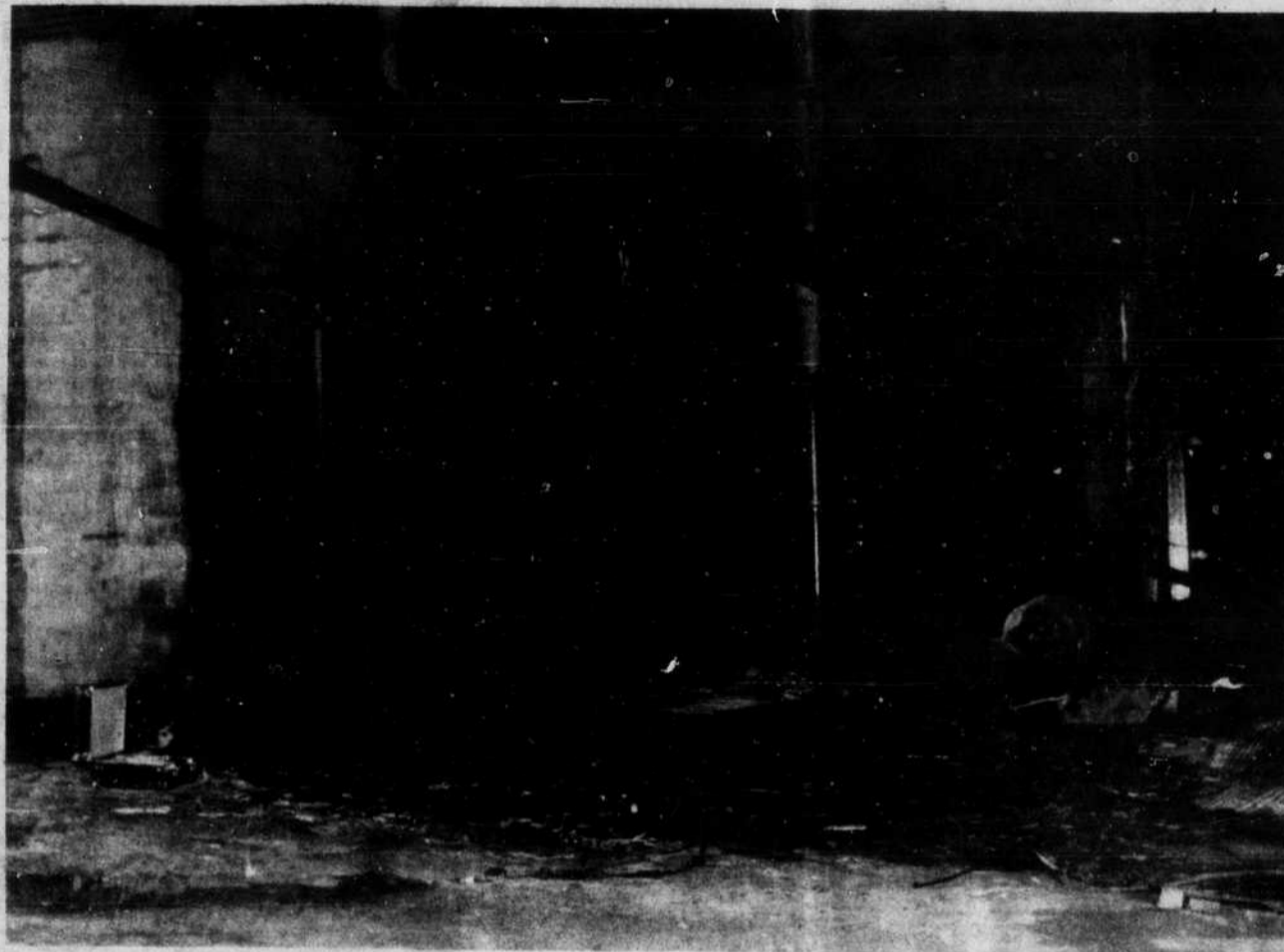
Tom McCurry of McCurry Realty, has been appointed by the National Association of Home Builders' President, Robert L. Gullis to the special committee on assisted housing and the single family-condominium subcommittee. McCurry, 1st Vice President of the Western North Carolina Home Builders Assoc., was presented with a membership plaque at the general membership meeting in February for top membership recruiter in North Carolina.

Gamma Pi Aiding Lisa Haney

Gamma Pi Chapter Beta Sigma Phi in conjunction with Beta Sigma Phi City Council and Ann Lou Roberts an Asheville Artist are accepting donations of \$1.00 for a painting which will be given to some lucky person on March 22. The proceeds will go to the family of Lisa Haney.

The painting will be on display in the Northwestern Bank beginning Feb. 17th through Feb. 22.

Donation tickets may be purchased from any Gamma Pi member.



