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Graduate Lectures—

We were not a little surprised last week to note the unusual manner in which the graduate school supports the so-called graduate school lectures. It is certainly not too much to expect some representation from this group at their own functions and the pitiful total of one person at last week's lecture was not to the credit of our otherwise flourishing "top form."

If the students of the graduate school are too busy or lack interest for graduate lectures we can see no reason for publicizing them as such. Mr. Larkin's talk of last week was of sufficient interest to draw a number of day school students to the meeting. However, this publication does not knowingly give false impressions in its news columns. We suggest that if the graduate school is not interested in these lectures that they be discontinued and the speakers invited to regular student meetings.

Open Door Policy?

The increased occupation of Chapin Hall during school hours is aggravating a condition which has long annoyed students and faculty having occasion to enter and leave that building. We are speaking of the apparent policy of allowing only one door at each entrance to swing freely, the other remaining closed at all times.

In direct contradiction, most municipal fire codes require that "Every exit of a public building must be so constructed that all doors swing outward and can be easily opened from the inside at all times of occupancy of the building."

At busy hours of the day as many as 200 persons attempt to pass through one entrance in the space of two or three minutes. The comparatively small opening afforded by one door creates considerable congestion about the entrance at these times. Not only is this a serious life hazard, but, we believe, an unreasonable annoyance to students and faculty.

The entrances to the building are so constructed (entrance hall with two sets of doors) as to pre-

Galluping Poll

Armour And Lewis
Students To Decide On
Name Of Yearbook

By James Murray

During the past week there has been much talk about the name of the year book. Opinions on this issue vary quite widely, but briefly the situation may be summed up as follows. Lewis students demand a change in the name, while Armour men are split as to whether the change is necessary.

First of all the viewpoint of the Lewis student will be reviewed. Were the coming annual to be called the *Cycle*, those knowing it to be the Armour yearbook in previous years might be misled, thus not giving credit where credit is due. A new name for the yearbook, is in perfect uniformity with the new title assumed by the two schools now consolidated. Thus a new title will then be directly associated with Illinois Institute from the very beginning. A few asked if the title of the Lewis publication would be fitting, but since this book was called the *Lewis Annual* it is obvious that this name is impractical.

Armour Men of Various Opinions

On the south side "campus" the student body was definitely split on the question of changing the name. But since every question has two sides, this was to be expected. Those favoring the name of the former Armour yearbook, based their decision on the following reasoning. Since this name has no connection with engineering or architecture it cannot be argued that this shows partiality in this respect. Too, since this name by definition implies a review of the time elapsing since the last similar publication, it is a fitting title for a book which really performs just this function.

On the other side of the fence, those favoring a change were of the opinion this is the only fair thing to do. This group reasoned that were there no change, it would appear that Lewis students are merely being "permitted" to partake of the Armour functions, while in reality this book no longer is representative of Armour alone, but of the new *Illinois Institute of Technology*.

Poll Held Over Second Week

So, fellow students, this poll was purposely extended to two weeks. The first week we hoped would start the ball rolling on this important topic. Now this, the second week, your representative will be on hand to receive your suggestion as to the new name. Although many argued in favor of a change, there was not even one feasible suggestion for the new title.

In hope of contacting all students of Lewis, Pat Arns was added to the staff of representatives, so Lewis students may now see both Miss Arns and Minette Hirst.

vent any great loss of heat through them even if all doors are used. In fact we can see no plausible reason for the present practice of cutting the entrance area in half. On behalf of the student body, we strongly urge the opening of the locked doors during the school hours as a matter of safety, if not of convenience.

Smoking At Lewis—

Do we have to smoke? Perhaps some of us will answer, "We don't have to, but we want to." O.K., let's smoke, BUT let's smoke in the proper place—the cafeteria. Is it really too much to ask us to dash down to the cafeteria for that in-between-class puff?

When the administration allowed us to go into the cafeteria at any time for "that smoke", it was hoped that we had seen the last of smoking in the corridors and classrooms. But no, some of us are not as considerate of our other classmates and the wishes of the administration as we should be. Perhaps we are not as careful as we should be with discarded "butts" and lighted matches, as was evidenced by the fire on the fifth floor last week.

When our activities endanger our safety, it's about time that we make a complete change of them. If we are to expect additional advantages and concessions from our administration, we must co-operate with it. The Student Council joins with the officials of the Lewis division in prohibiting smoking in the corridors, washrooms, and classrooms and restricting it to the cafeteria. Let's cooperate and do our part in this matter.

L. S.

Many Interesting Books Added To IIT Libraries

According to Mr. Smith, the head librarian at the Lewis library, a great many books of unusual interest have been added during the past three months to the large collection of books already held in the Lewis library. In order that the students of Lewis may gain some understanding of the background of current events, considerable attention has been given to the purchase of books dealing with world conditions.

