



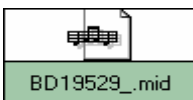
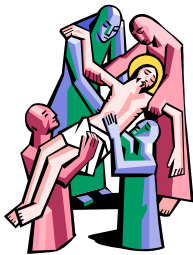
LOGOS

MARCH, 2005 NEWSLETTER FOR PHILOSOPHY

Special points of interest:



- Professor Sharon Kaye will be teaching a night class for JCU's continuing education program this fall on the film "I Heart Huckabees."
- Congratulations to Dr. Brenda A. Wirkus who, has been promoted to full professorship.
- Senior philosophy major, Heinrich Hellwig, has been accepted into the Graduate Program at Texas A&M.
- Tom Piergastini and Dana Dombrowski were part of a panel on student activism at the Celebration of Scholarship this past month. We also have several senior majors who are waiting by the mailbox these days for acceptances from graduate schools in philosophy. Best of luck to them!



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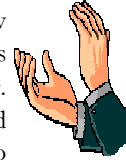
Chair's Corner

We had two Shula speakers in the last month. Early in the month, John McCumber (UCLA) gave two interesting presentations on the state of philosophy in the United States after 9/11. Two weeks later Todd May (Clemson) gave a talk on Michel Foucault's spiritual exercises. The philosophy club co-sponsored the May talk.



Graduate's Column

Benjamin Danisek ('00), has been admitted to all five of the law schools that he has applied to this year. He has been offered full scholarships to Akron and Cleveland Marshall, partials to Dayton and Case Western and OSU is finalizing things in that department this week. As of this writing he is not sure where he will be going. He has ruled out Dayton and Akron but now has to choose between, Cleveland Marshall, OSU, and Case.



Great indebtedness does not make men grateful, but vengeful; and if a little charity is not forgotten, it turns into a gnawing worm.

**Friedrich Nietzsche
—Thus Spake Zarathustra**

KEEPING BUSY

Philosophical Humor

A philosopher once had the following dream.

First Aristotle appeared, and the philosopher said to him, "Could you give me a fifteen-minute capsule sketch of your entire philosophy?" To the philosopher's surprise, Aristotle gave him an excellent exposition in which he compressed an enormous amount of material into a mere fifteen minutes. But then the philosopher raised a certain objection which Aristotle couldn't answer. Confounded, Aristotle disappeared.

Then Plato appeared. The same thing happened again, and the philosophers' objection to Plato was the same as his objection to Aristotle. Plato also couldn't answer it and disappeared.

Then all the famous philosophers of history appeared one-by-one and our philosopher

refuted everyone with the same objection.

After the last philosopher vanished, our philosopher said to himself, "I know I'm asleep and dreaming all of this, yet I found a universal refutation for all philosophical systems! Tomorrow when I wake up, I will probably have forgotten it, and the world will really miss something!" With an iron effort, the philosopher forced himself to wake up, rush over to his desk, and write down his universal refutation. Then he jumped back into bed with a sigh of relief.

The next morning when he awoke, he went over to the desk to see what he had written. It was, "That's what you say." [From Raymond Smullyan, 5000 B.C. and Other Philosophical Fantasies. St. Martin's Press, 1983]

