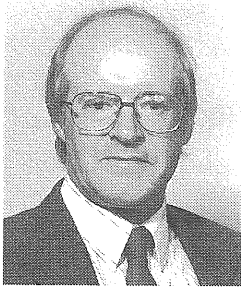




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From The Chair

This has been the year the axe fell. We now know what the Ontario Government's budget cuts have done to the Department. We have lost two new appointments allocated to us under the Faculty's five-year (1995-2000) Complement Plan. In addition, an early retirement will go unreplaced. Since we have a number of faculty retiring in 1998 and 1999, the loss of three positions will place considerable pressure on our teaching and supervisory resources. We shall, however, be exploring all possible avenues in the hope of getting back at least one of our Plan positions.

But I don't wish to give the impression that the Department is in a state of deep gloom. That's not true at all! Our two new faculty members are already making a valuable contribution to the Department; and we have finally succeeded (third time lucky) in filling our advertised position in medieval philosophy. We have had a busy and enjoyable schedule of academic and social events (despite two no-shows in our Colloquium series). And the formal opening of the David Savan library marked the completion of our main renovations. We are also very fortunate to have a lively and enthusiastic group of graduate students, who have shown remarkable resilience in maintaining their high morale at a difficult time for job-seekers. We are now providing increased placement assistance; and our graduate program has retained its high ranking.

The best news of the past year has been the great success of U of T's student

aid campaign. This brought in \$80 million which has been matched by the Ontario Government and by the University. The resulting fund of \$240 million will provide an annual sum of \$12 million for assistance to students. Our warmest thanks to all our alumni and others who contributed.

After last year's *TPN* I received a letter from Vernon J. Bourke (Ph.D. 1938), Professor Emeritus at St. Louis, who wonders if he is the oldest surviving person of those who did graduate work in philosophy at U of T. Thomas Goudge, former Chair of the Department, received his Ph.D. in 1937, but our records indicate that he is three years younger. Any other candidates? Professor Bourke tells me that his History of Ethics (Doubleday, 1968) still sells abroad in French, Italian and Polish translations. We are always pleased to hear from our alumni.

Mark Thornton

John Hartley, a mainstay of the St. Michael's Department for many years, took early retirement in 1996. We thank him for all his services to the college and to the department, especially as Undergraduate Coordinator.

Partners

Arthur Ripstein was promoted to the rank of Professor last year. He is currently working on a book on Equality, Luck, and Responsibility. In addition to his appointment at Erindale, Arthur is cross-appointed to the Faculty of Law.

Sonia Sedivy (Scarborough College) and **Ingrid Stefanovic** were granted tenure last year and promoted to Associate Professor.

Lynd Ferguson's term as Principal of University College concludes this year, reducing the number of philosophical Principals on St. George campus to two (**Derek Allen** at Trinity, and **Joseph Boyle** at St. Michael's). **Paul Thompson** has accepted another term as Principal of Scarborough College.

New Faculty

This year the Department welcomed **Donald Ainslie** and **Robert Gibbs**, both of whom joined us as Assistant Professors in tenure-stream appointments. Donald replaces Peter Hess who took early retirement in 1995. His appointment has been transferred to Erindale as part of an agreement between Erindale and the Department to maintain a permanent complement of ten philosophers at the College. Donald received his Ph.D. from Pittsburgh, where he wrote a thesis on Hume's philosophy. He also has an M.A. in Bioethics from Pittsburgh. Robert received his Ph.D. from our department, and has been in the Department of Religion at Princeton. His book, *Correlations in Rosenzweig and Levinas* was published by Princeton University Press. Robert's office is in University College.

Claudia Murphy, who is completing her thesis on Aquinas's moral psychology at Cornell, has accepted a position in medieval philosophy in our department. Her office will be at St. Michael's College.

David Novak took up his appointment as Professor in Jewish Studies at University College in January. He is cross-appointed to the Department. David is the author of many works on philosophy and religion, and is a welcome addition to our graduate faculty.



