

# LOGOS

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A NEWSLETTER FROM THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

## Department Receives Anonymous Gift

**T**he department has received an anonymous gift of \$400,000 from a friend. We do know that this gift was an expression of appreciation for the training received by a number of philosophy students who have become employees of the company with whom this individual was associated. The gift,

which has been placed in an endowment to fund a faculty position, symbolizes the importance and value of humanistic training, even for those whose career paths take them into the business sector. The department is deeply grateful for, and very proud of, this most generous contribution to its future.

## Conference on Social Choice and the Rational Theory of Bargaining

**O**n October 16-18, 1987, the department sponsored a conference on social choice theory and the theory of rational bargaining. Support for this conference came from the Matchette Foundation and the Graduate School at Ohio State. Speakers at the conference included Ken Binmore (London School of Economics), Jules Coleman (Yale Law School), Ellery Eells (University of Wisconsin,

Philosophy), Edward Green (University of Pittsburgh, Economics), William Harper (University of Western Ontario, Philosophy), Tatsuro Ichiishi (Ohio State University, Economics), and Edward McClennen (Washington University, Philosophy). In recent years the department has sponsored two other conferences on rational decision making, one in 1984 and one in 1985.



Ned McClennen, Ken Binmore, Bill Harper, Ellery Eells, Brad Armendt, Jules Coleman, Edward Green, and Tatsuro Ichiishi

## Words from the Chair

**T**his promises to be one of the most exciting years in our memory. Thanks to the generosity of one of our friends, we are able to begin a search for a new senior appointment. The result of this will be a major addition to the internal atmosphere and external prestige of our department. At the present time, we are not restricting ourselves to any particular area of research expertise and hope to bring in the best person we can find. Our search will be international in scope and should prove to be a real challenge to the department.

As we enter another year, the members of our department are busier than ever. A number of books and articles are in various stages of completion, offers to participate in conferences have been received, and plans have been made for both national and international travel. This year, for the first time, our assistant professors will begin to take advantage of a new program made available by the college. This program provides for special one-quarter leaves of absence to create time for research and writing. When combined with our normal leave program, we are able to provide nine research quarters, almost a 50 percent increase.

We begin the year with an expected new class of 19 new gradu-



ate students. Of these, two are university fellows. It appears that this new class of students will continue to represent a high level of quality. This year's class includes a number of students from the U.S. and students from China and Scotland as well.

The response to our first newsletter was very gratifying. In the present newsletter, we have begun to include news that our friends and associates submitted on the form that you will find on another page. We hope you will let us know what you are up to, and we also hope that you enjoy receiving this second installment, edited once again by Richard Garner.

Marshall Swain  
Chair

## Words from the Editor

**W**e are gratified by the enthusiastic response to the first number of *Logos*. It is particularly interesting to hear from our former students and to learn about the many and surprisingly varied paths they have taken. I hope that those of you who have not told us where you are and what you are doing will fill in the form on page 11, write us a letter, or become a "Friend," or all of the above.

Our current plan is to publish *Logos* twice a year—in June and in December. I should say that before I took on the job of getting the first number out, Mitch Flower did much of the preliminary planning and wrote or solicited several

of the stories. Thanks are also due to those members of the department who took the time to write the features I asked them to write and who did not grumble about it. Finally, I want to acknowledge the help and support of the people at University Publications for their work in creating the final product.

## In Memoriam:

### David Seboldt

**T**he Department reports, with deepest regret, the death of one of its graduate students, David Seboldt, on July 6, 1987, in Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Seboldt entered the program in 1984, and was in the final stages of work on his Ph.D. He was generally regarded as one of our most talented students, with a particular gift for clear expression and writing. As a graduate student, he distinguished himself by winning the Yaffa and Jacob Hayon Memorial Prize for Excellence in the Humanities, an award which is given each year to a graduate student in the College of Humanities. He also achieved distinction as a winner of a Graduate School Fellowship during his first year in residence. Mr. Seboldt is survived by his wife, Margaret, and his parents.

### Nancy Lynn Williams

**F**riends, colleagues, students, and teachers of Nancy Lynn Williams were grieved to receive news of her death in a Hocking Hills hiking accident on November 7.