Fire Does \$20,000 Damage

A FIRE OF undetermined origin at the Black Mountain Woodworking Industries did an estimated \$20,000 damages. The fire was discovered in the early pre-dawn hours at 4:05 a.m. by a neighbor who called in the alarm. Joe Chamberlain, owner and manager of the company, stated, according

to the Fire Dept. the plant's operations would be closed for several days while repairs are made. Damages were mainly confined to a sawdust bin and a small building used for housing electric motors. Three trucks and twenty-four men answered the alarm.

Gov. Hunt Orders Mandatory Controls

Mandatory controls on heating ordered by Gov. Jim Hunt were quickly approved late Monday afternoon by the Legislative Committee on Energy Crisis Management.

At a new conference, Hunt announced that he was continuing his call for voluntary restrictions on the number of hours that businesses may operate. After a meeting with representatives of supermarket chains and other retailers in recent days, Hunt compromised and asked businesses to cut their operating hours to 54 per week. He initially had called for a 48-hour business week.

"I propose that we require retail businesses to heat their buildings for no more than 48 hours a week and at no more than 62 degrees during those hours," Hunt said. "During other hours, they will be required to keep their thermostats no higher than 55 degrees, and I hope many will be able to get by at lower temperatures, hopefully at plant (vegetation) protection levels."

The legislative committee unanimously approved Hunt's order on a voice vote during a brief meeting.

When asked what developments made mandatory regulations necessary, House Speaker Carl Stewart said he was only speculating but it appeared the governor had not received the degree of voluntary compliance from the business community that he had hoped for.

Stewart said meetings Hunt held with businessmen over the weekend convinced him that "this sort of order would be acceptable. In general, the governor believes he has the support of the business community in imposing mandatory orders."

Stewart noted that the Hunt order is less stringent than Virginia's. He also asserted there was nothing to indicate that the energy crisis had eased and "indications are we will remain in a crisis situation."

The order and call for shorter hours would cover all retail businesses, including fast food restaurants and convenience stores.

The 54-hour week is a compromise, Hunt said, adding that some businessmen were arguing for a week of 60 hours or more.

Businessmen will be asked to post their heating hours, Hunt said. To enforce the restrictions on heating, Hunt said he will call on local police and inspectors from government agencies who commonly go to stores to check on compliance.

Failure to comply with the order would be a misdemeanor and Hunt promised that violators will be prosecuted.

As a further encouragement for businessmen to comply, Hunt called on North Carolinians to patronize only stores that heed his call for conservation. But, he stopped short of saying he wanted non-complying stores boycotted. "I'm asking our people to shop at the stores that do cooperate," he said when asked if he was calling for a boycott.

Energy conservation efforts have succeeded so far, Hunt said, citing factors such as a 3 per cent cut in electricity use reported by Duke Power Co.

The four day work week by state employees has also helped conserve energy, he said, adding that whether such a program should continue will be studied.

Beginning this week, Hunt said he will evaluate the energy situation every Thursday with the possibility of a new order or request on Fridays.

Noting that most of the recent actions have been short term solutions, Hunt said he plans to ask the legislature for a longterm program to deal with energy problems. He said that will come later after the situation is studied further.

"We must conserve more. Not just in the short run, but for the years to come. We must learn to stop being a wasteful people," Hunt said.

On other topics, Hunt said he still expects the number of state

workers under his control to be cut 2 per cent.

"We're serious about this and we're not going to back off," he said. Hunt promised in his State of the State address last month to cut state employment.

There won't be cuts in areas where each employe is needed, such as nurses in state hospitals and prison guards, he said. Also, cuts in the university system can be made without getting into the classrooms, he said.

Most cuts will be made when a job comes open, he said, but refused to promise that some workers won't lose their jobs. An effort will be made to find new state employment for those in jobs that are being eliminated, he said.

The budget office and cabinet officers will be working together in finding the positions to cut, he said.

On last week's tax reform proposals offered by Sen. McNeill Smith, D-Guilford, Hunt said he cannot support many of them. Smith requested repeal of the sales tax on food with the income being made up elsewhere.

Asked about that, Hunt said, "I don't favor raising taxes anywhere else and I don't favor lower revenues, so I couldn't go along with that."

AREA SUPERMARKETS ANNOUNCE NEW HOURS

The local supermarkets are voluntarily cutting back to a 54 hour per week schedule. This schedule went into effect on Monday.

The hours for local chain groceries are as follows:

BIG BUY
Mon. - Tues., Wed., & Thurs. 10 a.m. til 6 p.m.
Friday 10 a.m. til 7 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m. til 6 p.m.
Sunday 12 Noon til 5 p.m.

BI-LO
Mon., Tues., Weds. 11 a.m. til 7 p.m.
Thursday 11 a.m. til 8 p.m.
Friday 10 a.m. til 9 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m. til 8 p.m.

INGLES
Mon., Tues., Weds. 12 noon til 7 p.m.
Thursday 12 noon til 8 p.m.
Friday 11 a.m. til 9 p.m.
Saturday 11 a.m. til 8 p.m.
Sunday 12 noon til 6 p.m.

