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Special points of interest:

- **Prof's Wirkus and Mooney are tentatively planning to co-teach a seminar on Hegel and Plato in the Spring Term, 2004.**
- **Mooney invites interested PL grads, especially those with interests in Ancient philosophy, to participate in the PL 210 Blackboard. For more information, please contact pmooney@jcu.edu.**
- **Mooney requests interested PL grads, especially those with interests in ancient philosophy, to volunteer to comment on and proofread manuscript drafts. For more information, please contact Mooney at pmooney@jcu.edu**
- **The department seminar for this semester is Mr. Gunderson's "Theory of Action". Dr. Swindal is also participating.**
- **Dr. Kaye is publishing an article co-written with undergraduate Melissa Milavec for the forthcoming Open Court volume entitled Buffy the Vampire Slayer and Philosophy. Kaye and Milavec will present the substance of their argument in a poster session at JCU's Celebration of Scholarship 2003.**
- **Dr. Ortega will be offering a new course next Fall, PL 398, Japan: Modernity, Beauty and Self.**

NEWSLETTER FOR THE PHILOSOPHY DEPARTMENT

(Acting) Chair's corner:

Welcome to the first issue of our department newsletter! Eileen Murphy has generously agreed to edit this for us. Please send her any contributions you have about yourself—or any graduates you might know about—to emurphy@jcu.edu.



Dr. Wirkus is on sabbatical, writing away on various projects she finally has time to complete—so we wish her the best.

Our philosophy department will host the third annual Foucault Circle, February 28-March 2. Dr. Dianna Taylor is co-chairing the event. In conjunction with this, the

Dr. Brenda Wirkus received a Grauel Fellowship for the spring semester and is on leave working on a special project.

Dr. Earl Spurgin will be presenting a paper, "The Problem with 'Dead Peasants' Insurance" at the 12th Annual Meeting of the Association for Practical and Professional Ethics in Charlotte, NC, Feb. 27-March 2, 2003. He will also be a judge at the Ninth Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl which will be held in conjunction with the conference in NC.

Dr. Nlandu is scheduled to present a paper entitled "Philosophy and the Fallacy of Infallibility: In Defense of an

department is also sponsoring a talk by Fr. James Bernauer (Boston College) on Thursday, February 27, 7:30PM entitled "Michel Foucault: Philosopher of the Christian Present?"

The philosophy club is presenting a student led discussion on the situation in Iraq entitled "The Ethics and Philosophy of War." It is scheduled for Feb. 25, 7PM in SC 168.

Jim Swindal



Just Keeping Busy

Interdisciplinary Approach to Cognition" at the 21st World Congress of Philosophy to be held in Istanbul, Turkey, August 10-17, 2003. The Congress' theme is "Philosophy Facing World Problems."

Fr. Gensler has accepted an invitation to author an encyclopedia on logic for Scarecrow Press. Scarecrow puts out reference encyclopedias on a number of subjects (the JCU library currently has 80 of them). Dr. Sharon Kaye presented a colloquium paper entitled "Buridan's Ass and Peter John Olivi" at the Eastern Division Meeting of the APA.

Dr. Ortega will be presenting

Graduates' Column



It is our hope that you will inform us of where you are and what you are doing and we in turn will tell you about what we are up to here in the department, for instance: Mat Foust will be presenting papers at upcoming conferences: at the University of Hawaii, March 6-7, "The Need for a Recovery of Aesthetic Consciousness: Dewey, Gadamer, and Experience as Experience", and on March 15 at Kent State, a paper titled "Against Spinoza's View of Animal rights."



her essay "Homogeneity, Memory, and Self: New Latina and Asian Voices in the 'American' Intellectual Landscape" at the March 2003 meeting of the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy in Denver, Colorado and at the March 2003 meeting of the American Philosophical Association in San Francisco, CA. Dr. Ortega also has been invited by the Karl Jaspers Society to present an article for the APA's December meeting.