Nancy received her B.A. degree from Ohio State in 1981, not only graduating with honors in anthropology, but also winning the Bingham Prize in Philosophy. She then accepted one of several fellowships she had been offered and did graduate work in anthropology at the University of Chicago. Tiring of anthropology, she received a fellowship in philosophy at Ohio State, where she was pursuing her Ph.D. degree at the time of her death. Acknowledged to be one of the best students in the department, Nancy's main philosophical interests were history of philosophy, aesthetics, and philosophy of language. She is survived by her husband, Professor Alan Hausman of the Ohio State philosophy department, by her mother, and by four brothers and sisters.

Nancy was always bemused by the distance she had traveled from her birthplace in the Kentucky coalfields. She loved big cities, large hats, and good conversation. Her passion for backpacking in the red rocks of southern Utah, where she spent summers with her husband, was rivaled only by her love of Fred Astaire movies. His tap dancing even inspired her to learn how to do it herself. Nancy's curiosity, intelligence, enthusiasm, and warmth combined to form a unique individual of great charm and intellectual promise. The winners of this year's Fink Award have set aside a portion of their award to donate philosophy books to the Gluck Library in her name.



## Interest Groups

**T**hroughout the years, students and faculty of the department have created and supported a number of informal voluntary special interest groups. Although many students and faculty are involved in these groups, certain faculty members and students have worked particularly hard to keep them going. Stewart Shapiro, George Schumm, and Rick DeWitt have nurtured the Logic Colloquium; Bernie Rosen the Bioethics Discussion Group; Don Hubin the Philosophy of Economics Reading Group; Alan Silverman the Plato Group; and Peggy Brand the Aesthetics Group. The members of all of these groups extend a welcome to anyone wishing to attend. The meeting times and the number of meetings per quarter vary, new groups form and old groups lapse, but at the present time, the following five groups are active.

### The Ohio State University Logic Colloquium

**T**he Ohio State Logic Colloquium, now in its fifth year, evolved from a reading and discussion group held with several members of the mathematics department. Last year, there were between two and four sessions each quarter. The meetings ranged from informal discussions and presentations of working-papers to more formal presentations. The term "logic" is

taken rather loosely, and includes the more technical or formally oriented areas of philosophy (such as decision theory and philosophy of language) and the foundations of mathematics, science, and linguistics. Because the colloquium is not funded, most of the speakers are faculty members and graduate students from Ohio State. There was one exception last year: a talk on Bayesian decision theory by Colin Howson of the London School of Economics was funded by the Friends of Philosophy. In the past, we have been fortunate to obtain the services of renowned logicians passing through town. Their only compensation has been an enthusiastic and thoughtful audience. On occasion, a joint meeting with the logic seminar (which is sponsored by the mathematics department) is held.

### The Bioethics Discussion Group

**T**he Bioethics Discussion Group has been meeting every other week when classes are in session. The topics for discussion are current issues in bioethics. In the past they have included such issues as abortion, surrogate parenthood (Sarkow's decision), euthanasia, and patient's rights. Students and faculty from philosophy, law, psychology, and nursing participate in the sessions. The group began the fall quarter with a discussion of the question, "Should insurance companies be allowed to screen for antibodies to the AIDS virus?"

Most of the participants are connected to Ohio State, but some are from Capital University and several are on the staff at Children's Hospital.

### The Philosophy of Economics Discussion Group

**F**aculty and students interested in the philosophy of economics met weekly through last summer to discuss seminal articles in the foundations of economics. They discussed the compatibility of efficiency with liberty, the methodology of economics, and the foundations of utility theory. The members of the group plan to continue the meetings throughout the coming year and to examine economic literature that makes controversial philosophical assumptions or has interesting philosophical implications. At their first meeting of the fall quarter the topic was "On the Foundations of Utility Theory."

### The Plato Discussion Group

**S**ince April 1987, a group of students and faculty have been meeting weekly to discuss the later dialogues of Plato. So far the group has devoted itself to the *Theaetetus* and the first half of the *Sophist*. The principle topics have been Plato's epistemology (the relation of perception to knowledge and of



knowledge to justified true belief) and Plato's view of the metaphysical nature of language in its relation to the world. The plan is to continue through the *Sophist*, beginning with the infamous discussion of the "the greatest kinds" and Plato's account of not-being and false belief.

