

# The Phi Sigma Tau

Bulletin

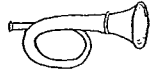
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## SOUTHWEST TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY PHILOSOPHY DEPARTMENT TO CELEBRATE 20th ANNIVERSARY DURING HOMECOMING 1997



Calling all philosophy students, alumni, and friends of philosophy.



Twenty years ago philosophy became an independent discipline at SWT with the establishment of the SWT philosophy department. A departmental open house, an alumni banquet, and a student/alumni philosophy symposium have been scheduled for October 24-25 (Homecoming) to commemorate this auspicious occasion. This special issue of the newsletter is being published to encourage all those currently or formerly affiliated with the department to participate in the celebration.

### ALUMNI SEARCH

The insert in this newsletter provides names and addresses of SWT alumni who majored or minored in philosophy. There may be omissions, and some of the names and addresses may not be current. Please let us know of any persons whose names should be added to the list or of any name and/or address changes of which you are aware. Meanwhile, use the list to contact some friends and start making plans for October 24-25. (It's not often you get a second chance to celebrate a 20th birthday.)

October 24 (Friday)

**DEPARTMENTAL OPEN HOUSE . . . . . 9:00-4:00**  
Liberal Arts Building, Room 367

Take a tour of the department, visit with professors and students, and enjoy some light refreshments and good conversation in the Dialogue Room, LA 367.

**ANNIVERSARY BANQUET . . . . . 7:00-9:00**  
The University Club (Commons Cafeteria, lower level)

Join us for dinner and a review of the history of philosophy at SWT as well as a look ahead to the future. Note: There will be an "open mike" period for those who wish to register fond reminiscences, past traumas, intellectual enlightenment, or lingering cognitive dissonance. (See the banquet reservation form on page 2.)

October 25 (Saturday)

**SWT PHILOSOPHY SYMPOSIUM**  
Liberal Arts Building

**Morning Session: . . . . . 10:00-12:00**  
**Afternoon Session: . . . . . 2:00-4:00**

The SWT chapter of *Phi Sigma Tau*, the philosophy honor society, is sponsoring its first student symposium in conjunction with our 20th anniversary. SWT philosophy alumni are invited to participate in this symposium, either as active observers or presenters. For more information on the symposium, please see the Call for Papers on page 3. (In addition to papers, original video productions on topics relevant to philosophy will also be considered.)

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# SWT PHILOSOPHY DEPARTMENT

## 20th ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

Friday, October 24  
7:00 to 9:00 PM

The University Club (Commons Cafeteria, lower level)  
Reservation Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please!**

- Include the names of any guests who will accompany you to the banquet;
- Enclose \$10.00 for each alumni and each guest, \$5.00 for each student;
- Return to the SWT Philosophy Department as soon as possible.

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### Fall Philosophy Courses

#### The Problem of Evil

Honors 3390H (Index #172603)

Professor Hutcheson.

Is it reasonable to believe in an all-knowing, all-powerful, and all-good God, despite the appearance of gratuitous evil? This course will consist in an examination of major attempts to answer this question. (Substitutes for International Studies and advanced philosophy. Open to majors and minors. Contact the philosophy department for more information, 245-2285.)

#### History of Philosophy Before 1600

Phil 2311 (Index #167332)

Professor Geuras.

Early Greek, Roman, and medieval systems of thought.

#### Metaphysics

Phil 4370 (Index #167338)

Professor Kalsi.

Systematic study of metaphysical problems by examination of classical and modern texts. Topics considered will involve being and unity, mind and matter, God, causation and necessity, free will and determinism.

#### Philosophy of Education

Phil 4388.1 (Index #167339)

Professor Carson.

This course, which might be subtitled "Education from the Cradle to the Grave," will be an investigation into the major ideas on educational theory and practice put forth by both classical and contemporary philosophers. Some of the topics to be explored are: the nature of education, meaning and the learning process, moral education, ideology and educational institutions, and the philosophy of teaching.

#### Social and Political Philosophy

Phil 3332 (Index #172433)

Professor Luizzi.

Critical examination of major theories concerning the organization of societies and governments. The focus this semester is on social relationships like citizen-state, marriage relationship, student-teacher, professional-client/patient.

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# Call for Papers

Southwest Texas State University

*Phi Sigma Tau*

Philosophy Student Symposium

October 25, 1997

The Texas *Delta* Chapter of *Phi Sigma Tau*  
and

The SWT Philosophy Department  
announce a call for papers in any area of philosophy.

Submissions should be suitable for a 20-minute presentation. Application is open to undergraduate and graduate students and to SWT Philosophy Alumni.

Deadline for submissions is September 15, 1997.

Notification will be mailed on October 1, 1997.

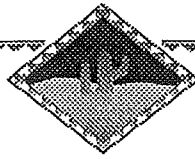
Please submit two copies of your paper to:

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For video and multimedia, please submit a detailed description of the presentation and a list of any equipment which will be needed.



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Words (and Premises) from the Chair:

- (1) Either all good alumni of the Department of Philosophy attend the 20th anniversary celebration or they are so foolish as to forfeit the earthly rewards of this fall festivity.
  - (2) If they attend, they will be praised, appreciated, edified, and transmogrified.
  - (3) No good alumnus is so foolish as to forfeit the rewards.
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Thus,

- (4) All good alumni attend and get the rewards.



PLEASE DO YOUR PART TO MAKE EACH PREMISE TRUE!