

# CRANIUM

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## GETTING TO KNOW YOU

*"By seven o'clock the orchestra has arrived, no thin five-piece affair, but a whole pitful of oboes and trombones and saxophones and viols and cornets and piccolos, and low and high drums. The last swimmers have come in from the beach now and are dressing up-stairs; the cars from New York are parked five deep in the drive, and already the halls and salons and verandas are gaudy with primary colors, and hair shorn in strange new ways, and shawls beyond the dreams of Castile."*  
~ F. Scott Fitzgerald, The Great Gatsby

While it may not have been a party of the same proportions as those held by The Great Gatsby, the ILS kickoff was a huge success. It was to feature an introduction to the student organization and an invitation

to students to join in various activities sponsored by Le Salon.

The event was attended not only by several of the faculty and teaching assistant staff of the Integrated Liberal Studies Program, but also by several interested students who spent their first minutes conversing and eating pizza.

ILS Kickoff Day

**Bob Probst**, a member of Le Salon and a junior at the University of Wisconsin was the first to begin events. He introduced the history of the Integrated Liberal Studies program and the Meiklejohn house. If you would like to learn more about the program and its origins, see the article on page two.

Next **Ellen Feingold**, recipient



of the Wisnewsy award took the stage to tell students about the various scholarships available through the ILS program. If you would like to learn more about the various scholarships available through ILS, see page four.

Finally, **Professor Craig Werner** and **Professor Howard Schweber** [continued, p.3]

## IT'S TIME TO BE REGISTERED!

The spring semester is upon us and many students are pondering the question of which classes to take...luckily ILS has a few suggestions.

**ILS 201: Western Culture, Science Technology and Philosophy 1**

This course provides a survey of cosmological thought from the ancient Greeks to Isaac Newton in an attempt to organize the universe.

**ILS 202 Western Culture: Science, Technology, Philosophy II**

The sequel to 201, this course continues the search for order from Isaac Newton to the present day. This course can be taken separately from 201.

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### What is Cranium?

Cranium is a monthly newsletter published by Le Salon, a student organization that attempts to re-create the environment found in the French Salons of the Enlightenment.

Through discussion of current issues, and application of philosophical models to those issues, students attempt to explain the world as it is.

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## ILS 204: Western Culture, Literature and the Arts II

The sequel to ILS 203, this course traces trends in art and literature from the Renaissance to the modern world.

## ILS 234: Genres of Western Religious Writing

This class is cross-listed with the religious studies department and provides an overview of western religions through their writing. It is also an extremely interesting way to get Com B credit!

## ILS 206: Western Culture: Political, Economic and Social Thought II

If you are interested in the way that

philosophy influenced the development of governments from the time of Machiavelli through the present era, this is the class you want to take. It is also a great compliment to the coursework for a Political Science major.

AND This is just a sampling! There are



Ready to think about hitting the books again NEXT semester? Think ILS!

many other ILS courses available, including the 400 level capstone course for those earning an ILS certificate.

Integrated Liberal Studies is not only a supplement to your course selections in college, but a practical application of rational thought to the modern day. A course in ILS helps students learn how to apply the ideas that are learned in the classroom to the world at large, answering the question: When am I ever going to need to know this?

In short, ILS is what you need to fulfill requirements for graduation in a way that will not only interest you, but give you valuable skills for a future career.

## WHAT EXACTLY IS ILS?

ILS, or Integrated Liberal Studies, is a program that was established in 1948 following Alexander Micklejohn's "Experimental College" of 1927. The concept of a "college within a college" is one that has held fast for several generations.

Today ILS is one of the oldest continuous interdisciplinary

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programs in the United States. Over 2,000 students attend ILS classes each semester, filling all of the courses offered to capacity.

ILS focuses on Western History, literature and the arts, social, political and economic thought, and the nature of

the history of science. It is able to compliment almost any field of study and provides valuable accompaniment to any course.

From its original 155 male students, the Integrated Liberal Studies program has grown to a certificate program that has helped many students at the UW achieve their goals in higher education.

## FOCUS: LAURA MCCLURE

Laura's research and teaching interests include ancient Greek drama (tragedy, old and new comedy), women in antiquity, and the classical tradition. She is author of *Spoken Like a Woman: Speech and Gender in Athenian Drama* (Princeton, 1999), and :

[Courtesans at Table: Gender and Greek Literary Culture in Athenaeus](#) (Routledge, 2003)

Laura won the Emil Stiger Distinguished Teaching Award in 1999. For ILS, she teaches a



Laura McClure, Chair of ILS

course on women writers and the classical tradition, and ILS 203.

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<http://www.wisc.edu/ils/facstaff.htm>

## COMING SOON: BROWN BAG LUNCHEONS

I have often walked through the stairways in North Hall and noticed the advertisements for Brown Bag Lunch Seminars...and I have to admit, I almost went to one, and chickened out.

For some reason, the Brown Bag Lunch forums are a bit intimidating to undergraduate students. While we are able and invited to attend lectures on the US policy in the Middle East and the relationships between Turkey and the United States, somehow it is always easier to find an excuse to not show up. And yet they still hold an allure...

How about a Brown Bag Luncheon specifically tailored for **Undergraduate Students**?

The Integrated Liberal Studies student

organization is putting together a Brown Bag Luncheon to help students explore issues of today with other stu-



Lunchtime!

dents their age: **AND WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

If you are a Junior or Senior working on an honors thesis, and you would

like to share your work with groups of interested and involved students, please contact ILS at:

ilssb@yahoo.com

Hopefully Le Salon [the name of the ILS student org.] will be able to put together some brown-bag luncheons for undergrads in the near future, focusing on the research being done by their peers in capstone and honors courses.