Donald Ainslie

The Centenary Conference

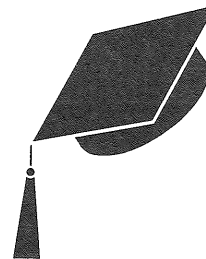
1997 marks the centenary of U of T's Ph.D. program. The first philosophy Ph.D. was awarded in 1903 and since then more than 500 theses have been successfully defended. To mark the occasion and honour our graduates we are holding a conference on October 24th and 25th.

A number of our Ph.D.s have been invited to participate, and commentaries will be provided by current graduate students. U of T Ph.D.s now on the U of T faculty will chair the sessions. Obviously (but sadly) we were able to invite only a small proportion of our former students to participate.

However, we are happy to invite all our alumni (sorry, no expenses paid) to U of T for the occasion. If you would like to be on our conference mailing list, please contact the Chair's secretary at (416)978-3313, e-mail: jane.bugajski@utoronto.ca, fax: (416)978-8703.

Notes from the Graduate Department

The first David Savan Dissertation Prize was awarded jointly to **Dennis Klimchuk** for his thesis "Involuntariness, Agency, and the Criminal Law," and to **Achille Varzi** for "Universal Semantics".



The Martha Lile Love Teaching Award for 1995-96 was awarded to **Patricia Kazan**. Patti was also awarded a SSHRCC Postdoctoral Fellowship, and has been selected Bank of Montreal Visiting Scholar in Women's Studies at the University of Ottawa.

The Martha Lile Love Essay Award for 1995-96 was awarded to **Sarah Byers** for her essay, "Kierkegaard and Augustine on Ethics and Devotion."

Sharon Kaye won a Killam Postdoctoral Fellowship for 1997-98 at Dalhousie University.

Barbara Secker won a Queen Elizabeth II Scholarship for 1997-98. She is one of only ten students in the Province to have received this prestigious award.

Six students in the Department were awarded SSHRCC Doctoral Fellowships in the 1997-98 competition: **Lisa Austin, Julian Fauth, Vicki Igeneski, Louis-Philippe Hodgson, Mark Macleod, and Byron Williston**. Louis-Philippe, who is completing his master's degree in our Department this year, will enter the doctoral program in Philosophy at Harvard University in the fall. The other five winners, who are currently enrolled in our doctoral program, join eight students in the Department who already hold SSHRCC Doctoral Fellowships.

Correction: **George di Giovanni** (McGill; Ph.D., 1970) tells us we're not the first philosophy department in Canada to admit students directly from the B.A. into the Ph.D. program: "The McGill Philosophy Department (Montréal) adopted the same policy some years ago...I would have expected more awareness of what is happening in the rest of Canada from my *alma mater*." (tOUCHÉ!)

PH.D. THESES 1996-97

BATES, Jennifer. *Hegel's Theory of the Imagination Between 1801-1807*.
Supervisor: H. Harris; Advisor: K. Schmitz

GUETTER, David. *Making Sense of "The Appropriate" in Plato's Timaeus*.
Supervisor: T. Robinson; Advisor: D. Hutchinson

HINTON, Rory. *Michael Dummett's Logical Basis of Metaphysics*.
Supervisor: I. Hacking; Advisor: B. Katz

HUNTER, Andrew. *The Semantic Significance of Donnellan's Referential/Attributive Distinction*.
Supervisor: B. Katz; Advisor: P. Apostoli

HYDER, David. *Spielraum: Helmholtz's Manifold Theory of Perception and the Logical Space of Wittgenstein's Tractatus*.
Supervisor: I. Hacking; Advisor: A. Urquhart

IKONOMIDIS, Sharon. *Autonomy, Liberalism, and Advance Care Planning*.
Supervisor: W. Sumner; Advisor: P. Singer

KAYE, Sharon. *William of Ockham's Theory of Conscience*.
Co-Supervisors: B. Katz and C. Normore; Advisor: J. Boyle