Pupils To Make Up School Days

Western North Carolina school systems were told Thursday, Feb. 10 by the State Board of Education to hold classes on every possible weekday between now and the end of the school year.

If the systems still can't make up the days lost due to snow and bad weather, the state officials said to come back and they will consider a request to excuse the remaining days from the required 180 days of classes that make up a school year.

What this means is the school systems will cancel most of an Easter Vacation

except for two legal holidays and hold classes on days that had previously been scheduled as teacher workdays only.

The State Board of Education told the 21 western systems they must make up a minimum of 12 days in some way between now and the end of the school year on June 14.

They can go back later and ask that any days over the 12 that were made up simply be excused.

The state board authorized the local school systems to cancel the teacher work days, holidays and even go to school on Saturday if need be.

League Of Women Voters To Decide Its State Tax Policy

Swannanoa Valley Unit of the League will meet at Shepard House, Warren Wilson College, Tuesday, February 15, at 10 a.m. Subject: State Tax Reform.

Under the leadership of its Committee on Taxation chaired by Sybil Thompson of Black Mountain, the Asheville - Buncombe County League has for several months been concerned with issues of tax reform. Twin goals for a good tax are equity - fairness - and ease of collection. Through research by individual members, workshops, and a seminar open to all Leaguers taught by Attorney Alan Stevens, the committee has stimulated and maintained a high degree of concern throughout the entire League. Informative reports in the monthly bulletins have been models of clarity.

Now the week of decision has arrived during which the various local units will meet separately for concurrence on the Committee's specific recommendations for State tax reform. Reaction of our own Swannanoa Valley Unit will be part of the grass-roots determination of the State League policy for which we will work in Raleigh. Every League member will want to have a part in reaching these decisions which may vitally affect North Carolina citizens. Non-members are invited to come and see how the League operates. Says Professor Leach of Duke University, "Perhaps no other group does as much for the citizen in this democratic nation of ours as the League of Women Voters."

So remember - Tuesday, February 15, 10 a.m.

Kiwanis Safeguard Against Crime Program

As a part of their program to assist our local law enforcement agencies to reduce burglaries in the Black Mountain-Montreat area, Kiwanis Club members will soon be visiting their neighbors to distribute literature describing the National Neighborhood Watch Program. This is a self-help crime prevention program sponsored by the National Sheriff's Association to reduce threats to you and your neighbor's property. These Kiwanians will also be ready to permanently identify with your drivers' license or Social Security number those items which are the favorite targets of burglars, such as stereos, tape recorders, portable TV's, typewriters, etc.

Police Chiefs Crait Slagle of Black Mountain and Pete Post of Montreat recommend that the owner's vehicle operator's number be used since this can be traced readily to the owner through the NCIC (National Crime Information Center) if a stolen item is recovered. If the owner does not have an operator's license, his Social Security number may be used. However, this is much less desirable since Social Security offices will not release the identity of the person holding a certain number without going through considerable red-tape. Consequently, a stolen item cannot be traced easily to the owner.

A list of the Kiwanis Club members who will be participating in this work will be published in a later issue of the News. This will enable any homeowner who wishes to have his property identified or to obtain the Neighborhood Watch material to contact a Kiwanian in his neighborhood.

A similar property identification program called Operation Identification was conducted by Kiwanis several

years ago. At that time the electric engraving tools were loaned to property owners by Kiwanis. However, as explained by E. H. Berg, Chairman of the Kiwanis Safeguard Against Crime Program, these tools require some degree of practice and skill to be used properly. Consequently his Committee feels that the marking of your property can be more satisfactorily done by the Kiwanis Club members who will be glad to do the job for you. This will also give you an opportunity to ask questions about these programs.

LWVNC Publication Available

A new publication entitled "NORTH CAROLINA - Our State Government" compiled and published by the League of Women Voters of North Carolina is now available to the public.

This 80 page handbook is an updated Bicentennial Edition and comprehensively covers the period from the Lords Proprietors in 1653, who appointed the first governor and legislature, on through the various constitutions to present day operation of our government in Raleigh.

Detailed explanation is given about the Executive Branch and all the Executive Departments as well as the Legislative, Judicial, and Finance Divisions. Also, information on the Rights of the Voters is included, plus maps, charts and illustrations.

The booklet may be purchased for \$1.50, including tax and handling by mailing check to the League of Women Voters of North Carolina, 2637 McDowell St., Durham, N.C. 27705.



Support For Warren Wilson

For the second consecutive year, Warren Wilson College has received a gift of \$1,000 from Northwestern Bank. The 1977 gift was presented to Warren Wilson College President Reuben A. Holden recently by Carl Barlett, manager of the Northwestern Bank Swannanoa Office. Completing the group are Julian A. Woodcock, Jr., right, Warren Wilson business manager and Paul Richardson, Northwestern Bank district manager.