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Biddle scholarship established

The Department of Philosophy is pleased to announce the establishment of the Dona Roberts Biddle Memorial Philosophy Scholarship. The award was established by Mrs. Biddle's daughters, Elizabeth Drummond and Nancy Seidel, in honor and in memory of their late mother.

The purpose of the award is to recognize academic excellence and to encourage the pursuit of an advanced degree by an undergraduate or recent graduate who has demonstrated an interest in relating philosophy to improving the quality of life for others.

The first winner of the Biddle Scholarship is David Finkelstein, a junior from Stamford, Conn. He has maintained a 3.9 GPA while pursuing a double major in philosophy and English. In addition, David has served as a diversity advocate in Wright Quad. This involved being a student resource person on diversity issues, with added responsibilities for organizing special discussion groups. He also spent last summer volunteering at a food shelter in New York City.

Dona Roberts was born in 1891 in Oxford, Ind. Her love of music was evident early in life and she received a summer scholarship to the Indianapolis Conservatory of Music while still in high school. She later went to the Emily Thomas School of Music in Detroit and returned to teach music in Middleton, where she met her husband, Ward Biddle.

The Biddles came to Bloomington in 1923, when Ward began his long association with the university. Dona continued her study of music, earning a BA from the School of Music in 1929. She also served as choir director at two local churches.

Mrs. Biddle served as social secretary



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to Both Herman B Wells and Elvis Stahr during their IU presidencies. She also was a member of the Friends of Music, the Monroe County Women's Club, and several other charitable and social organizations. She volunteered at Opportunity House through her 99th year.

Dona Biddle was the 10th recipient of the Gertrude Rich Award, presented for outstanding service by the IU Alumni Association. On her 100th birthday, in 1991, Indiana Governor Evan Bayh named her a Sagamore of the Wabash for her distinguished life and contributions to her community.

The Biddles were long-time friends of Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Philosophy and Mrs. Henry Veatch, a fact that, no doubt, influenced the decision to establish a philosophy scholarship.

All of the faculty and students of the department wish to thank the heirs and friends of Mrs. Biddle for establishing this award. We will strive to honor her life and her memory.

Grossmann retires

Reinhardt Grossmann, metaphysician extraordinaire at IU for more than 30 years, will retire after the fall semester of the 1994-95 academic year. His last teaching duties end after summer school 1994.

Grossmann has written 10 books and numerous articles on ontology, metaphysics, and the theory of knowledge. His books include *The Structure of Mind* (1965), *Reflections on Frege's Philosophy* (1969), *Ontological Reduction* (1973), *Meinong* (1974), *The Categorical Structure of the World* (1983), *The Fourth Way: A Theory of Existentialism: An Introduction* (1984), and *The Existence of the World: An Introduction to Ontology* (1992). He has also translated Kasimir Twardowski's *On the Content and Object of Presentations* (1977).

Born in Berlin, Germany, Grossmann has lived in this country since coming to Iowa to get his PhD, which was granted in 1959. He taught for a few years at the University of Illinois, then came to IU in 1962. He has been awarded grants from the National Science Foundation and was a Fulbright exchange teacher in Germany in 1975.

Reinhardt is perhaps most famous for his teaching of undergraduates. Literally thousands of students have had him for P100, P135, or P140. It's no wonder that he says he runs into former students wherever he goes!

His concern for his students is evident to them and to their counselors. Elizabeth Kurpius, associate athletic director for academics, says this about Reinhardt:

"He is a professor that many of the athletes request each semester. It is well-known that he makes the subject of philosophy very interesting for students who

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Five new faculty faces appear in Sycamore Hall

The Department of Philosophy is pleased to announce the appointment of five new faculty members. David Finkelstein, Graciela De Pierris, and Michael Friedman will begin their departmental duties in fall 1994. Furthermore, IU's new president, Myles Brand, and his wife, Peggy Zeglin Brand, will also be on our faculty!

David Finkelstein (no relation to the Biddle Scholarship winner) comes as an assistant professor, having just completed his PhD at the University of Pittsburgh, where his dissertation was titled "First-Person Authority." He has a BA from Harvard and has had fellowships from

the Mellon Foundation and the National Science Foundation. He will teach in epistemology, philosophy of mind, philosophy of psychology, and ethics.

Graciela De Pierris technically isn't "new" to the department. She taught here from 1984 to 1988. She returns as an associate professor after a stint at the University of Illinois at Chicago. A native of Argentina, Graciela has her doctorate from the University of California, Berkeley. Her specialty is the history of modern philosophy. She will also teach logic and ethics.