## The Aesthetics and Arts Colloquium

**T**he newest of our groups is the Aesthetics and Arts Colloquium, which held its first meeting on Wednesday, October 21. Professor Gene Blocker, of the Department of Philosophy at Ohio University, was the speaker at that meeting. Professor Blocker is the author of *Philosophy of Art* (1979) and a specialist in aesthetics, ethics, and African philosophy. The group plans to meet once or twice each quarter to provide an occasion for faculty, students, and interested people from related fields to discuss contemporary and controversial issues in the arts and aesthetics.

## Spring Visitors

**A**s announced in the first issue of our newsletter, Professor Simon Blackburn of Oxford University will be visiting distinguished professor in the department this coming spring quarter. He will teach a graduate course on realism and another course to be announced. Professor Blackburn is editor of *Mind* and author of

*Spreading the Word* and of many other publications. Professor Michael Friedman of the University of Illinois at Chicago will be our second visitor in a planned series of short visits by distinguished professors from other departments. The first visitor in this series was Professor Jaegwon Kim of the University of Michigan, who visited the department in May 1986.

## Words from the Graduate Students

**T**he 1986-1987 academic year ended with the graduation of four of our doctoral candidates. Congratulations to Beth Cohen, David Drebusenko, Ted Metzler, and Martin Rice. Both Beth and David have taken positions as assistant professors for this coming year—Beth will be at Kenyon College, and David at Arizona State in Tempe, Arizona. Marty is a lecturer this fall at Ohio State at Newark, and Ted is presently in St. Louis doing research in artificial intelligence for the Defense Department. Congratulations are also extended to Ken Jones, Edward Kirkpatrick, Bill Desmond, and Roy Mattson, all of whom received master's degrees this year. Roy is teaching at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs; Bill and Ken are continuing their studies in the Ph.D. program here. We are also happy to report that Jim Kelly (Ph.D. 1983)

is now an assistant professor at Elmhurst College in Elmhurst, Illinois.

In addition to the activity in the job market, many of the graduate students have been active both presenting and publishing papers. Beth Cohen and Mitch Flower commented on papers at the Central Division APA meetings in Chicago last Spring. Erdinc Sayan's paper, "A Closer Look at the Chinese Nation Argument," was recently accepted by the *Philosophy Research Archives*, and Luise Morton has a joint publication with Tom Foster (an Ohio State alumnus now at Ball State University) entitled "God or Game Players: The Cosmos, William Paley, and Stanislaw Lem," which appeared in the *The Polish Review* (1987).

This new year brings 19 new graduate students into the department, including 10 teaching associates and two fellowship students. The Graduate Club's symposium series that was started last year proved successful and resumed this fall. Two symposia were "On Philosophical Methodology" and "What is the Place of the History of Philosophy in Philosophy?" Plans are also being made to continue the graduate lecture series.

The big event on the agenda for this year is the G.E. Moose Cup, the first annual graduate students vs. faculty basketball game. The game is scheduled to take place whenever the faculty players are in good enough shape.



## Teaching Workshop

**T**eaching associates are vital in the teaching of philosophy at Ohio State.

Many students take only one philosophy course and work closely with their TA. In large lecture sections, the professor is often a distant figure on a stage, but the TA is the one who leads discussions, answers questions, and evaluates the students' performance. For these students, their TA represents philosophy and what it is to be a philosopher.

To prepare our new TAs for this vital part in our teaching mission,

challenges and problems of teaching philosophy.

During the department's workshop, 14 new TAs held mock teaching sessions on the content of our beginning courses, participated in critical discussion of the mock teaching, viewed and critically evaluated TV tapes of their performances, and familiarized themselves with our computer-based tutorials for beginning logic. Throughout the week there were ten, ten-minute presentations on topics from beginning logic. One new TA would act as the instructor while the others would act as the class. The presentations were taped by Mike Almeida, one of our experienced graduate students.

twenty-minute mini-lecture by a faculty member on a typical topic from an introductory philosophy or ethics course. One of the new TAs would then hold a mock recitation session on the material just presented. The other workshop participants asked questions as if they were beginning undergraduates. After the mock recitation session, the faculty member who gave the mini-lecture led a discussion on the TA's performance and on expectations for TAs. This year Don Hubin and Andy Oldenquist volunteered to conduct the ethics sessions. George Pappas and Ivan Boh volunteered to lead discussion for the introductory philosophy sessions.

We closed the workshop by celebrating with a buffet supper and party at the home of Charles Kielkopf, who is the coordinator of the workshop activities.



