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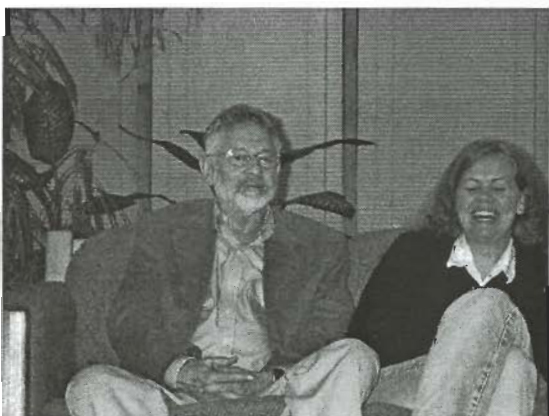
Dear Classics and Philosophy Majors and Alumni,

Spring, the time of renewal, growth and fluffiness, is upon us and with it comes another issue of the beloved *Dialectic*. As you may have noticed *The Dialectic* is slightly late in coming this semester. Things have been so busy in our Department that we have had to push back the release of our much anticipated newsletter (not to mention that pesky spring break). Already the Department has hosted two speaking events this semester – and has still other events planned. So here it is, a complete and horribly graphic rundown of what the crazies in Philosophy and Humanities at UTA are up to. Enjoy.

Gary Robinson
President
Philosophy Club at UTA

Robert Gordon Lecture “Pretense and Belief Ascription” Comes Off Without a Hitch No one was injured

On Thursday March 7th the Department was honored to host guest lecturer Robert Gordon from the Department of Philosophy at the University of Missouri—St. Louis. A crowd of about 20 gathered to hear Professor Gordon discuss some of his recent work and its relation to “simulation theory.” Professor Gordon also attended a lunch-time meeting of the Philosophy Reading Group on that Friday. Pictures from the party/reception on Friday evening follow.



Maria Schneider cracks up, as Professor Gordon tells another whopper!



Philosophers pose for official picture with Professor Gordon

Adventures in Antiquity

This time they dug some stuff up!

“Adventures in Antiquity” took place on Tuesday, March 26th. There were two items of business: The first was to announce the winner of the Carvey Student Essay Competition (the prize is \$300.00): Carmin Langford. The second was to hear Professor Gregory Warden of Southern Methodist University deliver an illustrated (slide-enhanced) talk entitled, “The Etruscans in Life and Death: New Archaeological Evidence.” Professor Warden is a prominent name in Etruscan studies and an engaging speaker. After his talk, everyone came back to the Department office for cookies and soft drinks.

New Course, Fall 2002

**Philosophy 4387: Business Ethics
Don't pull an Enron**

Business ethics is never far from the headlines, and with the recent Enron collapse it has been on the front pages throughout the country. In this course, students will work on developing the conceptual and practical tools that business people can use effectively to address the ethical issues with which they are confronted.

Professor Mahoney – who is teaching the course – has a Masters in Management



from Kellogg Graduate School of Management (Northwestern). He also worked in public accounting for two years as a CPA, before becoming a financial consultant and eventually a Certified Financial Analyst and vice president at the firm of Duff & Phelps in Chicago. All this was before getting his Ph.D. in Philosophy. What a world!

Jay Budziszewski of UT-Austin Spoke March 25th
No, you can't call him J-Bud for short

Professor Jay Budziszewski, an associate professor with joint appointments in the departments of Philosophy and Government at UT-Austin, was on campus Monday, March 25th. Among other things, he gave a talk entitled, "Natural Law and the Problem of Tolerance." He is a defender of the natural-law tradition.



Philosophy Club

Neither bought for gold, nor to the Devil sold.

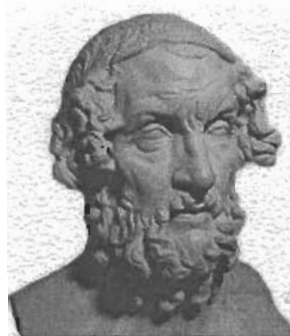
Nowhere is growth and increased interest in philosophy at UTA more evident than at the weekly Philosophy Club meetings. With many new members and the old wily veterans, there has even been trouble having enough chairs for everyone. When this happens we have a polka dance-off to see who gets a seat and who stands. With topics ranging from Occidentalism to the philosophy of fashion (wow!) the conversation stays interesting and as always, fun. The Philosophy Club continues to meet weekly on Wednesdays at noon in 313 Carlisle Hall. See you there.

Homerathon

More fun than fishing with dynamite

Wednesday April 17th is the date of this year's Homerathon, an all-day oral recitation of Homer's

Odyssey. It will take place in the Engineering Mall just southeast of Nedderman Hall. Instead of launching plastic rockets like those troublesome engineering students, we shall be launching forth the timeless prose of Homer. We're looking for volunteers (students, their families, friends) to read 15-minute excerpts from Homer's text. Not only do you get to read Homer but you also get to wear a cool "period" hat. Can one ask for more? Those who are interested can sign up on-line this year at the following web address: <http://honors.uta.edu/classics/>.



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