

# College May Use Rollins Conference Plan In Fall

## New Teaching Method Calls For 2-Hour Class, No Homework; Does Away With Classroom Lectures

A new method in teaching, patterned after the plan used by Rollins College, Winter Park, Fla., may be instigated at Youngstown next fall according to President Howard Jones.

Though no definite plans have been made, three teachers have expressed an interest in the method. They are Dr. Joseph Smith, dean of men and head of the social science department; Prof. Karl W. Dykema of the English department, and Prof. O. L. Reid, head of the department of English.

### No Lectures

Known as the Rollins Conference Plan, the method embodies two principles new to most classrooms. In place of the one hour formal lecture, a two hour period is allotted for preparation and conference with the instructor. Under the Rollins Plan, classrooms are equipped with a large table about which are seated the instructor and his class. Usually the first half of the period is spent in preparation either in the classroom or in the library; the remainder of the time is devoted to a discussion with the professor and other members of the class concerning material the student has produced.

President Jones' announcement came shortly after he had returned from a trip to Southern colleges where he and Dr. Smith visited Rollins.

### Course In Economics

It is expected that Dr. Smith will conduct a course in economics under the new plan, and that at least one course in English will be offered under the conference system. Teachers in other departments have also shown an interest in the plan.

Jambar Editor Joe D. Hanna, Jr., a student at Rollins for two years, stated that there were two additional features of the conference plan which he doubted would be adopted by Youngstown college professors. "They are," he said, "no written examinations and no homework." He added, however, that if the two hour period were adopted, teachers would have to give up the homework idea, since one hour from each period is supposed to be allotted for preparation.

An explanation of the Rollins Conference Plan by Editor Hanna appears on the editorial page of this issue.