The new graduate students, fall 1987

we invite them to come a week early for a five day intensive training workshop. This year the workshop was held between September 14 and September 18. In the mornings, at the Ohio Union, the University conducted seminars and practice sessions for all the new TAs. In the afternoons, the new philosophy TAs returned to University Hall to focus on the

After the logic presentations, there was a twenty-minute group discussion of the teaching performance. Later in the afternoons, participants had the opportunity to view their TV tapes privately.

On four of the afternoons, there were longer sessions on the teaching of ethics and other general problems in philosophy. These longer sessions would open with a

## Undergraduate Conference

**T**he Undergraduate Philosophy conference occurs each spring quarter. Last spring the conference began on Friday, May 8, with papers by Deborah Nichols (University of Pittsburgh) and Greg Jordan (Memphis State University). The featured speaker was Professor Raymond Smullyan (Indiana University), who entertained the guests with a paper entitled "Logicians who Reason about Themselves." Friday evening there was a dinner and a party at Professor Rosen's house. Saturday, the conference continued with papers by David A.



Raines (Wright State University), Robert Huggins (Ohio State University), and Gregory A. Corsten (Northern Michigan University). The Conference then adjourned to Dan Farrell's house for a farewell luncheon.

## Words from the Undergraduates

**T**he Undergraduate Philosophy Club meets on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in University Hall, room 347. The club welcomes undergraduates from all majors to meet in an informal setting to consider philosophical perspectives on issues of interest to many disciplines. We are concerned with both applied and theoretical philosophical problems and hope that our discussions will improve our skills in rational argumentation and make us better informed about differing and opposing views.

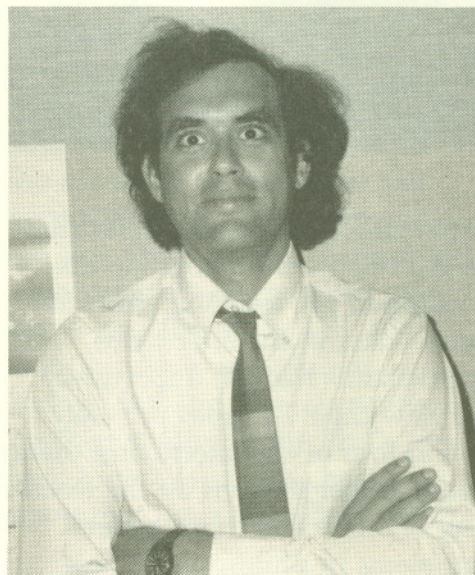
Most meetings feature a guest speaker. We welcome speakers from our own and other philosophy departments, from other academic areas, and from societies, groups, and organizations with expertise in areas of interest. Topics have included or will include censorship, creationism, constitutionality, beauty, justice, and truth. The year culminates in the annual Undergraduate Conference, which takes place over a weekend in the spring and includes a keynote address by a prominent philosopher and papers given by undergraduates from various universities. Faculty from within our department host dinner parties on conference days.

We are looking forward to a stimulating and informative year. Don Hubin is faculty adviser of the club. At press time, the members of the club were debating the topic of whether a philosophy club needed a president.

## New Faculty

**I**n the first issue our newsletter we featured our three newest faculty members, who joined the department in 1986. In this issue we drop back a year to introduce two of our faculty who joined the department in 1985.

**A**llan Silverman is a philosopher and classicist specializing in Plato and Aristotle. He received a B.A. in philosophy from Ohio State in 1978, an M.A. in Greek from the University of California at Berkeley in 1980, and a Ph.D. in classical philosophy from Berkeley in 1985. His studies also included stints at Cambridge University,



Allan Silverman

the University of Munich, and the British School of Classical Studies. His dissertation, *Studies in Plato's Theory of Knowledge*, is a study of the interrelation of Plato's epistemology, metaphysics, and semantic theory. An article, "The Metaphysics of Special Sensation," is scheduled to appear in the November 1987 *Proceedings of the Dayton University Aristotle Conference*. His presentations include "Plato on the Motivation of Virtue," presented at Morehouse College in 1986, and "Timaeus 47e ff.: Matter, Form, Participation, and Persistence." An invited paper with the title "Plato on Phantasia: the Missing Link" will be presented at the 1987 meetings of the American Philological Association.

