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From The Chair

In the last issue of *TPN* I reported that the long-awaited renovation of the Department's central premises was imminent. Now I can report that it has finally happened. The outcome is described elsewhere on this page, but that is only part of the story. I will spare fainthearted readers details of the past summer when we tried to keep the Department operating with a semblance of efficiency amid clutter, noise, dust, dislocation, and a mysterious invasion of spiders.

Furthermore, as anyone who has renovated their house can testify, the First Law of Renovation is: *Nothing is ever finished on schedule.* Through the fall term we have been trying to maintain normal functioning while also phasing in our new facilities. Were it not for the patience and tenacity of our office staff, this would have been a hopeless undertaking.

We have finally come to adopt the (dare I say it) philosophical view that the end has amply justified the means. I hope that you will be able to come by sometime to judge for yourselves.

Elsewhere in this issue of *TPN* you will find profiles of our two newest faculty members, news of recent honours bestowed on members of the Department, various other tidbits of faculty news, and an invitation to join us at philosophical activities in the spring term.

Sadly, you will also find Derek Allen's obituary for Helen Hardy, who died in September. Many of you will have memories of Helen in the classroom, or in her office at Trinity College. I am sure that you will share our sadness over her loss.

Wayne Sumner

Renovation and Renewal



Graduate Study Room

What has emerged from the renovation process is a department whose physical space has been reshaped in a number of important ways.

The changes are most dramatic on the tenth floor, where an L-shaped Graduate Study Room now contains thirty carrels, each with its own dataline for laptop computers. These carrels have been assigned

to graduate students, with highest priority going to entering M.A. and Ph.D. students who are unable to obtain study carrels in Robarts Library. This is the first time in the history of the Department that it has been able to provide dedicated study space for its students.

Next door to the Study Room is a relocated and expanded Computer Centre with five workstations. The Centre, which functions as a resource principally for graduate students, will now be able to accommodate more clients and is brighter and more user-friendly than its windowless predecessor. It is slowly coming into operation, although much upgrading of its equipment remains to be done.

The Tenth Floor Lounge has also been reshaped, with its western end now given over to offices for graduate instructors and tutors. Although slightly smaller than before, the Lounge is now more efficiently laid out and will also be much more attractive, once its refurnishing is complete.

The changes on the ninth floor, though less widespread, are just as important to the life of the Department. We have combined a number of small interior offices to form a large bright Conference Room capable of seating seventy for classes, colloquia, and Department meetings. No longer will philosophers be roving gypsies looking for some suitable place on campus to assemble.

But it is the last space to be visited on this imaginary tour which is the centrepiece of the entire project. Occupying two adjacent rooms in a corner of the ninth floor is the David Savan Philosophy Library, home to a reference collection of the most frequently consulted philosophy journals and of the

principal works in the history of philosophy. The Library is still in evolution, as those responsible for its operation take stock of our present holdings and arrange new acquisitions. It will open its doors to students and faculty early in the new year.

This is an important period in the history of the Department. Like the rest of the University, indeed like most of the country, we are currently in the midst of coping with the demanding arithmetic of doing more (teaching more students, carrying out more research, reaching out more into the community) with less. It is easy in these circumstances to become fatalistic or demoralized. Yet somehow during these worst of times we have managed to carry out a significant restructuring of our workplace and our academic lives, one which enables us to face the coming years with a sense of hope and renewal.

In seven years, at the end of the millennium, the Department will celebrate its 150th anniversary. From humble beginnings, we have come a long way. And we are not finished yet.



Graduate Study Room: another view

How You Can Help

The renovation has given us the space we need but not the means to take advantage of it. The Computer Centre needs new equipment, the Lounge needs new furniture, the Conference Room needs seating capacity, and, above all, the Library needs books, journals, equipment, furnishings, and paid staff.

The University can offer us no resources for these special ventures. Unless we are able to raise the necessary funds, the space we have acquired will remain mere potential. In short, we need your help.

We would not ask you to support any venture which we are not prepared to support ourselves. The Department's faculty have been outstanding in their generosity, with both cash donations and offers of books and journals for the Library collection. But we cannot do it alone.

