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# SJSU News

2:35-3:10pm BUDDHIST  
PHILOSOPHY (speaker 20  
minutes, 15 min Q&A) *Karin  
Brown*

3:10-3:30pm TEA BREAK

3:30-3:45pm ALUMNI – SJSU –  
PHIL DEPARTMENT RELATIONS

3:45-4:20pm CONFUCIANIST  
PHILOSOPHY (speaker 20  
minutes, 15 min Q&A)

4:25-5:00pm TAOIST  
PHILOSOPHY (speaker 20  
minutes, 15 min Q&A) Bo Mou,  
"Eternal *Dao*, Constant Names,  
and Language Engagement: On  
the Opening Message of the *Dao-  
De-Jing*".

5:00pm WRAP UP

6:30-9:00PM PHILOSOPHY DEPT.  
**ANNUAL BANQUET**, Fairmont  
Hotel, Pagoda Chinese  
Restaurant, 170 South Market  
Street, San Jose.

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10:15 am Break

10:30 am Daniel Dombrowski  
(Seattle University) "The Argument  
From Marginal Cases"

11:45 am Lunch

1:00 pm Frances M. Kamm (New  
York University) "Moral Status:  
Rights Beyond Interests"

2:15 pm Mary Anne Warren (San  
Francisco State University)  
"Moral Status: A Multicriterial  
Account"

3:30 pm Break

3:45 pm J. Baird Callicott  
(University of North Texas)  
"The Pragmatic Power and  
Promise of Theoretical  
Environmental Philosophy:  
Forging a New Discourse"

5:00 pm Conclusion

Conference Organizer:

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Registration: \$20. All students: free.

community, and a  
commitment to social justice.”

Past winners of the Pinto  
Award have been:

Society for  
Student  
Philosophers

The inclusion of graduate and  
undergraduate students in the  
American Philosophical Association  
is of prime importance for both the  
professional future of the discipline  
and the intellectual growth of its  
students. As such, the Society for  
Student Philosophers was formed in

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(Beijing, China: The Commercial  
Press; 2002) (in Chinese). His

“Exemplar & Moral Judgment: The use of Particular and Theory in Kant & Sankara’s Moral Philosophy” accepted for presentation at a Society for Indian Philosophy & Religion conference in Calcutta, India (although he is still searching for funding for this adventure).

**Rick Tieszen** writes:

I spent the fall semester on a sabbatical leave in Europe. Most of the time was spent in Holland, at the University of Utrecht. Utrecht is the home of the Archives of the famous mathematical intuitionist L.E.J. Brouwer. I did some research in the Archives, organized two seminars (one on set theory and one on general philosophy of mathematics), and participated in a reading group with Karl Schuhmann and some graduate students on Husserl’s *Philosophy of Language*.

*Philosophy of Language* Rick Tieszen writes: The research on the philosophy of language is a central part of the philosophy of mathematics.

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*Sense. Geist* is an annual journal published by SJSU Philosophy Club. The deadline to submit your paper is March 15th, 2002. Works submitted for consideration can address any subject area of philosophy, but should not be more than 6,000 words (about 12 pages, 12 pt. Times New Roman font, double spaced, MLA style bibliography.) You are welcome to email me your work at [vladsankin@yahoo.com](mailto:vladsankin@yahoo.com) or drop it off at the Philosophy Department (Faculty Offices, Room 201.)

Everybody is welcome to join us for a conversation and refreshments at our regular club meetings. If you'd like to be notified of the time and place of the next meeting, please email me.

I sincerely await your submissions and hope to see you at the next meeting.

**Vladislav Sankin,**  
President,  
SJSU Philosophy Club  
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The Philosophy Department's Ethics Bowl Team is gearing up for the national competition in Cincinnati, Ohio on February 28, 2002. The Ethics Bowl competition is a great way for students to learn more about philosophy in a friendly, yet competitive environment involving teams composed of students from other universities. While the SJSU team did well at the regional competition in Chico in the Fall, they hope to really excel in Cincinnati. The team competing at the nationals is composed of returning member Ben Ten Cate, along with new members Ramon Jimenez, Thanh Nguyen, and Lisa Velez. The team's coaches, Scott Stroud and Jim Lindahl, both think that the team is going to make the department proud





at 140 Paseo de San Antonio, across from campus on 4<sup>th</sup> Street. This comes close to the Platonic Form of a small coffeehouse. The homemade pastries are excellent. This is a new and struggling coffeehouse, so please patronize it.

student should be expelled from the university.

70% say "Plagiarism is against my ethical values".

80% disagree with the statement, "Because plagiarism is against my ethical values, a student should be expelled from the university."

## Plagiarism Opinions Studied

**Lisa Bernasconi** surveyed her 139 Intro to Philosophy students recently regarding their attitudes toward plagiarism. Here are the results:

10% say that they sometimes feel tempted to plagiarize because so many other students are doing it.

83% believe they know what constitutes plagiarism and what does not.

68% believe that plagiarism is as bad as stealing the final exam ahead of time and memorizing the answers.

9% agree with the statement: "If my roommate gives me permission to use his or her paper for one of my classes, I don't think there is anything wrong with doing that".

7% believe plagiarism is justified if the professor assigns too much work in the course.

12% agree that "The punishment for plagiarism in college should be light because we are young people just learning the ropes".

26% say that if a student buys or downloads free a whole research paper and turns it in unchanged with his or her name as the author, the

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of the French New Wave that marked generations of filmmakers to come and changed irrevocably the art of filmmaking in France and around the world.

Starting from February 10, and running until April 7, Palo Alto French Film Society will present Sunday matinees at the Aquarius Theatre (430 Emerson Street in Palo Alto). All the films presented form the quintessential New Wave and each film individually has since been hailed as a prototype of its genre.

This series is presented with the cooperation and support of the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs in



I give monthly lectures to our church  
on a variety of topics. Recent topics

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Every time I read the paper  
Gotta write another verse (Repeat)  
Ain't getting any better  
It's just getting worse and worse.

I got the Enron blues  
Got money still to lose (Repeat)  
Bush, Cheney and their buddies

On the 6 o'clock news.

## **Selected Courses Offered Fall 2002**

[We do not yet have times and places for these.]

**Philosophy of Art: Tom Leddy**

**Medical Ethics: Rita Manning**

**Philosophy and Feminism: Rita Manning**

**Intermediate Logic: Rick Tieszen**

**Plato: Tom Leddy**

**African Philosophy: Simon Mawando**

**Epistemology and Metaphysics: "The Role of Probability in Metaphysics." Branden Fitelson**

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