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Biology Dept. —

Do the students of Illinois Institute of Technology know what an excellent biology department they have? Of course, the pre-medical and pre-dental students are of necessity acquainted with it, but few of the engineering and liberal arts students know what facilities and courses are available for those who wish to study the biological sciences.

Courses in comparative anatomy, general zoology, and embryology, with adequate grades, prepare a student for admittance to any school of medicine or dentistry. Additional courses of interest to these students are microscopic technique, histology, bacteriology, genetics, and parasitology. The slide collection is built up in the latter course so that it may be offered for the first time this spring. We have approximately one hundred pre-professional students at the present time. In addition we have home economics students, laboratory technicians, prospective biology teachers, and students who wish to pursue some special field of biology in graduate school, as well as general students.

Dr. L. R. Hedrick and Mr. E. S. Cielak teach the courses in both day and evening school. Bacteriology, zoology, and a new course in genetics are offered this quarter. In the winter quarter general biology, comparative anatomy, microscopic technique, and histology will be offered.

In the spring quarter general physiology, embryology and parasitology will be offered. It is now possible for a student to make his major in this department.

The biology department is now moving into a new office, and the old office is going to be built into a research laboratory for the use of the staff. In addition two large rooms are available for the laboratory courses. The biology lecture rooms are shared at the present time with other departments.

Galluping Poll

West and South Side Branches of
Illinois Tech Show Decidedly Opposite Views in Presidential Poll.

By James Murray

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 29.—ILLINOIS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY ACCLAIMS FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT AS THE BEST MAN TO LEAD OUR COUNTRY FOR THE NEXT FOUR YEARS. This is the result of a school-wide poll which was conducted last week on the Lewis and Armour campuses. The poll was anything but a landslide, however, for had it been left to the Armour students alone, Wendell Willkie would have been our next leader.

Roosevelt Wins at Lewis

The first results of the poll to be received at this desk were the results from Lewis, as reported by Minnette Hirst, Galluping Poll representative from the West side "campus." From these it seemed that there would be no use referring to the results from Armour, for the tabulation was so one-sided in favor of the Democratic nominee. The final vote at Lewis was as follows:

	Lewis Total
Roosevelt	251
Willkie	127
Thomas	55

Dissatisfaction Evident

On inquiring we found that the surprisingly large number of votes for Norman Thomas are a result of "much disgust" with the present leader. Many also thought the Republican candidate entirely too incapable. Now this isn't true of all these votes, however, for about half declared they would vote for Thomas regardless of who else was on the ballot.

With the above results fresh in our minds we hastened to see how the Armour men stood on this all-important question. When all the dashes accumulated during the day were finally put together, the book read thus:

	Armour Total
Willkie	234
Roosevelt	199
Thomas	6
Browder	5

These results having been tabulated we hurried even more quickly to sum up the grand total and to decide the winner.

	Grand Total
Roosevelt	450
Willkie	361
Thomas	62
Browder	5

Opinions Vary Widely

As was expected the reasons given to support each voter's choice varied directly as the temperature. Two main issues led the field, namely, the third term and the business policy of each candidate. Approximately 80% of those voting for Willkie were opposed to a third term for any candidate, regardless of whom he might be. But as a general rule those who were of this opinion also claimed Willkie's diplomacy in foreign matters would insure our abstinence from the turmoil across the waters. Following in the smoke of this opinion, the question of business policy prompted many to agree, to a most decided extent, with the ideas of Willkie in all his business ways. The fact that he was in the fore while the recent TVA transaction was completed, proved to many his qualities as a business man. Too, the sentiments of these same voters on the question of his "bringin' up" may be best summed up in the words of one of our eminent professors, "Willkie came from the ranks of the common people and knows such people's troubles, and therefore is far more capable to suggest or supply the needed remedies."

F. D. R.'s Foreign Policy Dangerous

Your writer was quite surprised to see how many frowned when asked if they approved of Roosevelt's foreign policy. The very mention of this issue prompted many to acclaim F. D. R. a meddler, and shout in favor of Willkie; yet Willkie approves of F. D. R.'s foreign policy.

So there is your poll, students, and we hope you are satisfied in some way (Willkie men) with the outcome. Now since instead of having you cast ballots, we are having a man in your class contact you, the names of these people will now follow: Freshmen, see Bruce Worcester; Sophs, cast your ballot with Hugh Story; Juniors, contact Matt Ciembrowicz, and Seniors, Bud Murray. All Lewis balloting is under the direction of Minnette Hirst. Since it is rather difficult for one to contact many, kindly help us get your vote by stopping your representative the first chance you get each week. Don't forget, a new poll each week.

This Week's Poll concerns the selective service program. Prepare to answer your representative's questions this week. See you next Tuesday.

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