There are two ways in which you can help. Many of you will be contacted, at some point during the year, by canvassers for the University's Annual Fund. In addition to any contribution you might wish to make to your College, or to the President's Fund, you can designate the Philosophy Department as the recipient of a donation. All gifts received in this way will be added to the Library Fund.

You can also support the Library Fund at any time by sending a contribution directly to the Department. Cheques or money orders should be made payable to the Savan Library Fund, University of Toronto. Be sure to include a return address, so that we may send you a receipt for income tax purposes.

Regardless of the way in which you choose to support the Library, we can offer you as a reward our own modest approximation of immortality. For every \$50 you contribute, we will put a handsome bookplate in one of the books in the Library collection commemorating the fact that this volume was acquired due to your generosity. Students using the Library for years to come will therefore know whom to thank for the materials from which they are benefiting.



Helen Hardy 1923 - 1993

Helen McArthur Hardy, retired professor of philosophy at the University of Toronto and retired fellow of Trinity College, died on September 27, 1993 at the age of 70.

Helen was born on May 24, 1923 in London, Ontario and attended primary school in Kingston and secondary school in Toronto, where she was a student at Havergal College and North Toronto Collegiate Institute. In 1941 she entered Trinity College, University of Toronto. Her special academic interest while she was an undergraduate was biology. Following her graduation with a B.A., in 1944, she worked as a research assistant for Dr. Norma Ford Walker in the Department of Biology at the University of Toronto, a position she held until 1947, when she married Patrick Hardy. In the course of her biological studies she became interested in a question that is today among the leading concerns of bioethics - the question of the ethical significance of genetic research. It was this question that brought her to philosophy. In 1952, now the mother of two daughters, she returned to the University of Toronto for a make-up year of undergraduate philosophy courses. In the following year she completed an M.A. in philosophy with a thesis not in ethics, as one might have expected, but in metaphysics, on the topic of time. She then embarked upon a Ph.D. programme, still at the University of Toronto, and wrote a dissertation on causality in emergent evolution under the supervision of Professors Thomas Goudge and David Savan. In her dissertation she considered two opposed views of causality - a mechanistic view and a functionalist view - and proposed a third, "reconciliatory" view that aimed to account for "the causal relationship in the [evolutionary] process where novelty (or increased complexity) has demonstrably occurred". She successfully defended her dissertation in 1958 before a committee whose members included Professors Fulton Anderson, George Edison, Marcus Long, and Robert McRae.

Two years previously she had been appointed a lecturer in ethics at Trinity College, and she retained a teaching appointment at Trinity until her retirement in 1988. She was also a member of this Department, initially by cross-appointment. In 1974, when the Memorandum of Understanding between the colleges and the University was signed, our Department had some 50 full-time faculty members

on the St. George campus, of whom only three were women. It is a significant fact about Helen's career that for years she was one of a tiny number of women philosophers whom her department could offer to its women students as role models. She minded, and properly so, being almost the only woman at departmental meetings during that period. But she did not hesitate to speak out in support of causes to which she was committed. These typically concerned the undergraduate curriculum. And here she was responsible for a noteworthy initiative - the creation of a course on the subject of ethics and law. From the start the course was highly popular, and it is now one of two required courses in the major programme Ethics, Society and Law. This programme, one of four sponsored by Trinity College, owes its existence partly to Helen. She and a colleague in the Faculty of Law, Prof. Stephen Waddams, were its originators.

Helen's teaching interests lay primarily in the area of ethics, but not exclusively. She also taught courses in aesthetics, philosophy and literature, and the philosophy of education. Her interest in education no doubt derived in part from her father, the late Duncan McArthur, who served as Ontario's Minister of Education from 1940 to 1943 and after whom Duncan McArthur Hall of the Faculty of Education at Queen's University is named. But her interest in the *philosophy* of education derived largely from Plato. Plato's *Republic* was her favourite philosophical text. And in that text she had a favourite passage - the passage in which Socrates famously declares, in George Grube's translation, that "[c]ities will have no respite from evil, . . . nor will the human race, . . . unless philosophers rule as kings in the cities, or those whom we now call kings and rulers genuinely and adequately study philosophy, until, that is, political power and philosophy coalesce, and the various natures of those who now pursue the one to the exclusion of the other are forcibly debarred from doing so" (473d).