Michael Friedman, who has also been at the University of Illinois, comes to IU

as the first occupant of the Ruth N. Halls Chair. His appointment will be joint in our department and the Department of History and Philosophy of Science. His doctorate is from Princeton and his areas of specialization are Kant and philosophy of science.

Myles Brand has a PhD from the University of Rochester. While working as a university administrator, he has also done a great deal of publishing and teaching in philosophy. His research is primarily in action theory. It is an asset to IU to add him as professor of philosophy, as well as university president.

Peggy Zeglin Brand received her doctorate from the University of Illinois at Chicago, writing a dissertation on "Art and Convention." Her areas of specialization are aesthetics and feminism. She joins the department as an assistant professor.

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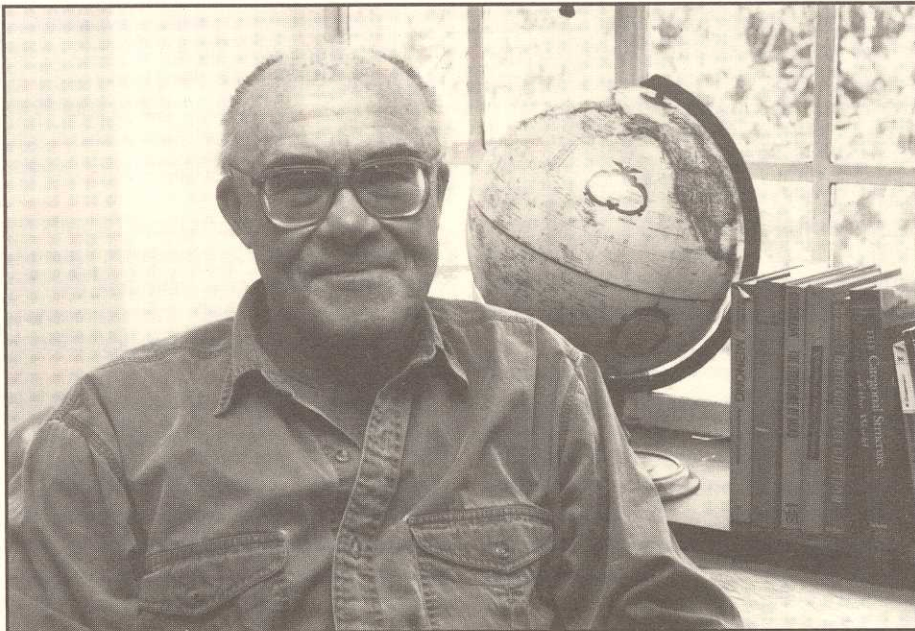
are not quite sure what the subject involves. His love of teaching and real interest in students are very apparent. Students feel comfortable going to him for additional assistance with the course. Dr. Grossmann has always kept me well-informed on how our student-athletes were doing in class. He was aware of our tutoring program and encouraged students to use the assistance."

The athletes themselves give further testimony. Pat Graham, a basketball player, says: "I don't know anything about philosophy, but he is by far my favorite professor at Indiana University because he makes learning a subject that I care little about fun! He makes phi-

losophy interesting."

John Paci, the quarterback on our football team, recalls: "Dr. Grossmann involved his students in his everyday lectures, which made his classes more interesting and exciting. IU is going to lose a good professor, but we wish him good luck."

John's wishes are echoed by all of us in the department. Reinhardt intends to live in Austin, Texas, and is looking forward to the warmer climate and the proximity to Mexico, his favorite vacation spot. He will also teach occasionally at the University of Texas and write another book. He says he also plans to keep on drinking Martinis every evening at 5 p.m.



Professor Grossmann sits next to several books he has written during his years at IU.

Student news

This year's departmental awards were given as follows:

- Oscar R. Ewing Essay Contest, **John Draeger**, undergraduate, and **Adam Kovach** and **Atsushi Shimojima**, graduate;
- Academic Excellence, **Chris Palmer**, undergraduate, and **Craig DeLancey**, graduate;
- Outstanding Associate Instructor, **Bruce Sielaff**.

In addition, many of our students have also won awards and given papers at other places. **Karen Brown** gave two talks, one at the University of Rochester and one at Saint Mary's College of California. **Atsushi Shimojima** also spoke at Saint Mary's, as well as at Ohio State.

