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Solomon kicks off series

by John Lear

Last year, members of the U of A's English department decided they would like to see literature enjoyed by an audience larger than the department alone.

This year, professors are presenting a series of lectures on the novel which they say is the most suitable vehicle to further the appreciation of literature.

About 65 people were present as English professor Bob Solomon delivered the first lecture in the literature appreciation series October 24 called Junk Food? Loving the Grapes of Wrath.

Professor Solomon said he chose John Steinbeck's novel because it was a popular and controversial book, and has

puzzled critics and students since it was published in 1939. The Grapes of Wrath concerns the effects of a mass migration of dispossessed people to California during the depression of the mid-

Though Solomon has used Steinbeck's novel in his courses for ten years, some of his colleagues think the book is 'junk" (hence the title of the lecture). These critics dislike the author's naturalistic style, which shows people as products of their environment and equates them with animals, said Solomon.

Solomon said that there is no middle ground in the critic's appraisal of The Grapes of Wrath. They either love it or

hate it. When the book first appeared, some people were offended by explicit dialogue, and thought the book obscene. In fact, the library board of East St. Louis, Illinois ordered their three copies burned.

The next lecture, on the British comic novel, will be given by English professor M. Legris Nov. 8, in the Humanties Centre L2, at 8:00 p.m.

Foreign agriculture

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