Current Topics

Among the most important of these books are *America in Mid-passage* by Charles Beard, a history of the U.S. during the 1930's; a revised edition of Gunther's *Inside Europe*, giving recent information regarding the conflict in Europe; *Why England Slept*, by Kennedy, a keen analysis of British diplomacy during the rise of Hitler; *They Wanted War*, by Tolischus, which is, to date, considered the best and most readable study of Hitler and his rise to power, and *The Imperial Soviets*, by Wolfe, an examination of Russia in the light of the World War II.

Biography and Economics

Interesting additions in the field of biography are *Abraham Lincoln: The War Years*, by Carl Sandburg — considered without doubt to be the greatest biography of Lincoln yet written; and a Pulitzer Prize winner, Van Doren's *Benjamin Franklin*.

In the field of business and economics, *Bottlenecks of Business*, by Arnold, and *Capitalism the Creator*, by Snyder, have been added to the already extensive collection of books in this field. The latter book is a controversial study of capitalism, which Mr. Willkie has quoted during his campaign.

Art and Fashion

Among the new fine arts books are *Figure Construction*, by Bement; *Modern American Painting*, by Boswell; *Decorating Livable Homes*, by Burris-Meyer; and *Theater Hand Book*, a useful one-volume encyclopedia on drama and the theater, by Sobel.

In the home economics field, books on how to be well groomed and well dressed: *Designing Women*, by Byers and Kamholz; and *Fashion is Spinach*, by Hawes, are the newest additions.

Literature

Many books have been added to the literature collection. Among them are *How to Read a Book*, by Professor Adler of the University of Chicago; *New England: Indian Summer*, by Brooks; *The American Language*, by Mencken—an entertaining, yet scholarly treatise on the language of our people; *Nine Plays*, a collection of some of Eugene O'Neill's best-known plays; *Native Son*, a novel of negro life in Chicago, by Wright; and *Modern British Poetry*, by Untermeyer.

Periodicals Donated

Current issues of automotive mechanics magazines are in the library's collection of periodicals which circulate, and some of these magazines are *Advertiser's Digest*, *American Automobile*, *Anti-Friction Bearing Data*, *Automobile Digest*, *Automotive maintenance Association News*, *Automotive Mechandising*, *Automotive*

Service, *Battery Man*, *Canadian Service Data*, *Chevrolet Dealers*, *News*, *Edison Industrial News*, *Garage News*, *Industrial Marketing*, *Link-Belt News*, *Magazine of Light*, *Motor Service Magazine*, *Motor West*, *National Automobile Dealers Association Bulletin*, and *Tire Review Bulletin*.

Silence Rules

A complete list of the new books in the Lewis library, of which these are just a sample, will be issued soon.

A great improvement in the library, innovated by Mr. Smith, is a rule that complete silence is demanded at all times so that those who wish to study may do so.

Professor D. Roy Mathews, of the history department at Lewis, is about to publish a book entitled *The Refugee French Clergy in England from 1792 to 1802*. It will not be ready for press for about six months.

The book is a study of the high ten years of the French Revolution, during which time some 60,000 clerics were exiled from France, 10,000 of whom went to England. Where they were supported by public and private funds, and spent their time in teaching and farming, while living in the homes of catholic families as priests, and also as guests of other families.

Armour Additions

Armourites will now have something with which to pass the long winter evenings. Miss Nell Steele announced, on November 15, the addition of more than a hundred books to the library. The books vary greatly in subject-matter, from technical works to recent best-sellers.

Most of them, however, deal with such mysterious matters as strength of materials, photography, electric motors, fire insurance, surveying, labor relations, and accounting principles. Lists of these books and the other additions may be obtained in the library. Several technical works cover more general subjects. Among these is *"The Fight for Life"* by Paul de Kruif, author of *Microbe Hunters*. Another is Louis Broglie's *Matter and Light*.

Booth Biography

Lovers of biography will enjoy reading Osa Johnson's *I Married Adventure and Country Squire in the White House* by John T. Flynn. The latter weighs the merits of President Roosevelt and should have especial interest, because of the recent election. Presidential affairs of another era are the background of *The Man Who Killed Lincoln*, P. Van Doren Stern's well-written study of John Wilkes Booth.

Parker Collection

The field of fiction is represented by many significant works. Chad Hanna, by Walter D. Edmonds, and F. Van Wyck Mason's *Stars on the Sea* are two outstanding American historical novels recently added to the stock. Readers of historical fiction will also be glad to learn that Rafael Sabatini's *Master-at-Arms* has been added. *Here Lies*, a collection of light humorous work by Dorothy Parker, is recommended for after-quiz perusal. The highlight of the new fiction is Richard Levell's *How Green Was My Valley*. It's a simple story of Wales.

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