MORRIS, David. *The Sense of Space. An Essay on Spatial Perception and Embodiment in the Spirit of Meleau-Ponty's Phenomenology of Perception*.
Supervisor: G. Nicholson; Advisor: H. Pietersma

RAKUS, Dan. *Towards an Anselmian Theodicy*.
Supervisor: C. Normore; Advisor: E. Synan

RUBARTH, Scott. *The Stoic Theory of Aisthēsis*.
Supervisor: B. Inwood; Advisor: J. Rist

SCHARER, Niko. *Doing Things in Your Head*.
Supervisor: I. Hacking; Advisor: W. Seager

VERVAEKE, John. *The Naturalistic Imperative in Cognitive Science*.
Supervisor: J. Stevenson; Advisor: W. Seager

The Dutch Exchange

During the past year the Department hosted visits by two philosophers from the Netherlands under the auspices of an exchange program between the Netherlands School for Research in Practical Philosophy and the Universities of Toronto and Ottawa. This program is financed by a Dutch government agency. Our visitors were **Professors Koo van der Wal**, who holds a Chair in Environmental Philosophy at the Erasmus University in Rotterdam, and **Govert den Hartogh**, the Director of the Netherlands School, who is at the University of Amsterdam. Both gave talks in the Department, as well as participating fully in departmental activities, and Govert also gave a talk at the Joint Centre for Bioethics, on the Dutch experience with euthanasia. Koo's work in environmental philosophy and Govert's on legal theory and bioethics made them welcome visitors since the Department has a number of faculty researching in these areas.

In exchange, **Frank Cunningham** and **Ronnie de Sousa** visited Amsterdam this past year. In November, faculty from our department and Ottawa's will be in Amsterdam for a conference on Nationalism, Multiculturalism, and Liberal Democracy.

Teaching Award

Michael Vertin was one of the recipients of a Faculty of Arts and Science Teaching Award for 1996-97. These awards, presented by Dean Marsha Chandler, are given to instructors in the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences. Michael's excellent scores in student course evaluations and the many enthusiastic letters of support from students made him a clear choice.



Michael Vertin, far left

The Department Web Site

The Chair's Research Assistant, **David Guetter**, has been maintaining the Department's web site over the past year. Its URL is <http://www.chass.utoronto.ca:8080/philosophy/> and it can be accessed via the U of T Home page. On our web site you can find our monthly Newsletter (which includes a calendar of happenings in philosophy and other events of interest), the Department's Undergraduate and Graduate Bulletins, our Colloquium schedule, and faculty profiles.

Faculty Notes

Frank Cunningham is the President of the Canadian Philosophical Association for 1997-98.

David Dyzenhaus and **Cheryl Misak** were awarded University of Toronto Connaught Fellowships for the academic year 1997-8.

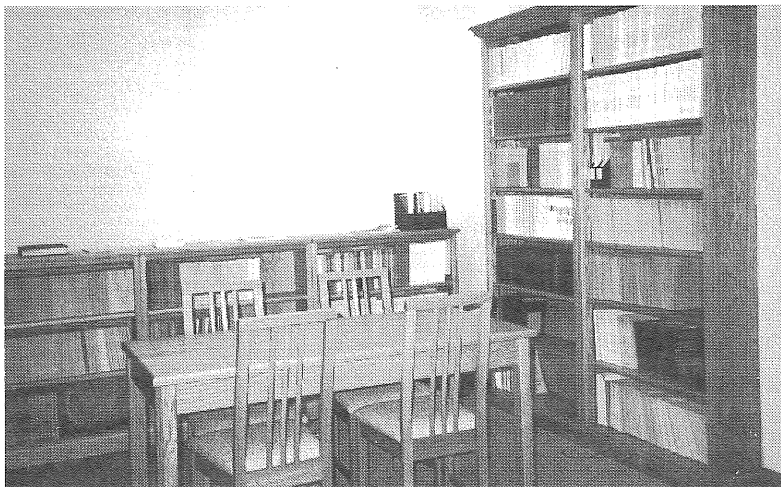
Thomas Robinson was invited to give the keynote address at the inaugural meeting of the South African Society for Greek Philosophy in Pretoria in April. He continues as the President of the International Plato Society.