Allan is currently at work on a paper on the nature of perception and thought in Plato. His plans include a book-length work on Plato's two worlds hypothesis. He teaches courses in his area of specialization, British empiricism, and Wittgenstein. When not doing philosophy, or trying to find the time to do philosophy, he frolics with his wife Ann and his children Elena (four) and Alexander (one and a half).

**S**andra D. Mitchell is a philosopher of science, specializing in biology and the social sciences. She received a B.A. from Pitzer College (1973); an M.Sc. in philosophy, logic, and scientific method from the London School of Economics (1975); and a Ph.D. in history and philosophy of science from the University of Pittsburgh (1987). Her dissertation, "Why" Functions



(in *Evolutionary Biology and Cultural Anthropology*), is a defense of an etiological approach to functional explanation. The September 1987 issue of *Philosophy of Science* included Sandy's article, "Competing Units of Selection?: A Case of Symbiosis." Another paper, "Can Sociobiology Adapt to Cultural Selection?," was presented at the 1986 biennial meeting of the Phi-



Sandy Mitchell

losophy of Science Association and will appear in A. Fine and P. Machamer (eds.) *PSA 1986 Volume Two*.

Sandy's current research concerns the structure of explanations of behavior, especially causal explanations and comparative analysis. She teaches courses in her areas of specialization as well as medical ethics. In her spare time she attempts to thrash her colleagues on the squash court and at the poker table, searches for rare Ohio birds, and takes long walks with her dog, Kiwi.

## Voyagers

In April, **George Pappas** and **Marshall Swain** attended a conference in Dubrovnik Yugoslavia. George read a paper "Interrelations between science and Metaphysics in Berkeley" and Marshall read a paper, "Can Distinct Events Cause Each Other?" In August George went to Brisbane Australia to read a paper "Berkeley's *Esse est Percipii* Argument." In October, Marshall traveled to the Catholic University of Louvain at Louvain-la-Neuve Belgium to present "Theories of Causation" at the Annual Quetelet Seminar.

**Andy Oldenquist** visited Kobe Japan in August and read a paper, "Can a moral community exist without retributive justice?"

**Jim Scanlan** is currently in Japan at the Slavic Research Center of Hokkaido University in Sapporo.

This fall, **Ivan Boh**, accompanied by his wife Magda, returned from a year of research at Martin Luther University in Halle, East Germany, and at Jagiellonska University in Krakow, Poland. Speaking about his trip, Ivan observed that philosophical discussion is considerably more polite and ritualized in East Germany than it is here, and he noted that, for better or worse, everyone seemed to assume that professors who state their opinions know what they are talking about. Though the living conditions in East Germany were austere, his hosts did everything in their power to accommodate him. He remarked that while many aspects of East German life are pleasant,

the quality of the air and of the newspapers left much to be desired.

**Sandy Mitchell**, **Charles Kielkopf**, and **Ron Laymon** all traveled to Russia last summer to attend the Eighth International Congress for Logic, Methodology, and the Philosophy of Science, August 17-22. Sandy read her paper, "Are Sociobiological Adaptation Explanations Legitimate?" The title of Charles' paper was "The Mathematical *A Priori* after Kitcher's Critique," and Ron's was called "Using Scott Domains to Explicate Idealized Data." They found examples of *glasnost* in the free markets, street artists, and open discussions, but they also noticed the persistence of the historic bureaucracy in the long lines and slips of paper that seemed to characterize much of Russian life. There was a relatively free exchange of ideas between Russians and foreigners and a great interest in talking with Westerners about all topics. The quality of philosophy appeared uneven to our travelers. In some matters the Russians were up to date, but in other areas their knowledge was sketchy. "Official" party philosophy was not taken seriously by all the Russians who attended the conference, and there was a lively interest in sociobiology, which is not an officially favored view in the Soviet Union. Visitors to the congress were hampered by the need to wait for translations, but also by further differences in the technical vocabularies of the Russians and the visitors from the West. In spite of the difficulties, Sandy, Charles, and Ron found the experience both interesting and rewarding.