Adam Kovach read a paper at the Indiana Philosophical Association, while **Tim Maletic** and **David Pook** presented works at the National Graduate Student Conference at Washington University. David also spoke at another graduate student conference at the University of Illinois.

H. Peter Steeves presented a paper to the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy last fall in New Orleans and gave the same paper at Notre Dame. He also has an article soon to be published in *CLIO: A Jour-*

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Philosophy department installs 'new' chair, 'old' friend

Paul Eisenberg has just finished five years as departmental chair, and J. Michael Dunn begins a three-year term

in that position. It was Paul's third term as chair and will be Mike's second. Paul will continue to serve next year as

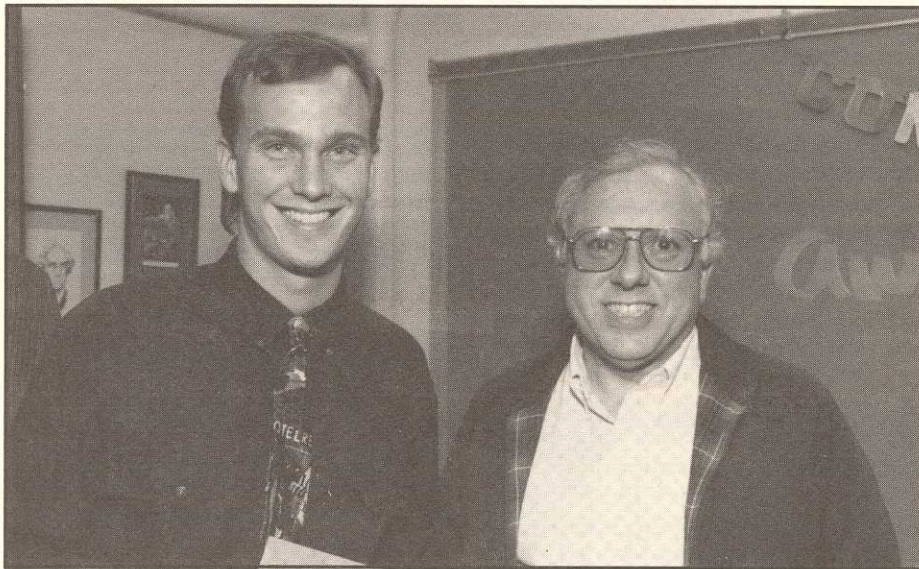
president of the Bloomington Faculty Council and co-secretary of the University Faculty Council. As a result of his work with those councils, he received the faculty award from the Commission on Multicultural Understanding for his contributions to the furthering of the commission's goals. Paul's scholarly work in the history of philosophy has led to an invitation from the Program Committee of the Eastern Division meeting of the American Philosophical Association to participate in a special symposium this December. It will be devoted to a discussion of a recent book by Jorge Gracia.

Mike Dunn continues to hold the Oscar R. Ewing Chair in Philosophy, as well as having an appointment in computer science. He has spent this last year on sabbatical, having stepped down one year ago from being executive associate dean for academic affairs of the College of Arts and Sciences. His plans were to give up administration forever and return to full-time teaching and research. But due to what he describes as "a totally unexpected turn of events," he is now again chair of the department.

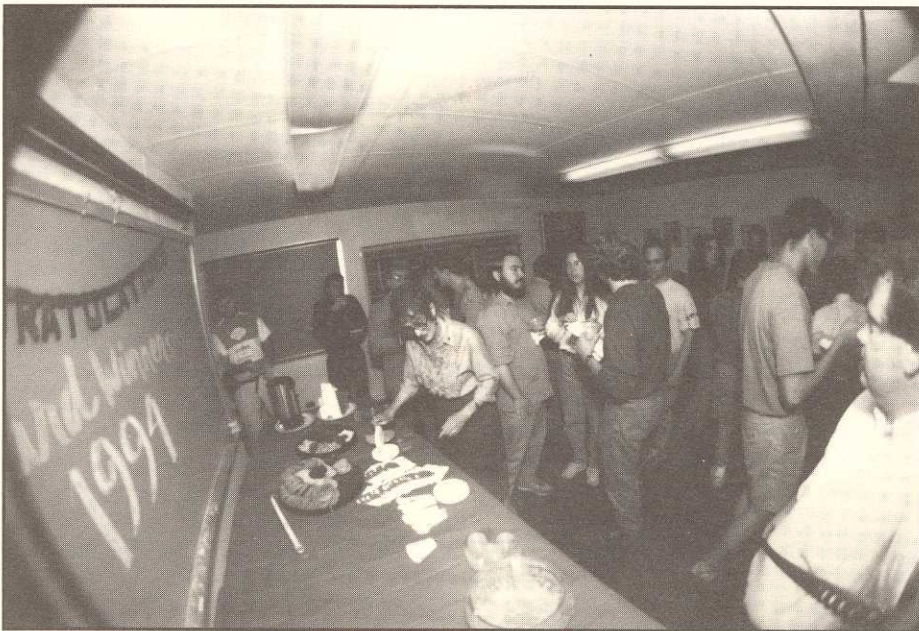
At least he took the opportunity to travel this past year, giving lectures in Leipzig, Jena, Pittsburgh, Montreal, Madison, Taiwan, and Hong Kong. Many of these lectures were about a formal theory of natural properties that he calls "relevant predication theory." Mike also completed three accepted papers and is at last close to finishing the book on algebraic logic that he and Gary Hardegree began many years ago.