Ian Hacking has been elected Visiting Fellow at All Souls, Oxford, for the spring of 1998. This past term he has been visiting in California and Switzerland.

Douglas Hutchinson has been invited to the Istituto di Filosofia at the University of Padua for 1997-8.

Opening of the David Savan Library

The library was officially opened on September 18th, with short speeches from former Chair **Wayne Sumner** and **John Slater**, who has worked enormously hard on setting up the library. A fine photograph of David and a plaque to John were unveiled, and the ribbon was cut by **Beth Savan** who was accompanied by her family. By happy coincidence, the volume of essays on Peirce, *The Rule of Reason*, co-edited by Jacqueline Brunning, was published this past year. It contains a tribute to David by **Calvin Normore**.



U of T Campaign

As most alumni will know, U of T is gearing up for a big fundraising campaign, spearheaded by U of T alumnus **Norman Jewison**. If you are planning to donate, please consider earmarking all or part of your donation for the Department of Philosophy. Every cent donated to the Department goes directly to benefit teaching and research in philosophy. Any help you

can provide will be most welcome; and we will direct your donation wherever you wish.

To find out more about what we're doing and what we need, please contact myself or our Business Officer, Suzanne Puckering, tel. 978-3315, e-mail: suzanne.puckering@utoronto.ca, fax: 978-8703.

1997 Philosophy Book Launch

The Department's 10th annual Book Launch produced a bumper crop:

Jacqueline Brunning and Paul Forster, editors
The Rule of Reason

David Dyzenhaus and Arthur Ripstein, editors
Law and Morality: Readings in Legal Philosophy

Emil Fackenheim
The God Within: Kant, Schelling and Historicity

Lloyd P. Gerson
Cambridge Companion to Plotinus

Paul W. Gooch
Reflections On Jesus and Socrates: Word and Silence

D.S. Hutchinson, Associate Editor
Plato Complete Works: Spuria and Dubia

John G. Slater, editor
A Fresh Look at Empiricism: The Collected Papers of Bertrand Russell, Volume 10

L.W. Sumner
Welfare, Happiness, and Ethics

L.W. Sumner and Joseph Boyle, editors
Philosophical Perspectives on Bioethics

News from the Undergraduate Office

Having assumed the position of Undergraduate Coordinator this year, I have had occasion to reflect upon the accomplishments and unique standing of the Department of Philosophy from a new perspective. We often take for granted that which is closest to us, and yet, precisely for this reason, it is useful that we do stop and acknowledge, from time to time, our good fortune here at the University of Toronto.

For instance, juggling timetables and course offerings for the upcoming year, I have been reminded firsthand of the extraordinary wealth of subjects that we offer our students, ranging from Analytic to Continental to East Asian Philosophy. I have interviewed many students this year from other universities both in Canada and abroad, who have

decided to transfer to U of T. In all cases, they are attracted to our department by the breadth of courses and the wide-ranging experience of our faculty members, I have been delighted to represent a Department that is held in such high esteem by such students.

Of course, this does not mean that there is no room for change or improvements to our programs. Our undergraduates, represented by the Philosophy Course Union, have offered excellent suggestions this year as to how to improve our fourth year course offerings. A sub-committee of the Undergraduate Steering and Curriculum committee has been struck to offer recommendations as to how our higher level courses and specialist programs might be struck to review and update our course prerequisites listed in our undergraduate calendar. This kind of work is essential if we are to continue to build upon our Department's strengths. I am delighted to see that our own students have taken the initiative to spearhead a rethinking of some of these aspects of our undergraduate program.

The Undergraduate Office welcomes similar suggestions that will help us all to continue to strengthen our Departmental offerings and I invite you to contact me--or my sabbatical

replacement and former Undergraduate Coordinator, Dr. Barry Brown--should you wish to contribute to this dialogue.

Ingrid Leman Stefanovic
Undergraduate Coordinator

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