## Bingham Award Goes to Scott Davison

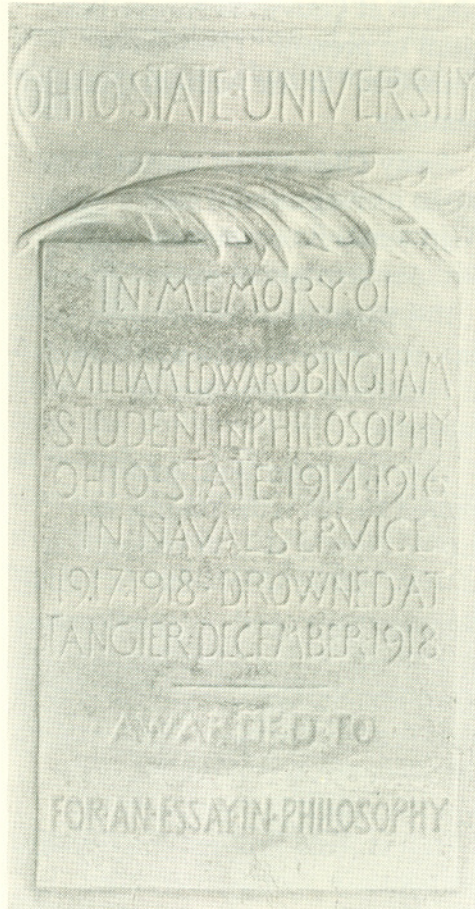
**T**he annual Bingham award ceremony was held last June honoring the winner of the Bingham Medal for the best undergraduate philosophy paper of the year. The winner was Scott Davison for his paper "Could God Foreknow Human Free Actions?"



The ceremony included a presentation of the medal, and the reading and discussion of Scott's paper was followed by a reception artfully catered by Dan Farrell. Scott graduated last June and is now working on an advanced degree

in philosophy with the department.

William E. Bingham was born in England in 1884. He was forced to quit school at the age of 14, and five years later he emigrated to Canada, where he prepared himself for college. He studied philosophy at Ohio State from 1914 to 1916 and then went on to Cornell to study for the Ph.D. In April 1917, he enlisted in the Navy and a year later graduated from Annapolis as an ensign. In November of 1918 he was married. He



returned to duty, and in less than a month he drowned when a boatload of sailors on patrol near Gibraltar capsized in a heavy sea. He lies in the Arlington National Cemetery.

The post-war philosophy stu-

dents here at Ohio State reacted to the untimely death of William Bingham first by producing a memorial issue of their yearbook, *The Thinker*, and then by deciding to create a prize in his memory. By 1921 a medal was produced by a famous French medalist and for a number of years the award was given. In 1936 there was no medal available for the recipient, and during the war, the dies were lost. An effort was made in 1944 to replace the dies, but it came to nothing. There are, in our files, receipts for a photograph of the medal, and it appears that the department awarded a picture of the medal to the winners of the prize. Books were part of the award as early as 1947; and in 1950 an award of \$25 was given for the purchase of books, but no medal was mentioned. An effort was made to cast a new medal in 1958, but again nothing came of it. Finally, in the '60s, a new medal was commissioned by the department and helped into existence by Bernie Rosen. Later, the club went into decline until it and the prize were reestablished with the help of Robert Kraut. Alan Hausman was then responsible for obtaining a new cast of the original medal, and at the present time, the club and the award are in good shape. The medal plus a substantial award for books is given each year.



## Bas van Fraassen Addresses Colloquium

**P**rofessor Bas van Fraassen, a member of the Philosophy Department of Princeton University, visited Ohio State on Thursday and Friday, November 12 and 13. Professor van Fraassen spoke in a Philosophy Colloquium on Friday afternoon on the subject, "What are Natural Laws?" His presentation addressed the question: "If there were such things as natural laws [that is, laws of nature], what would they be?" In his address he made it clear that he doubts that there are the kinds of natural laws which scientists and philosophers commonly believe in. He defended this view by examining a



Bas van Fraassen and Norman Mooradian

variety of accounts of laws of nature, and arguing that on none of those accounts is it possible to specify which regularities are laws. If van Fraassen is right, then the traditional distinction between laws of nature and "mere regularities" has often been radically misunderstood.