Helen did not herself pursue political power, but she did serve briefly as a member of the Ontario Parole Board. Most of her other service commitments she made to Trinity, where she was a member of the Library Committee and the St. Hilda's Building Committee. She chaired a committee that raised funds to help pay for the George Ignatieff Theatre. And she was the first woman to be Chair of the Senior Common Room, a position she held for six years. The list of her contributions to the College outside the classroom continues, but it is the contribution that she made as a teacher on which I wish to dwell.

She was a teacher of mine in my first undergraduate year. Those of us who studied with her found in her tutorials a place where we could express our own ideas, however haltingly and

inadequately, without feeling intimidated by an omniscient professor. Helen had a genius for putting first-year students at their ease. She soon convinced us that she wanted to hear what we had to say. As a result, we said a lot, and it was fun. Perhaps she had taken to heart a principle that Plato has Socrates affirm after the passage I quoted a moment ago - the principle that, as Grube states it in commentary, the young must be taught in play. Not that Helen needed help from Plato. She had only to be herself - amusing, forthright, down-to-earth, her gown forever slipping off her shoulders. But there was something else that we sensed from the start - she cared about us. Her office door was always open. And to many of her students she and Patrick opened the door of their beautiful home on Warren Road. We were welcome there. And we were welcome after we graduated, wherever Helen happened to be. In 1971 she was in London, on a half-sabbatical. A number of former students of hers were in England at the same time doing graduate work, and to them Helen opened her flat, which

inevitably became known as Trinity House. And there was an evening when she took as many of us as she could find to see *The Canterbury Tales*. In Helen we had a friend.

She spent most of the last five months of her life in the intensive care unit of Women's College Hospital, but her courage never faltered. She was determined to get home, and for a brief while she did - thanks in no small measure to her own will-power. I became certain that she would when on one visit I found her hooked up to a dozen machines, only to hear her complain to me bitterly, and characteristically, that she couldn't even get an aspirin.

Helen embodied an ideal close to the heart of her college - the ideal of the dedicated teacher. For more than 30 years her college was at the centre of her life, and to it she gave richly. Her colleagues there are grateful. They will miss her, and so will her colleagues in this department.

Derek Allen

In Brief

Derek Allen is one of eighteen faculty members in Ontario to receive one of the **Lieutenant Governor's Awards for Teaching Excellence**.

The Awards, which were inaugurated this year by the Alliance for Ontario Universities, are intended to honour outstanding teachers in the province. They were presented on November 10 at a dinner in the Royal York's Imperial Room.

Charles Hanly has been elected a vice-president of the **International Psychoanalytical Association**. He will serve as a member of the Association's executive council, which is responsible for scientific and professional policy in the field of psychoanalysis around the world, as well as for training standards and the accreditation of psychoanalytic institutes.

Tom Robinson has been elected President of the Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy for a two-year term. The Society, which draws its membership from North American scholars in Greek philosophy, holds four meetings every year in conjunction with the American Philosophical Association and the American Philological Association. It also publishes periodic volumes of papers presented at these meetings.

Passages

Last June 30 **Don Evans** retired after a teaching career of nearly thirty years in the Department.

At the other end of the career path, **David Dyzenhaus**, **Lynda Lange**, and **Cheryl Misak** were all awarded tenure and promoted to the rank of Associate Professor effective 1 July. At the same time, **Calvin Normore** was promoted to the rank of Professor.

Finally, **Barry Brown** has taken over the post of Undergraduate Coordinator and Associate Chair for a term of three years.

New Faculty Profiles

This year the Department is delighted to welcome two new members to its permanent complement.



Laura Shanner

Laura Shanner joins the Department from Georgetown University and the Kennedy Institute of Ethics, where she is currently completing her Ph.D. Her graduate work has centred on bioethics, with special interests in reproductive issues, women in medicine, and feminist theory. She has taught ethics, logic, and bioethics at Georgetown, Johns Hopkins, and the University of the District of Columbia.

