ENCOURAGE STUDENTS

Fondren Announces Book Collection Contest

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This year, Fondren Library is again sponsoring a contest to provide stimulus and incentive to build personal libraries among Rice students.

Open to all Rice undergraduates, the contest is designed to "emphasize for students the pleasures and rewards of building a personal library in pursuit of a broadened education or the strengthening of career, hobby, and cultural interest."

Students should submit a list of not more than thirty-five representative titles from their personal libraries, with notes on the special value of at least some of the books. A brief statement giving the purpose or interest served by the library should also be submitted along with ten books they hope to add to their collection.

Theme Important

"Libraries will be judged on the content and quality of the books entered as related to the subject of the collection and the stated purpose of the entrant." Although in the past some entries have featured rare and expensive books, such qualities will be of secondary interest to the judges. Paperback books are welcome among entries.

Judges of the contest include Dr. Walter Isle, Assistant Professor of English, Dr. Roger Goldwyn, Assistant Professor of Electrical Engineering, and Miss Sue Baxter, Reference Librarian, Fondren Library. The judges reserve the right to interpret the rules and make no award if entries fall below a certain minimum standard of excellence.

Cash Prizes

Cash awards of $40 for first, $25 for second, and $10 for third place will be awarded, and it is hoped that the money will be used by the winners to add to their personal libraries.

The winning entries in the contest will be exhibited in the Fondren Library during National Library Week, April 17-23, and the following week.

Natural Contest

In the past, a wide variety of libraries have been submitted in the contest, and it is hoped that students will participate this year. An added incentive this year is Rice's participation in the 5th Annual Amy Loveman National Award for the personal library submitted by an undergraduate student. The winner of the Rice contest will be entered in the National contest, where a $1000 first prize and two honorable mentions of $200 each will be given.

Entries in the National Contest as well as Rice's may be a general library, or a collection devoted to a single subject or a single author. Entries in the Rice University Personal Library Contest are due no later than 5 pm on Tuesday, April 12 at the Librarians' Office, Room 21, the Fondren Library.