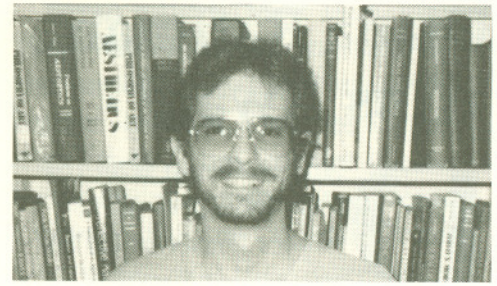
Professor van Fraassen's schedule precluded the usual post-colloquium dinner and party, but he

arrived in town on Thursday evening and spent a great deal of his visit talking with members of the department. On Thursday evening, he met with about a dozen of our graduate students at Larry's Tavern on High Street, and on Friday he met with students and faculty in the morning, at lunch at the Faculty Club, and during the afternoon in the Philosophy Commons.

## Mitch Flower Wins Fink Award

**E**veryone in the department was pleased at the announcement that this year's winner of the Fink Award for excellence in writing by a graduate student was Mitch Flower. He read his prize-winning paper, "On the Doctrine of Transcendental Idealism and the Distinction between Appearances and Things in Themselves," at the Eighth Annual Fink Award Ceremony and Colloquium on Friday, November 20. Mitch holds a B.A. degree from the University of Texas, an M.F.A. degree from the University of Minnesota, and a Ph.D. degree in theatre from The Ohio State University. He is currently completing work on a Ph.D. degree in philosophy.

The first prize this year was \$1,000, and we were also able to offer a second prize of \$300 and a third prize of \$200. Second place honors went to Dirk Baltzly for his paper "Classical Atomism and the Empiricist Conception of Laws of Nature." The third place award



Mitch Flower

went to Mike Almeida for a chapter of his dissertation on moral conflicts and deontic logic.

Following the ceremony, the winners, the judges, guests, and friends braved our first snow of the year and convened for dinner at a restaurant in German Village, where our waiter turned out to be a student who had once won the Bingham award for undergraduate excellence in writing.

## Calvin Normore Named Adjunct Professor

**T**he Department is pleased to announce the appointment of Calvin Normore as adjunct professor. He is among the most distinguished historians of philosophy in the country, with specialization in medieval philosophy and the history of logic. His interests are wide-ranging, however, extending to contemporary work in semantics, ethics, and theory of rational action. Professor Normore will maintain an affiliation with the University of Toronto, where he presently teaches, but will now be in residence in our department on a half-time basis. He will join the department officially in the spring quarter of 1989.



## Diana Raffman Wins Award

**D**iana Raffman won the 1986 *Review of Metaphysics* Dissertation Essay Award for her paper entitled "Toward a Cognitive Theory of Musical Ineffability." The award is given each year for the best essay based on a candidate's dissertation. The prize is publication in the *Review of Metaphysics* and \$500.

## Words from the Alumni

**I**n the first number of *Logos* we invited our former students to let us know where they are and what they have been doing. The response was gratifying. Some have continued in philosophy to more advanced degrees or to jobs at colleges and universities, but many have found or created interesting and often unusual careers in other areas. Here is what happened, and is happening, to some of them.

**Mark Lance** (B.A. 1983) is beginning his fifth and final year of graduate work at the University of Pittsburgh, writing a dissertation in the philosophy of language, logic, and epistemology. He is looking forward to being on the job market this December at the New York meetings and to seeing some of his old Ohio State associates there.

**Vernon R. Smith** (B.A. 1986) graduated from Ohio State with a B.A. in philosophy and another in history and will be serving as a

Peace Corps volunteer in the Marshall Islands till 1988. "Specifically much of my work focuses on educating people to help counter the serious problems of malnutrition and diarrhea that are responsible for many deaths of children here."

**Roy Prange** (M.A. 1968) received a law degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1975 and since then has been a practicing attorney in Madison, Wisconsin, specializing as a trial lawyer in commercial litigation.

**Norman Spitzig** (M.A. 1974) writes in the preface to his forthcoming book *Perspectives in Club Management* that good fortune and a meager stipend as a teaching associate for the department led him to take a part-time job at the Scioto Country Club. This evolved into an assistant manager's position there, and led to 10 years of "working in and writing for and about the club industry."

**Susan Josephson** (Ph.D. 1981) has been teaching philosophy at the Columbus College of Art and Design since 1972. She has exhibited at the CCAD Faculty Art Show and is a senior researcher at the Ohio State University Laboratory for Artificial Intelligence Research, where she recently spoke on art and information processing. She is currently working on a book, *The Power of Art*.