Both Mike and Paul say these terms will be their last as chair, but we've heard that before! It's very hard for anyone else to match the energy and dedication that Mike and Paul give to this often thankless task.

At left: A bird's eye view of the 1994 departmental awards reception brings the proceedings into perspective!



Newly installed chair Mike Dunn, right, congratulates this year's undergraduate Oscar R. Ewing Essay winner John Draeger.



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nal of Literature, History, and the Philosophy of History.

Martin Schonfeld gave a paper at the Pacific Division meetings of the APA in Los Angeles and is writing an entry for the *Encyclopedia of Philosophy* on an obscure 18th-century metaphysician named von Tschirnhaus.

John Musselman is speaking this summer at the meeting of the American Association of Philosophy Teachers in Montreal and at the Realia Conference in Estes Park, Colo.

Isabel Luengo is the winner of this year's Nelson Dissertation-Year Fellowship, and Gregg Rosenberg, Anthony Chemero, Adam Kovach, and Craig DeLancey have won summer fellow-

ships in the Cognitive Science Program.

The philosophy students also presented a conference here in Bloomington. The Analytical Philosophy Project held its third annual graduate student conference, "Contemporary Issues in the Philosophy of Mind," on March 26. Speakers included Gregg Rosenberg, Adam Kovach, Craig DeLancey, and Anthony Chemero.

Alumni news

David Chalmers, PhD'93, is featured in the July issue of *Scientific American* in an article titled "Can Science Explain Consciousness?" It is a report of a conference held at the University of Arizona, where David's lecture is said to have been "very well received." There is also a picture of David, and the author says that David "bears an uncanny resemblance to the subject of Gainsborough's painting *Blue Boy*."

Randall R. Dipert, MA'76, PhD'78, associate professor of philosophy at Fredonia State University, is the author of *Artifacts, Art Works, and Agency* (Temple University Press, 1993) and of "Modern Logic" for *Encyclopedia Britannica* 1994.

Güven Guzeldere, MA'89, MS'89, is writing his dissertation on "Human Consciousness" at Stanford University, where he holds the Stanford Humanities Center Pre-Doctoral Fellowship. He is also co-editor of a book on consciousness for MIT Press.

Yu-Houng Houng, PhD'92, has received the Award of Excellence in Research from the National Science Council of Taiwan. The award includes a cash

prize of approximately \$25,000. Yu-Houng is director of the Philosophy Institute at National Chung-Cheng University, as well as an associate research fellow of the Institute of American and European Studies at Academia Sinica.

Edwin Mares, PhD'90, has been appointed lecturer in philosophy at Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand. He is in the process of buying a house and a dog (in that order).

Richard E. Mundy, BA'50, MA'53, retired from the faculty of the Syracuse University School of Social Work in 1989, where he taught and practiced in child welfare and professional ethics. A member of the American Friends Service Committee, Mundy remains a community activist for peace and social justice.

Francesco Orillia, PhD'86, will soon assume a research position at the University of Cagliari in Sardinia.

Lawrence D. Roberts, PhD'69, is in the program in philosophy, computers, and system science at SUNY, Binghamton. His book *How Reference Works: Explanatory Models for Indexicals, Descriptions, and Opacity* was published by SUNY Press in 1993.

Lawrence Wilt, MA'74, MLS'77, PhD'80, is director of the library at the University of Maryland, Baltimore,

where a 130,000 square-foot addition is in progress.

Lisa T. Taliano, MA'92, has been working toward her MFA in painting at Boston University.

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