Laura spent 1990 in Australia on a grant from the ITT Corporation, awarded through the Fulbright competition, to study ethics in the clinical practice of reproductive technologies. Other work has included publications in cosmetic surgery and a recent conference paper on Taoist images of health care.

Laura's appointment was under the auspices of the I'Anson Professorships programme, administered by the Connaught Committee of the University of Toronto, which facilitates the hiring of junior faculty in innovative areas in the health sciences. Her services are shared equally by the Department and the Centre for Bioethics. She is often to be seen on College Street running between her two academic homes.

If Laura is a recent arrival in this country, **Ingrid Stefanovic** is a Toronto veteran, having done her undergraduate work here in philosophy and completed her Ph.D. with us in 1979. Since that time she has taught at a number of major universities across Canada, and her research focus has come to be directed toward environmental philosophy and phenomenology.

For ten years Ingrid also served as Director of Research in the firm of Lemman Group Inc., Consultants on Human Settlements. In this position she had prime responsibility for all social and urban planning research activities relating to facilities programming, policy evaluation, and urban design strategy development, and for directing the communications and publications activities of the firm.

She is currently a team member on a Tri-Council Eco-Research Grant studying Sustainable Development of the Hamilton Harbour Ecosystem. Her responsibility lies in providing the integrative, interdisciplinary framework for the project, and in investigating the philosophical foundations of attitudes and key concepts of interdisciplinary environmental research.

Another grant is supporting research on the Role of a Code of Ethics in Provincial Parks Management. The aim here is to ensure that the need for codes of ethics is recognized in the drafting of the new Parks Act.

Besides the teaching she will be contributing to the Department's undergraduate and graduate programmes, Ingrid's interests equip her ideally to play an active role in the Faculty of Arts and Science's new Division of the Environment.



Ingrid Stefanovic

Upcoming Events

Philosophy alumni/ae are welcome at all of the following events on the Department's calendar for the spring term. Further details are available by contacting the Department at 978-3311.

Philosophical Perspectives on Bioethics

All talks in this series are held in the Department's Conference Room, ninth floor, 215 Huron Street.

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| January 12 | 4:00 | Christine Overall (Queen's) |
| January 26 | 4:00 | Earl Winkler (UBC) |
| February 9 | 4:00 | Kathryn Morgan (Toronto) |
| March 2 | 4:00 | Susan Sherwin (Dalhousie) |
| March 16 | 4:00 | Al Jonsen (Washington) |
| March 30 | 4:00 | Norman Daniels (Tufts) |
| April 13 | 4:00 | Laura Shanner (Toronto) |

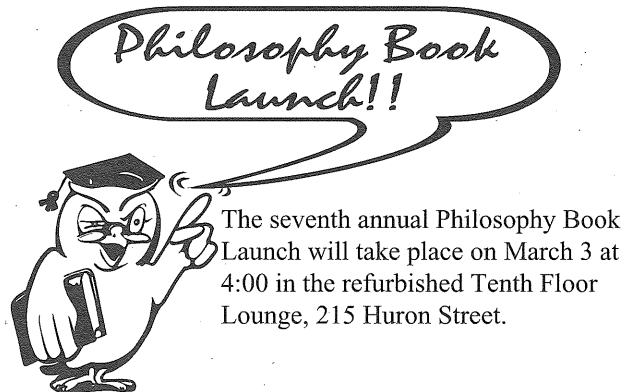
Departmental Colloquia

All talks are held in Room 179, University College and followed by a reception in Croft Chapter House.

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| January 27 | 4:00 | Anthony Appiah (Harvard) |
| February 10 | 4:00 | Arthur Fine (Northwestern) |
| March 15 | 7:30 | Michael Walzer (Princeton) |
| April 7 | 4:00 | Nancy Fraser (Northwestern) |

Simon Lectures

This year's Simon Lecturer is David Kaplan (UCLA). The Lectures will be delivered in Room 140, University College, at 4:00 on March 22, 24, 29, and 31.



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