**John Josephson** (Ph.D. 1982) is assistant director of the Laboratory for Artificial Intelligence Research of the Department of Computer and Information Science at Ohio State. He lists his responsibilities as "research, design, and development of knowledge-based systems" and has a number of related publications and presentations to

his credit. In 1985 he was coauthor of a paper that won the Best Paper Award at the Hawaii International Conference for Systems Science.

**Mike Wagner** (Ph.D. 1979) is now an associate professor in the Department of Philosophy at the University of San Diego, where he has been since his graduation from Ohio State. He has continued to work on Medieval philosophy and Plotinus and has a number of papers in print and forthcoming. He has been secretary-treasurer of the International Society for Neoplatonic Studies since 1982 and is on the Executive Council of the Medieval Association of the Pacific.

**Ronald Glass** (Ph.D. 1972) is now an associate professor in the Department of Philosophy at the University of Wisconsin at La Crosse. His critical paper, "Why God and Rationality Might Not Endorse Plantinga's Version of Coherentism," was accepted for presentation at the recent meetings of the Wisconsin Philosophical Association.

**Andy Shupala** and his wife are spending two years in China (probably in Nanjing) teaching English. He said that letters and visitors would be welcome, but he didn't give his address.

**Philip Jacobs** (M.A. 1980) finished a Ph.D. in philosophy at Boston College with a dissertation concerning the presence of normative rules as conditions for objectivity in the writings of C.S. Peirce.

**Ray Martin** (M.A. 1964) is currently associate professor of philosophy at the University of Maryland. He will be visiting professor of philosophy at the Uni-



**Jeffrey Brethauer** (M.A. 1977) has worked at a variety of jobs "including dressing up in costume and demonstrating colonial farming at a 'living history' museum, driving a forklift, unloading trucks, picking apples, working in a greenhouse, working as a sack

**Gene Katz** (B.A. 1960) received an M.S. in education and Social Studies from Case Western Reserve University; a J.D. from Cleveland State University, Cleveland Marshall College of Law; and an M.B.A. from Baldwin Wallace College. Gene manages a medium size manufacturing firm in Lorain County, Ohio, and is an adjunct professor of philosophy at Notre Dame College of Ohio.

**Sarah Emery** (M.A. 1938, Ph.D. 1942) held teaching positions at the Junior College of Packer Collegiate Institute, Syracuse University, Triple Cities College of Syracuse University (now Harper College), Hollins College, Duke University, and the University of Plano. She is now retired and has most recently written for children (*A Donkey's Life: a Story for Children*), taught creative writing to senior citizens, and edited two collections of the writings of senior citizens (*I Remember* and *The Strength to Climb*). She retains her life-long interest in Plato and is currently working on some Athenian choruses to accompany Plato's account of the trial and death of Socrates.

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# Calendar of Events for 1987-88

**October 2:** Department colloquium with Professor *Robert Stalnaker* of Cornell University: "On What's in the Head?"

**October 16-18:** Conference on Social Choice Theory and the Theory of Rational Bargaining.

**October 16:** *Jules Coleman:* The Market Paradigm. *Edward Green:* Beyond the Wilt Chamberlain Argument.

**October 17:** *Ken Binmore:* Social Contract and Bargaining. *Ellery Eells* and *William Harper:* Ratificationism and Sen's alpha and beta Conditions. *Edward McClellenn:* Rationality and Dynamic Choice. *Tatsuro Ichiishi:* Welfare Comparison Based

upon the Core: a Cooperative Solution Concept.

**October 18:** Informal Discussion by conference participants.

**November 6:** Department colloquium with Professor *Carolyn McMullen* of the University of Illinois, Chicago: "What One Man Does Only Once in his Life."

**November 13:** Department colloquium with Professor *Bas van Fraassen* of Princeton University: "What are Natural Laws?"

**November 20:** Award ceremony for the William H. Fink Prize in Philosophy.

**January 8:** Department colloquium with Professor *Andrew Old-*

*enquist* of The Ohio State University: "Explanation of Retribution."

**January 15:** Department Colloquium with Professor *John P. Burgess* of Princeton University.

**March 4:** Department colloquium with Professor *Alan Code* of the University of California at Berkeley.

**April 8:** Department colloquium with Professor *Calvin Normore* of the University of Toronto and The Ohio State University.

**April 22:** Department colloquium with Professor *Geoffrey Sayre McCord* of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

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