It is an intriguing prospect, so why not find a brown bag, pack a lunch, and head down to Meiklejohn to find out what you can do to help Le Salon create a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity!

~ Lisa Valenti-Hein

## GETTING TO KNOW ALL ABOUT YOU (CTD. FROM P.1)

Faced off in a debate about the separation of church and state in the modern day, and the relative merits of the current situation.

Their debate was interesting and stimulating, and the students who attended the event were allowed to participate both by asking questions and by adding their opinions to

*"The event was a success for everyone, and we are looking forward to future events from Le Salon." ~ Melissa*

the debate. Participation and opinions were varied on both sides of the issue.

At the end of the night various door prizes were awarded to those who were able to attend the event. Prizes were all donated to Le Salon by various stores on campus and along state street. Prizes included pants, food, and more, a big hit for the college-aged student.

Attendance at the event was high, and the members and advisors of Le Salon were very optimistic not only about those who came to the event, but also about their new members and future plans.

The student organization is hoping to organize future events such as movie or television analyses and discussions, and undergraduate brown bag luncheons [see above]. If you would like to help with any of these future projects, or have ideas of your own, contact Le Salon at: ilssb@yahoo.com

## SCHOLARSHIPS!

You may be unaware of it, but the Integrated Liberal Studies Program loves to **give away money** to deserving students. In total, the program gives out six scholarships totaling \$8,700! Among these scholarships there is:

**The Ruth Knatz Gross Wisnewsky Memorail Prize: \$5,000**

Given to an outstanding student in a humanistic discipline.

**The Pooley Prize: \$1,500**

Given to an outstanding ILS student and is based on GPA and participation in the life of the ILS program.

**Meiklejohn Travel Assistance Scholarship: \$1,500**

Given to help students in the ILS program fund



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study abroad through independent programs or self-directed programs.

**What are you waiting for?**

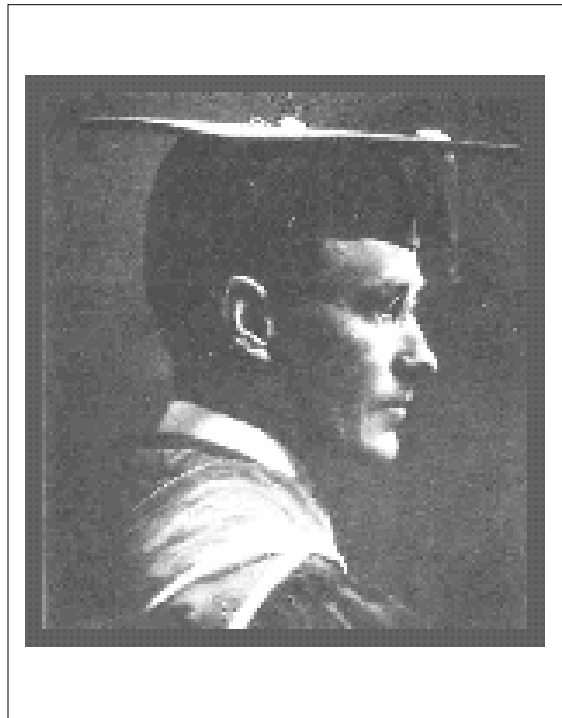
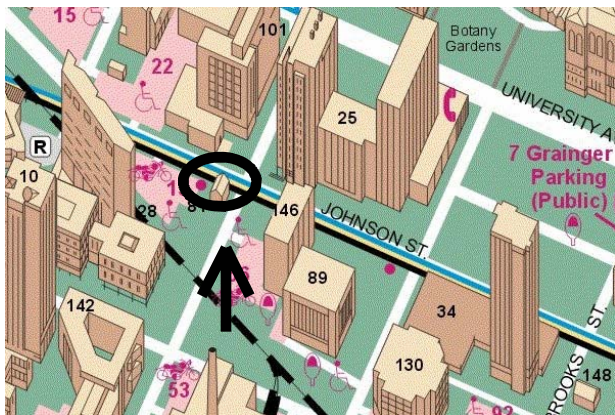
Pick up your application today in Meiklejohn. All applications must be submitted to Jackie Ballweg in the Meiklejohn House on or before February 13, 2004.

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**Alexander Mieklejohn**

## ILS CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

The integrated Liberal Studies Program is open to all undergraduates, but also offers a certificate to those who wish to pursue their studies even further.

ILS uses an interdisciplinary method to approach the study of the basic concepts taught at the university. It takes science, the humanities, and the social sciences degrees and combines these with their influences on philosophical thought throughout the centuries to create a group of classes that can both fulfill the breath requirements of the University while at the same time helping students develop critical thinking skills.

In order to receive an ILS certificate, a student must complete 18 credits of ILS courses including:

- 6 credits in courses numbered 230 and above

- 3 credits of ILS 400
- 18 total credits of ILS work

Students involved in the program will receive:

- A Certificate

- Notation on their transcript showing completion of the interdisciplinary studies program in addition to the major.
- Lifetime reasoning and critical thinking skills...free of charge.



Its time for graduation...is ILS on your list of achievements?

Interested?

If you would like to begin working towards an Integrated Liberal Studies Certificate, stop into the ILS office at 228 N. Charter street [see location on the above map].

Filling out a declaration form does not obligate you to finish the certificate, but only insures transcript notation if all of the certificate requirements are met.